



We know that Christ,
raised from the dead,
dies no more;
death no longer
has power over him.

ROMANS 6:9



**This Week at
St. James the Apostle**

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13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

WHOEVER LOVES HIS FATHER OR MOTHER...MORE THAN ME

We can only seek our God with our whole heart,
And we are called to love Him with our whole heart.
We've to love God with an undivided heart,
Above everything, He must be in our heart.

We've no other gods, but the only true God,
To have other gods before Him is real odd.
We have to truly love Him with all our strength,
He is our Treasure and everlasting Wealth!

To put the world before Him is an error,
We must love Him more than father and mother.
In our life we have to give Him the first place,
To live our life to the full we need God's grace.

God's love for us is without any condition,
He accepts us without any reservation.
We can always count on His loving mercy,
To follow Him every day is not easy.

When God sent us His Son, He gave everything,
He kept back nothing, His love was real giving.
Our love for Him must be complete and total,
To love Him only in words will be futile.

Jesus is the best proof of God's love for man,
The Way to the Father is only Son of Man.
He is the complete reflection of the Father.
If you welcome the Son, you welcome the Father.

QUESTIONS:

1. Jesus went up on the cross for you and would do it again!
What are you holding back from Him?
2. What will it take for you to understand His total love for you?
3. When will you make the ultimate consecration of your soul to Him, finally holding nothing back?

REFLECTIONS:

Jesus was always forthright in telling the truth. He did this out of love for us, because to dilute His teachings to make them attractive or acceptable would have ultimately left us without hope! Those who would join Him accepted the challenges and danger of discipleship, and Jesus Himself accepted that not all could bear His message. One day Jesus told the people listening to Him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you." Many of His listeners were confused and disturbed at this teaching. Many of them were even scandalized and left Him altogether. Even His chosen apostles had difficulty accepting this teaching. He asked them, "Do you also want to leave?" Prompted by the Spirit Peter answered Him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Did Peter understand what He said? Perhaps not, but faith always precedes understanding, as we saw with Peter after Pentecost.

In chapter 10 of Mathew, Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Wow! What do you think about this teaching? Jesus is absolutely honest and these words vividly manifest it. Here he presents the Christian life in its most demanding and uncompromising way. He followed this by saying, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). That is what exactly what He did for His friends, including you and me: He laid down His life us. If we are to be truly His followers, then nothing less than our own life is what we must offer Him. Look at the martyrs who gave up

everything, including their lives, for their Savior. In our discipleship with Jesus there is no place for compromise or half measures. Our commitment should be absolute and total: we must expect to give up everything for the sake of Jesus, who will reward us undeserving disciples with divinization! To prepare us, God will constantly put us to the test in our call to choose Him above everything else, even our closest family members. When it comes to following Jesus, it is bound to divide people; there are bound to be those who answer the challenge, and those who refuse it. Everyone must make a choice whether to accept or reject Jesus; and the world remains divided on this question to this very day. The most painful thing about our discipleship is that our greatest foes could be those of our own household. It can happen that we love our family, wife, mother or father, so much that we may refuse God's call to sacrifice. Because it becomes too painful to leave or we may be endangering our lives our following Him may be very difficult. Anything less, however, is not worthy of Jesus, who is perfect Wisdom and Love personified.

Jesus makes His demand even more difficult, "He who will not take up his cross and come after me is not worthy of me." Every Jew was familiar with the cross and understood its implications. When the Roman general, Varus, had broken the revolt of Judas of Galilee, he crucified two thousand Jews, and placed the crosses by the wayside along the roads to Galilee. The crowds Jesus spoke to had firsthand experience of seeing people staggering under the weight of their crosses and dying a totally humiliating, shameful and agonizing death. They had also witnessed criminals actually carrying the crossbeams to their place of execution. A Christian may have to sacrifice his dreams, as well as the treasures and allures of the world, in preference to the hidden Treasure in the field that Jesus spoke of (Mathew 13:44). As we pray in the Our Father, a Christian, in order to bring about God's holy kingdom on earth, will certainly have to yield to the will of his Father. In Christianity there is always some cross, for it is the religion of the Cross. One who tries only to store up treasure for himself is not worthy to be Jesus' follower. One who does not know to give or share his blessings with others is not a good follower of Jesus. Christianity is all about sharing because everything you have is a gift of God, who is the giver of all you have. A Christian does not own anything: he is just a steward of what God has entrusted to him so that he can love his neighbor. Our life is not getting rich but living our life richly, which is possible only when you recognize God as Giver of all you have. The more God's blessings you share with others, the richer is your life.

Jesus told the people that the man who found his life would lose it; and the man who lost his life would find it. There is no place for a policy of safety first in the Christian life. The man who seeks first ease and comfort and security and the fulfillment of personal ambition may well get all these things-- but he will not be a happy man; for he was sent into this world to serve God and his fellow men. The happiest people in the world are those who selflessly serve others. Their lives are not confined to their own selfish little world but have discovered the real world, where millions suffer and die of starvation every day. They are never deaf to the cries of these millions and will do everything in their power to alleviate their suffering. A Christian is one who says, "I am my brother's keeper." A Christian is constantly guided by what Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Mathew 25:35). He sees Jesus in every one who is hungry or thirsty. And he considers it his responsibility to take care of their



MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANTONY

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On June 20, Holy Mass at St. James began to be celebrated outside. Since we're only allowed to have 100 people inside the church, it was decided to have Mass outside so no one will be turned away.

Holy Mass will be celebrated without singing and it will be short. You can attend the Mass standing, or bring your own chair. You can also attend the Mass from your cars. For a couple of Sundays we will also have live-streaming. This will help you follow the Mass using your cell phones. Having it outside will help us maintain social distancing. Please also make sure you put on your masks.

**Saturday: 5:00pm,
Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:00am
8:30am weekday Mass (wear your mask)**

PARISH CALENDAR

June 27	Fathers in Heaven Mass offered 5:00pm
June 30	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
July 3	First Friday
July 6	KofC Officer's Meeting 7:30pm
July 11	Finance Council 11:00am
July 13	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm
	Fatima Celebration 7:30pm
July 13	Fatima Celebration
July 19	Father's Day
July 20	KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
July 23	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
July 28	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
July 24	St. James Feast Day - Outdoor Mass (TBD)
Aug 15-16	St. James Festival (TBD)
Oct 16	International Rosary 7:00pm



Please remember those in the Armed Services:

Evelyn Surla (Air Force) Spec. Tara Mueller, Sgt. Kristan Jofel T. Carado, Major Jenny Ryan, Captain David Evans

And Parishioners and friends who need our prayers or who are ill.

Bob Nehls, Ron Lord, Monica Horton, Arabella Horton, Danny Powell, Cody Maisono, John DiPaola, Evelyn Reyes, Frank Smith, Concha Garcia, Deacon Ernie Dandan, Joel Rivera, Melanie O'Connor, Katherine Gomes, Lydia DeGraf, Laura Skaff, Alice Ferreira, Agnes Harris, Ray Ballin, Martha Torres



To add or update this list, send an email to bulletin@sjapostle.net or phone the parish office at 510-792-1962 and leave a message.

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Would you like to join the "Men in Blue Blazers?" The Knights of Columbus of St. James the Apostle Council No. 14541 is accepting applicants. A prospective candidate must be a practicing Catholic and at least 18 years of age. This is a great opportunity for single and married men to serve God and the parish's community activities, set an example for its youth and make families closer to God.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Roeli Iranzo, roeli.iranzo@icloud.com, 510-825-4098. Or ask a Knight! Thank you.

We are men of faith & men of action.



FATHERS IN HEAVEN

In memory of all Fathers in Heaven, St. James will be offering a special Mass in their honor on Saturday, June 27th, at 5:00PM. If you would like to offer a special prayer or petition for them, please complete the Form found on the website on or before Friday, June 26th, and submit along with your offertory through the St. James online giving site. Offertory envelopes for the Fathers in Heaven Mass will also be available through the parish office c/o Father Antony. Please include up to two names per envelope/offertory. Thank you for your love and generosity. God bless you!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday Mass:	8:30am
Saturday Mass:	5:00pm
Sunday Masses:	8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00noon
Rosary before Mass:	Monday - Saturday 8:05am
	Saturday 4:30pm
	Wednesday 7:10pm
	Sunday 8:00am and 11:40am
	2nd Sunday 9:30am
Holy Days of Obligation:	Masses 8:30am & 7:30pm
Confessions:	Saturday 4:00pm or by appt.
Every Friday Adoration:	9:00 - 10:00am
First Fridays:	Adoration 9:00 am-6:30pm
	Sacred Heart Novena 6:30pm
	Benediction 7:15pm
	Healing Mass 7:30pm
Our Mother of Perpetual Help:	Mass & Novena, Wednesdays, 7:30pm

DEVOTIONS

Weekly:	
Bible Study	Wed. 9:30 am (Kitchen)
Divine Mercy Chaplet:	Thurs, after morning Mass
In the Small Chapel:	
Legion of Mary	Tues 9:30am
Bible Study with a Difference	Thurs. 7:00pm
Charismatic Prayer Meeting	2nd & 3rd Fridays 7:00pm
Monthly:	
Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm, 2nd and 4th
Prayer Meeting	Mondays (Small Chapel)
Our Lady of Vailankanni	First Saturday 7:00pm
Sacred Heart	6:30pm 1st Friday

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN NEED, PLEASE CONSIDER CALLING
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
510-796-5494.



Message from Father Antony (Continued from page 2)

needs. A true believer does not count the cost of serving others. His life is characterized by sacrificial giving, in imitation of his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. He, therefore, takes pride in helping others, feeding others and clothing others because he wants to be faithful to Him in word and deed. And when he has done everything he will say, "I did it for Him, my Lord and Savior. His listeners, the Jews, fully understood that to receive a person's envoy or messenger was the same as to receive the person himself. And so, when Jesus said, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me," they understood what Jesus meant. The Jews were always familiar with what the Rabbis said, "He who shows hospitality to the wise is as if he brought the first-fruits of his produce unto God." "He who greets the learned is as if he greeted God." If a man is a true man of God, to receive him is to receive the God who sent him.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M-F 9:00AM TO NOON, SUNDAY 9:30AM - 11:30AM

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community. If you are not registered in the Parish, please complete a registration form available at church entrance or at the Parish Office or drop the form below in the collection basket.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office when a parishioner is home-bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for Baptisms.

BAPTISMS

To have your child baptized, please **make an appointment** with Father Antony. Come to the St. James Parish office or call the Parish Office at 510-792-1962. For more details, please go to the Church website (Parish Info) or contact Marcial Vasco 650-303-7106.

Baptism Preparation/Training class: First Saturday of the month from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Small Chapel.

Baptism Celebration: Last Saturday of the month 11:30am-12:30pm in the church

FUNERALS

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services. You may contact Shirley Aldana @ 510-537-6600 X 133.

MOTHER TERESA CENTER RESERVATIONS.

Call 510-999-5940, email MTC@sjapostle.net, or leave a message at the Parish Office at 510-792-1962. (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



Fr. Antony Vazhappilly, Pastor
Ernie Dandan, Deacon

Welcome, New Members!

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive communication via email or regular mail.

Registration information is essential for the office to respond to requests, send important parish and diocesan information and verify donations for tax purposes. If you need a letter of good standing to be a sponsor or Godparent for a baptism or marriage, registration is very important.

Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket and we will mail you a Parish Registration form. You can also find a registration form on the website (sjapostle.net) - Parish Info - Parish Membership.

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