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FAITH FORMATION

"CREATING GREAT MINDS

AND BIG HEARTS TO SERVE AND LEAD"



2021 CCD Decathlon Virtual EVENT

Poster-Making Level 1—2

- ◆ *First Place: Mia Bito-Onon, Level 1*
- ◆ *Second Place: Riverdelle Rangel, First Communion*
- ◆ *Third Place: Sofia Lombard, First Communion*

Poster-Making Level 3—4

- ◆ *First Place: Saimara Sarmiento, Level 4-5*
- ◆ *Second Place: Elisha Saul, Level 4-5*
- ◆ *Third Place: Geeanna & Alaya Catubig, Level 4-5 & Pre-Confirmation*

Poster-Making: Growing Together in Faith during the Pandemic



Poster-Making Level 6—Confirmation

- ◆ *First Place: Jaydon River Poklay, Level 6*
- ◆ *Second Place: Roger Edappilly, Confirmation*
- ◆ *Third Place: Bianca Panganiban, Level 6*

Public Speaking

How Can I Make a Difference in today's World?

- ◆ *First Place: Alan Bretzke, Confirmation*
- ◆ *Second Place: Roger Edappilly, Confirmation*



Essay Writing

Thankful, Grateful, and Blessed

- ◆ *First Place: Celine Maria Elwin, Level 3*
- ◆ *Second Place: Chloe Tanglao, Level 6*
- ◆ *Third Place: Andie Francisco, First Com-*

Poem Writing

Thank You Corona Virus

- ◆ *First Place: Roan Alviar, Confirmation*
- ◆ *Second Place: Joseph Gomez, Level 6*
- ◆ *Third Place: Mason Cruz, Level 3*



Carolyn

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Thanks to our Judges



St James the Apostle Catholic Church CCD Newsletter 2020 - 2021

This Week at St. James the Apostle

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Peace Be With You

The world cannot give us the true peace,
Our suffering or pain the world can't ease.
There's much sadness around us today,
Worldly peace can't last in any way.

You get no peace having a big name,
Nor will there be peace with wealth or fame.
Peace doesn't come from having big titles,
The peace the world gives us is little.

All people long for peace in their life,
Without peace life only brings us strife.
Sadly, peace eludes the modern man,
To find peace we need to seek God's plan

Peace is a gift only God can give,
Which, with gratitude we should receive.
Nobody can steal this peace away,
It'll bring us joy more than words can say.

The Giver of peace came to the world,
His coming the prophets had foretold.
He was the Light to lighten our path,
The way to peace is the narrow path.

Without peace we live our life in pain,
Our wealth and positions are in vain.
We may be able to conquer the world
Without peace our life we cannot hold.

Questions:

1. How do you deal with insecurity and uncertainty?
2. When things start to go bad do you try to take control?
3. Where do you turn for peace?
4. What will give you a long lasting peace that will never be disturbed?
5. Which stanza of this poem helps you the most?

Reflections:

Peace is a state of mind, an inner tranquility that you enjoy at any given time. Peace brings a certain calmness over your body, and your mind is free from being disturbed or troubled. There is an inner freedom that makes you look very peaceful. This is a state of mind that all long for but few find. This is because we are not prepared to walk the path of peace. We will find no peace if we look for it in the wrong places, things or people. The way to peace is very hard and not many are willing to follow this path. As in many other cases, we often look for shortcuts to peace. The world offers many quick fixes to improve our lives. We are familiar with slogans that promise you better physical health, weight loss, mental health, a better marriage, and so on. We are constantly on the lookout for shortcuts to a happy marriage, healthy relationships or successful parenthood. All the time we are being seduced to buy products that only can offer short term solutions. Take a close look at your own life: realize how often you have fallen victim to these enticements. What is the result? Have they improved your life to one that has long-lasting happiness and peace? Is your home today a sanctuary of peace? Are you a harbinger of peace in the family?

Modern man is not very patient and looks for quick solutions to his problems. He is in a hurry moving from one schedule to another that makes him exhausted at the end of the day. He is constantly on the run doing one thing or another. He experiments with different things hoping to find peace. The more he tries, the farther he gets from finding peace. Peace eludes modern man, who has a much more



comfortable life today than his counterparts of the past. He has embraced materialism with the hope that material things will bring him peace. He tries to get the best and most of everything that the world can offer. He buys them hoping to find peace. There is no end to his craze to amass wealth, titles, power and position. The more he has, the less he is peaceful. He is restless and sleepless because he is afraid of his possessions and power being stolen. He now has more fears and worries to deal with than the possessions he is able to count. At the depth of his heart there is a nagging doubt whether the material things that he has amassed can guarantee him peace. The more he seeks peace the more peace runs away from him. An inner voice, in vain, persistently tries to tell him that he has to change his direction and focus to find lasting peace elsewhere. Being drowned by too many promising voices of the world, he continues to seek peace in the wrong places and things. This is especially the story of the rich and influential people of the world. They refuse to accept the fact that at the bottom of their hearts there is an acute loneliness, fear and restlessness. They are a bunch unhappy men and women who put on masks to cover the horrendous state of their inner selves. The expensive clothes they wear, and rich lifestyles they follow are some of the things they adapt to hide their inner miseries. They are in constant fear of being exposed to the world of their inner conflicts.

Look at the world for a while. If materialism could give us peace, Americans should be the most peaceful people on the planet since they have every material blessing. Unfortunately they are not. There is so much unhappiness in the lives of people. Depression has pervaded too many lives of both young and old Americans. This should be a wakeup call for us to slow down and make an evaluation of our lives. Self-examination is the key to our healthy living. This will open our eyes to see that peace is not possible away from God. God alone is the Giver of peace, and following God's way is the key to a life of peace and joy. We may be able to have the best and the most of everything that the world offers. Peace does not come from the possession of these things. These material things are like grass in the fields, which withers under the influence of the scorching sun. We may try very hard to live in peace, but without God our efforts are wasted. How many years have we to pray before a mango tree starts producing apples instead mangoes? How many more years do you want to pray for peace without God? Inasmuch as a mango tree will never produce apples, which we know so well, so also our seeking for peace without God will never bear fruit.



MESSAGE FROM FR. ANTONY

Every time Jesus appeared to the apostles after the resurrection, He always greeted them, "Peace be with you." Jesus, the Prince of peace had suffered at the hands of cruel men who crucified Him. At His death the apostles lost all hope. They counted their days in fear that they would also meet with the



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PARISH CALENDAR 2021

April 11	KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn 11:00am Divine Mercy Sunday 12:00noon Mass
April 12	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm
April 19	KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
April 22	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
April 27	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
May 3	KofC Officer's Meeting 7:30pm
May 7	First Friday
May 9	KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn after 10am Mass
May 10	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm
May 17	KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
May 25	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
May 27	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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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



We pray for our Parishioners and friends who need our prayers or who are ill:

John Angeles, Suzanne Dalton, Susan de Dios, Arnold Ecija, Agnes Harris, Monica Horton, Ron Lord, Nina Monela, Santos Monela, Bob Nehls, Cris Oteyza, Joe Parrish, Aryan Preetish, Hermie Ramos, Anita Sacramento, Arturo Sevilla, Laura Skaff, Priscilla Verdeflor, Ruth Welch, Martha Torres



We especially pray for all those suffering from COVID-19.

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

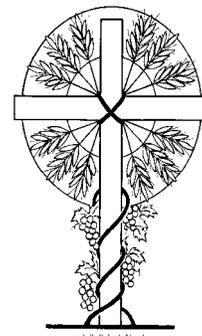
(Continued from page 2) Message from Fr. Antony same fate as their Master. They were troubled, anxious and afraid when Jesus came to them with the greeting of peace and love. Initially they thought He was a ghost. Jesus had to rebuild their confidence and trust because they had begun to think that everything was lost. They even failed to recognize Him. But when they did recognize Him they had no more fears, worries or anxieties. When we, too, recognize Jesus as our Savior, our life and hope there will be peace in our lives. More and more people are beginning to experience in their lives an inner emptiness, meaninglessness and uselessness. Living conditions and standards have improved considerably but the quality of living has not made any improvement. As a matter of fact it is getting worse every day. This is reflected in the suicide rate that has skyrocketed during the last fifty years, as well as in the rates of broken families and divorces, which is at an all time high at the moment. Take a look around to see how many single parents are raising children. Who can replace the emptiness and vacuum that has been created in the hearts of children because their parents are separated? If Jesus is in their lives they will be able to handle their problems differently and peace will be their choice. If Jesus is at the center of their families He will be the Pillar of unity and harmony in the families.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy
The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

St. Augustine

A CHEERFUL GIVER

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

St. Julian

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 47:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



If you or someone you know is in need, please consider calling
St. Vincent de Paul
510-796-5494.



ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed due to the COVID shutdown. You can call and leave a message. 510-792-1962 (Parish Office)

MASS SCHEDULE (outside during the COVID shutdown.)

Monday-Saturday Mass: 8:30am
Saturday Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00noon

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community. Please complete a registration form available online. (Parish Info)

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 leave a message at 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 call to **make an appointment** with Father Antony. For 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 Bill Russell @ 510-901-2191.

MOTHER TERESA CENTER RESERVATIONS.

Call 510-999-5940, email MTC@sjapostle.net. (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.

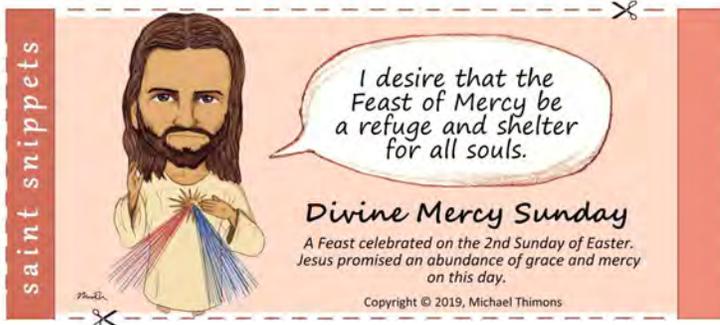
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HE SAID SHE SAID

Our work schedule came out today and I wasn't very happy about it. My requests were not granted. I was assigned to days that I didn't like. It feels like the one who made my schedule has a vendetta against me.



Oops. Stop. Breathe. Rewind. Reset. I just got the new schedule. I haven't talked to anybody. Why am I bombarded with these thoughts of retaliation?

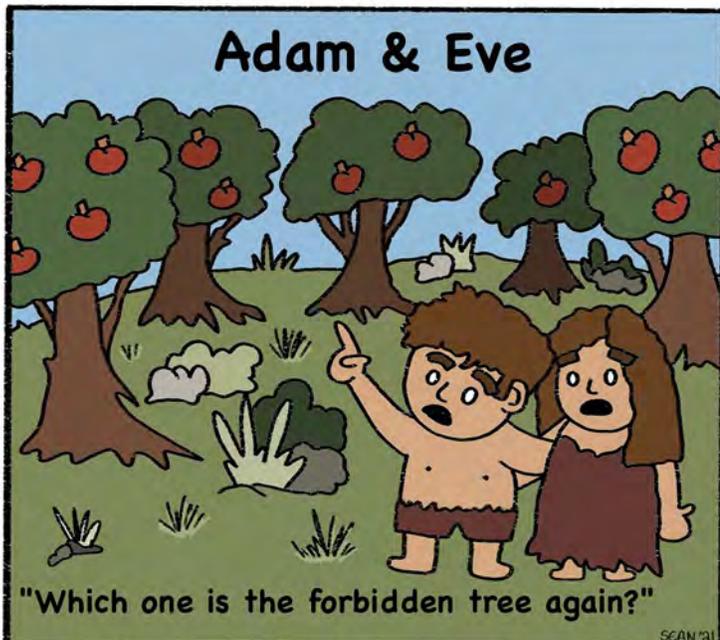
In my work, we don't assume. If we are in doubt, we ask. If not, life will be lost.

When our friends don't answer immediately our texts, it doesn't mean that they're mad at us. They are just looking for the best emoji for us. When our parents ignore our requests, it doesn't mean they don't care. They were just calculating the money they'll need to grant that request. When we don't get promoted the way we hoped to be, it doesn't mean we don't have talents. The company is just reserving us for the special Christmas promotion. When we hear a familiar sermon that feels like it's about us, it's really about our friend.

Most of the time, we pass judgments so fast that it feels like a reflex. Like when friends start to share their stories and in the middle of their sentence, we give advice or comfort them. In reality, your friend just wants you to listen.

Next time, remember, what he said is not what she said.

B.T.S. (Bible Through Stories)



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