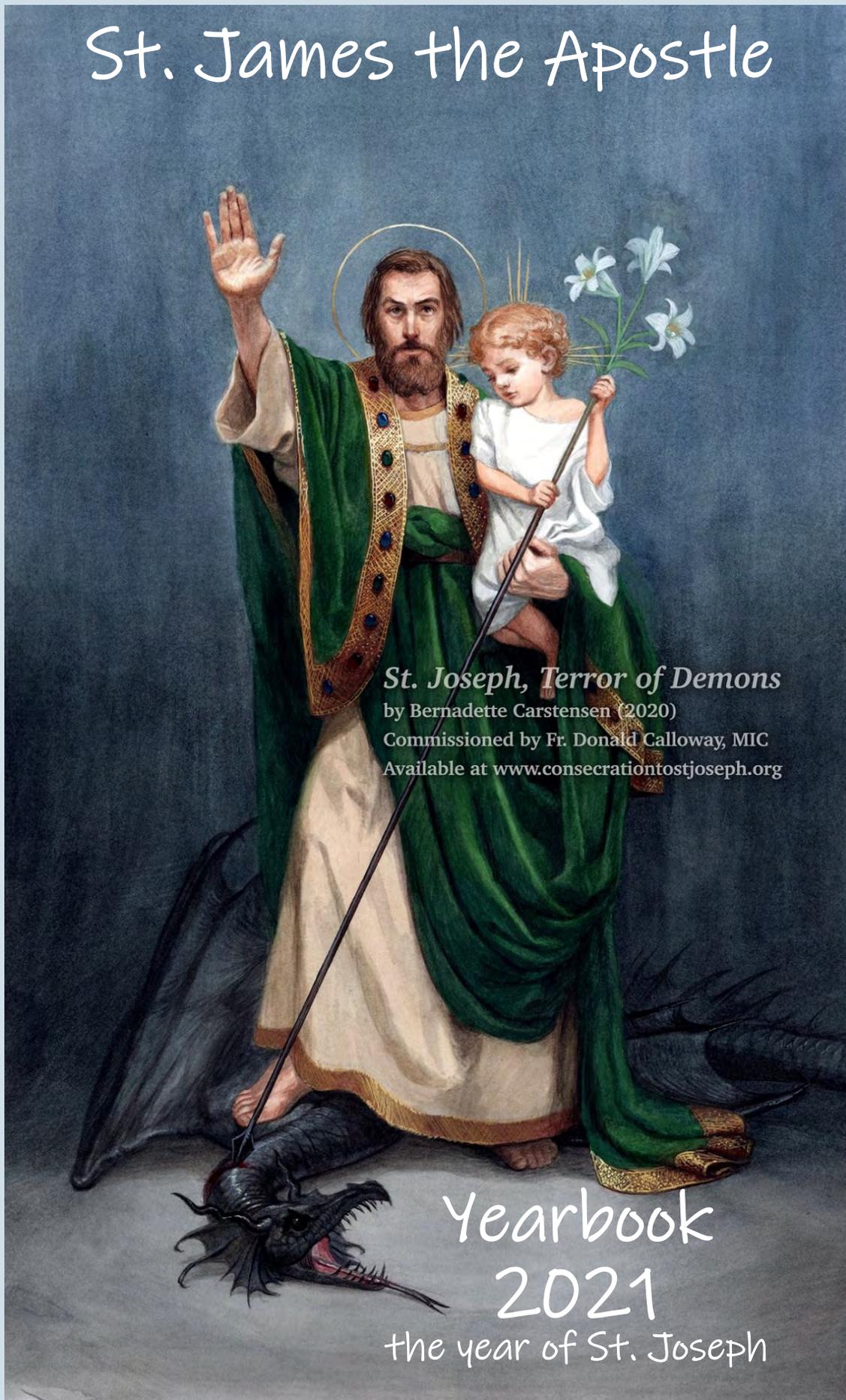


# St. James the Apostle



*St. Joseph, Terror of Demons*

by Bernadette Carstensen (2020)

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Yearbook  
2021

the year of St. Joseph

## Prayer to St. Joseph Guardian of Catholic Families

Dear St. Joseph, in you we've a model husband,  
Your love for Mary, your wife, was a loving bond.  
With your concern and affection, you filled her heart,  
Your words or thoughtless actions never caused her hurt.

Dear St. Joseph, you were such a loving father,  
To Jesus whom you nourished as the caretaker.  
You were broken when you lost Him in the temple,  
By finding Him you became the best example.

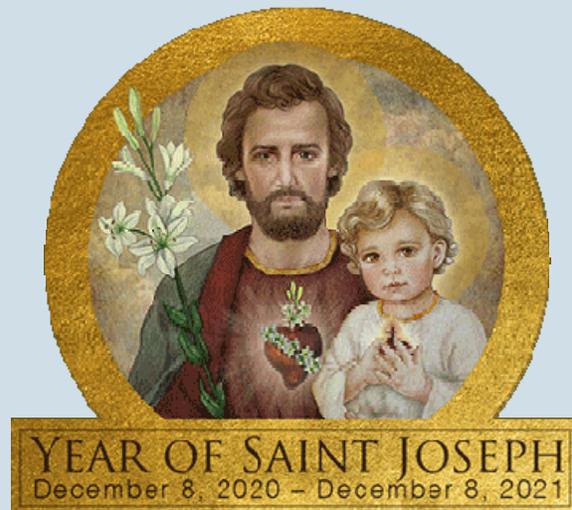
Dear St. Joseph, we choose you as our protector,  
Protect our families from every disorder.  
Watch over your children from the darkness of sin,  
In moments of temptations show us how to win.

Dear St. Joseph, defender of peace and justice,  
Help us to build our homes on love and sacrifice.  
Show everyone his or her responsibility,  
To preserve and protect the spirit of unity.

Dear St. Joseph, help us to build true Christian homes,  
Where young and old are accepted and feel at home.  
Remove from our hearts, selfishness, and arrogance,  
And bind us with the unbreakable chord of patience.

Dear St. Joseph, show us the merits of forgiveness,  
May our hearts never hoard resentments or bitterness.  
Be by our side, whether we are awake or asleep,  
At the hour of our death, in God help us to sleep!

by Fr. Antony Vazhappilly



### A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his Apostolic letter, **Pope Francis** notes how, “Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]” he has “recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.” This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph,” on account of its closing words: “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.”

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

[Link to Vatican News](#)

## St. Joseph, the True Custodian of Our Families

St. Joseph played an especially important role in bringing up Jesus, our Savior. However, Catholics know extraordinarily little about him. The Gospel writers have not recorded even a single word from him. The best picture we have of him in our thoughts and beliefs is that of an old man. And all the artists have portrayed him as such, an old man with a beard. I have not seen a statue of St. Joseph with a clean shave. Everyone has taken for granted that he was old. At the outset of this short article, I would like to remove from my readers' minds the idea that Joseph was old.

Why should Mary, a young woman, marry an older person? This was not a second marriage for her to consider marrying a widower. I am sure Joseph was a young man who like any other young men, dreaming of his marriage and making big plans for that special day. Unfortunately, all his plans came to nothing suddenly when he found out that Mary, to whom he was betrothed, was already pregnant. This was the biggest shock and disappointment of his life. According to the custom of the day, the only thing he could do was to divorce her. When he was planning to do so, an angel appeared to him in a dream and explained that Mary was pregnant in keeping with the eternal plan of God and that he should take her as his wife. In total obedience Joseph took her as his wife. From the moment he accepted Mary as his wife, he had to make many sacrifices to preserve and protect her and her Son Jesus. From that moment Joseph became the custodian of the Holy Family. Think of their flight to Egypt! He was told in a dream to take Mary and the child and run to Egypt where they would be safe from the wicked hands of King Herod who had planned to kill the Baby Jesus when he heard from the Magi that a king was born in Jerusalem. The king wanted no rivals to his throne and the only way to take care of it was to murder the future King. Egypt was about 700 kilometers from Jerusalem. If Joseph was an old man, he would not have been able to run to Egypt and save Jesus. Another proof that Joseph was young.

Like Mary, Joseph was obedient to the plan of God and accepted God's will without question or hesitation. One who is prepared to do the will of God at any cost is truly a good disciple. Joseph was one. In him we have the best example. Think of all the humiliations that he went through when came to know of Mary's pregnancy. According to the existing law, they were to be stoned to death at the city gate. Joseph put all his trust and faith in God as he believed the message of the angel to be true. Another great characteristic of Joseph was his ability to keep silence. He was a man of few words but was very courageous. He would protect his family from every possible danger.

At the end of a retreat for men, the retreat preacher proposed St. Joseph as their patron saint. As husbands, he reminded them that Joseph would be their inspiration and strength.

One of the participants protested by saying that it was very easy for Joseph to be the best husband because he had his wife, Mary, a perfect human being. He also had his son, Jesus, the second person of the Holy Trinity who was God Himself. When he had finished, the retreat master asked him, "Did you have to marry your wife who was already pregnant, and you did not know by whom?" He got the message.

I am happy the theme for our Yearbook this year is: St. Joseph, the custodian of our families. This is an apt one because Pope Francis declared this year as the year of St. Joseph. This is an opportunity for us to read and understand more about this silent saint. One of the things that I would like to suggest to our parishioners is to make a consecration to St. Joseph. There are already a few of us who went through a 33-day of novena that finished with consecrating ourselves to this great saint. I hope many more will follow this example by finding time to make the novena. More than ever, we need St. Joseph to be the custodian of our families. Families are broken, marriages are facing terrible problems and who can save our families? St. Joseph! He who saved the Holy Family from all the dangers and even from the powerful hands of King Herod, will be our *custodian, father, and guide*.



## St. James & Pandemic Adjustments

My Dear Parishioners of St. James,

I would like to invite all my parishioners to join me to thank these three men who took care of organizing the celebration of the Holy Mass every Sunday and Feast Days during the pandemic. Their sacrificial love, commitment and dedication to serve the people of our parish should not go unnoticed. I am at a loss to find the right words to express my love and gratitude to them. They never missed a single Sunday- Billy took care of the live-streaming. Willie organized setting up for the Mass every Sunday and Van took care of the distribution of Holy Communion and wireless transmission of the Mass. What a perfect Group! How blessed St. James is! May God bless them a hundred and ten fold!

Father Antony



# Advent

Bros. Myk Cantoria and Billy Panganiban with their families light the Advent Candle

# Live Streaming Advent & Lent



Photos courtesy of Willie Lagos



# RCIA





RCIA is the process for bringing individuals into full communion with the Catholic church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. At St. James, RCIA is open to everyone with an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith. During weekly RCIA meetings, held from September through May, we pray together, talk about our shared faith, learn the major teachings and rituals of Catholicism, and experience community. Those eligible for the Sacraments of Initiation receive those Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Those who have already received their Sacraments attend to support our catechumens and candidates as they grow in faith and accept their responsibility as adults in the Church.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the RCIA participants met by Zoom. Although we could not share handshakes or hugs, we were able to hear and see each other and share our stories and smiles. Even though we were each in our own homes, we found a spirit of community with each other.

We extend special thanks to the members of the St. James community who stepped up as sponsors, guest speakers, and prayer partners for our RCIA members, especially the following:

- Joe and Sue Parrish, Kyle Pineo, Richard Lopez, Carolyn Fiori, and Ron Lord who shared their experience of Eucharist.
- Denise Dugas, our guest speaker who described how to have an effective prayer life.
- Ron Lord and JoAnn Souza deserve special recognition for attending most RCIA meetings to share and guide the RCIA candidates. JoAnn Souza also assisted in the preparation and set up for the Easter Vigil.
- We also extend our thanks to Fr. Antony who is the sponsor of RCIA and celebrant of the Easter Vigil where he Confirmed our RCIA Candidates. Although the Easter Vigil was held outdoors on a chilly 03 April 2021 evening, you made the services both meaningful and beautiful. We thank you!

### Celedonia Katerti Ilagan



"First and foremost, I am forever grateful to our Lord God for my conversion to His Holy Church. To RCIA I would like to express my sincere gratitude especially to Frances Ann who did an excellent job and very supportive during the process to get us through to our Confirmation! I appreciate my classmates for being supportive to each other and to our guests who contributed for this cause, spiritual growth, thank you! RCIA made me understand more the true Church of Christ. This is just the beginning of our journey to eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life'. John 3:16.

### Dillan Martin Beyne



"Through these challenging times this past year, it has been a wonderful experience within this year's RCIA group to build our community as we learned the teachings of Catholicism. As we supported each other in our journey of growth, it was great to know that there are many people of all ages still coming together to grow in faith. God bless the St. James Community!"

### Jacqueline Guadalupe Buenrostro



"RCIA for me was a place where I grew my faith. Where I learned more about what being a Catholic means and understanding the teaching of the church. I learned so much in every class and really appreciate the time I spent in class."

**Brian Joseph Maxie Lopez**

“RCIA is the start of my journey in Catholicism. This program has influenced my life by learning many aspects including the bible, practices, and beliefs. It is an opportunity for me to become one with the community of the church.”

**Jessica Faustina Wharton**

“The RCIA classes that was conducted by Frances was a comprehensive understanding of the Catholic Faith. The manner that it was presented was very clear and concise to us. For me, coming from a protestant background and belief system it was important to understand the Catholic faith without bias. Frances explanation of the Catholic faith cleared up all of my questions and misunderstandings that kept me from making a good decision to worship God in the fullness of the Truth.”

**Aaron Fortitude Slagle**

“I've grown up going to various Christian churches while attending catholic school and it always left me somewhere in the middle - not fully committed to any one denomination. This year's St. James RCIA class was the opportunity to formally educate myself in catholic teachings. After months of learning from FrancesAnn's fantastic classes, I'm proud to say I'm now a happy, fully committed Catholic!”

### Dianne Kathleen Panlilio



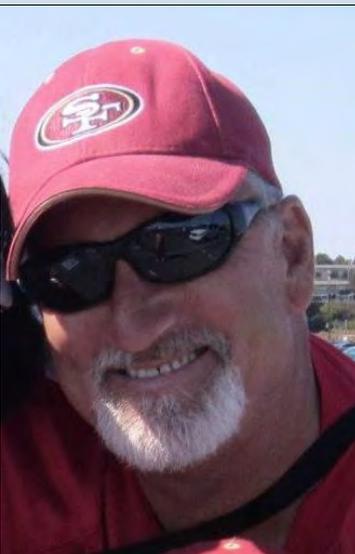
"I feel so blessed that I was able to participate in Frances' RCIA class. I started off joining the RCIA classes to support Aaron but ended up learning, strengthening, and reflecting on my own Catholic faith. Thank you Frances, guest speakers, and especially the RCIA class for inspiring me to continue strengthening my Catholic faith!"

### JoAnn Monica Souza



"RCIA has not only helped me to prepare for my Confirmation, it helped me to rediscover God and what it means to be Catholic."

### Ronald Lord



"R.C.I.A. was my initiation into Catholicism. R.C.I.A has enabled me to learn about Catholic Doctrine & how it differed from other Christian religions. I was able to learn a lot about the history of the Catholic Church, the Sacraments, what they are & why they are so important and so many other things. I was able to take the things I learned and teach them to the children of our Parish as a C.C.D. teacher. R.C.I.A. also made me want to learn more after I graduated so I became a Lector & I joined the Knights of Columbus."

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**"FATHER MCGIVNEY, PRAY FOR US"**

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDIZATION OF  
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

GOD, OUR FATHER, PROTECTOR OF THE POOR AND DEFENDER OF THE WIDOW AND ORPHAN, YOU CALLED YOUR PRIEST, FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY, TO BE AN APOSTLE OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE, AND LEAD THE YOUNG TO THE GENEROUS SERVICE OF THEIR NEIGHBOR. THROUGH EXAMPLE OF HIS LIFE AND VIRTUE MAY WE FOLLOW YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, MORE CLOSELY, FULFILLING HIS COMMANDMENT OF CHARITY AND BUILDING UP HIS BODY WHICH IS THE CHURCH. LET THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR SERVANT PROMPT US TO GREATER CONFIDENCE IN YOUR LOVE, SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE HIS WORK OF CARING FOR THE NEEDY AND THE OUTCAST. WE HUMBLY ASK THAT YOU GLORIFY YOUR VENERABLE SERVANT FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY ON EARTH ACCORDING TO THE DESIGN OF YOUR HOLY WILL. THROUGH HIS INTERCESSION, GRANT THE FAVOR I NOW PRESENT HERE. MAKE YOUR REQUEST.

THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.



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**ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE  
COUNCIL #14541  
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
COLUMBIAN YEAR 2020-2021**

**ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020**

**PROGRAMME**

**INSTALLATION CEREMONY**

**JULY 11, 2020**

- I. ENTRANCE  
REV. FR. ANTONY VASHAPPELLY, COUNCIL CHAPLAIN  
IAN YTEM, DISTRICT DEPUTY
- II. OPENING PRAYER  
REV. FR. ANTONY VASHAPPELLY
- III. OPENING REMARKS  
CALL OF OFFICERS  
OFFICERS' MARCH  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:  
GRAND KNIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ WILLIE LAGOZ  
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ ROELI BIANZO  
CHANCELLOR \_\_\_\_\_ SIDNEY JACQUES  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ LORENZO SALCEDO  
WARDEN \_\_\_\_\_ RONALD LORO  
RECORDER \_\_\_\_\_ ANTONIO ZARAGOZA, JR.  
TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ BRUNO WHITTLE  
ADVOCATE \_\_\_\_\_ ERICSON REDUTA  
INSIDE GUARD \_\_\_\_\_ RICHIMER LLANES  
OUTSIDE GUARD \_\_\_\_\_ TROY FURNADOSH  
LECTURER \_\_\_\_\_ GERARDO BARRINQUE  
TRUSTEE - 1 YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ ARNOLD EDUA, PGK  
TRUSTEE - 2 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ VINCENT PEDRIPCO, PGK  
TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ MARCIAL YASCO, PGK
- IV. INSPIRATIONAL TALK  
REV. FR. ANTONY VASHAPPELLY
- V. CLOSING REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_ WILLIE LAGOZ, GK
- VI. CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING OF FOOD  
REV. FR. ANTONY VASHAPPELLY
- CHAPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_ REV. FR. ANTONY VASHAPPELLY  
DEACON \_\_\_\_\_ ERNESTO DANCAN  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ ROELI BIANZO
- COUNCIL DIRECTORS:  
FATH. \_\_\_\_\_ VAI CABRETO  
COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_ ALBERT MOQUE  
FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_ MICHAEL CANTORA  
LIFE \_\_\_\_\_ PASCENIO JUAN  
MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ LORENZO SALCEDO  
RETENTION CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ LORENZO SALCEDO  
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MARCIAL YASCO  
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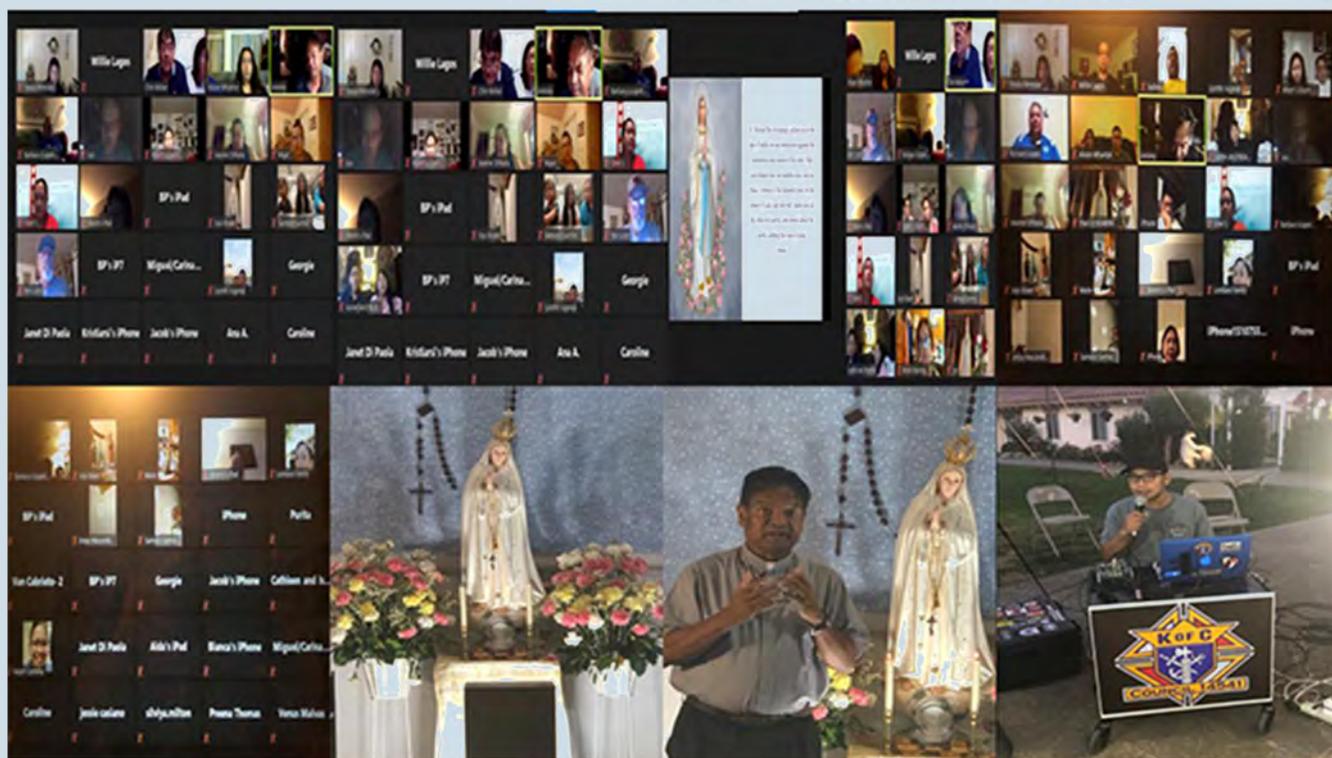
**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - AUGUST  
BRO. VAN CABRIETO  
AUGUST 23, 2020**



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**Knights lead  
Daily Rosary  
online  
and in the church**





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**Novena for the Unborn**  
 OCTOBER 11, 2020  
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
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**LOVE LIFE  
CHOOSE LIFE**



**DEFEND LIFE**

**REMEMBER  
The Unborn**  
 Jer 1:5  
[liferunners.org](http://liferunners.org)

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# Knights in Action Fixing Blown Away Cover

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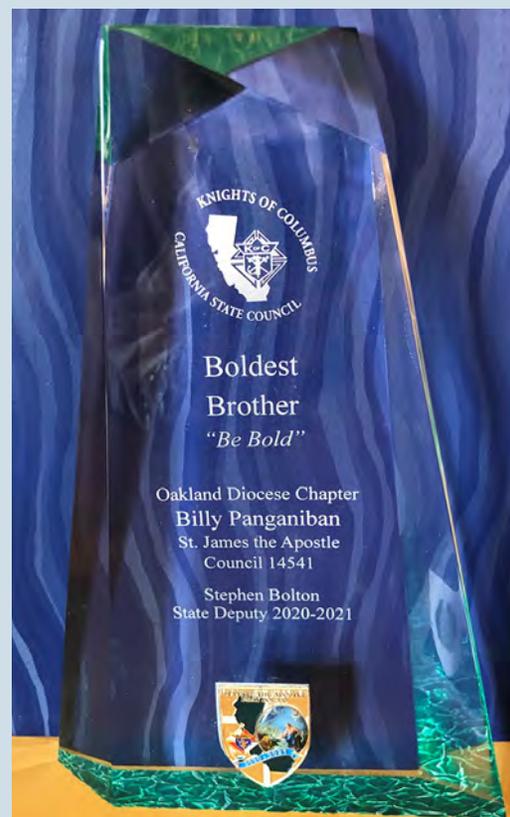
July 10 & 11, 2021



St. James hosted the installation Mass for the new State Deputy, Noel Panlilio and Fr. Anthony as the new Chaplain.



Billy Panganiban was awarded the Boldest Brother for the Columbian Year 2020-2021 by the Knights of Columbus, California State Council.



July 10 & 11, 2021  
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Fr. Anthony & District Deputy Ian Ytem, presented to Past Grand Knight Marcial Vasco four awards for doing a great job last year.



## Knights of Columbus supports seminarians all over the world.

For the year 2020-2021, St. James the Apostle Catholic Church Council #14541 supports Deacon William Mamangun. Deacon William is in his last year of studies and he is currently serving the Archdiocese of Guam.

Please pray for Deacon William and all the future priests at Menlo Park Seminary for guidance and strength to serve more people of God with the pastoral charity of Christ.

# Simbang Gabi 2021

# Knights of Columbus



**My Jesus**

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**BISHOP FLOYD L. BEGIN ASSEMBLY # 3546**  
**FOURTH DEGREE - *Patriotic Degree of the Order***



# God Our Father Praise and Worship Ministry

## IMPACT OF COVID -19 PANDEMIC ON OUR GOD OUR FATHER PRAISE AND WORSHIP MINISTRY.

### LET'S READ BELOW THE COMMENTS FROM A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS:

So many things happened during this Covid-19 pandemic that brought a combination of sadness, compassion, anxiety and fear of the unknown but I saw the hands of the Lord, loving and caring, teaching and pruning. Our merciful God continued to give me joy, peace, direction and fulfillment. It was all planned by the Lord.

- First: My retirement!
- Second: Spending more time with my precious husband, family and grandkids.
- Last and foremost: My intimate relationship with the Lord. I've been spending more time with HIM, deepening my knowledge of HIM, listening more by reading the Bible, applying His teachings, learning to thank Him even more, not only during the good times but in all instances, and praying intently for the whole world.

My second family, GOF Choir, is such a blessing.



They are my pride and joy. We stop practicing and singing at the church but

the sisterhood/brotherhood never ceases. One example was when one of our members and her family all contracted COVID and they had to quarantine for 14 days. The love, help and support kept coming at their door from GOF Family and other St James parishioners.

**SIS. SHIRLEY ALDANA**

Although there was fear, deep inside I knew that God would take care of us. And He did. God showed His love and His goodness to us. I learned to trust Him and surrender everything to Him. I focused on my family and things I could do while at home. Truly, God can turn good things out of bad things.

**SIS. DEENAH RHONE**





Something good came out of this:

- First, I have more time in praying and talking with God. My relationship with God deepened.
- Second, Our family became closer and the love that we have for each other became even stronger.

**SIS. ROWENA SAN GABRIEL**

GOF Ministry is not just about singing notes that pass through our vocal chords. It is expressing LOVE and sharing spiritual joy that comes from deep within. With this pandemic, the singing stopped – but our expression of LOVE

for GOD and for our brothers and sisters remains. Our beautiful and genuine fellowship continues and will grow forever more.

Praying for normalcy to find its way back so our melodious voices may be heard again.

**SIS. ELLEN ZARAGOZA**



To me, when the pandemic hit and stay-at-home orders were mandated and we were asked not to attend places of worship, I thought: “What will come about with the Catholic Church.” Not attending Mass at 12Noon was very foreign to me, especially not having the Good Friday Service and the Easter Celebration. Since GOF has been singing at St James for over 12 years, not being able to sing and doing service in these capacities especially gave me the feeling of sadness and loneliness. But, not for very long! Praise the Lord!

These circumstances gave me the opportunity to search and to long for God in a mighty way, from within, from my soul! And most of all technology came through during this time. I was able to attend Mass every day during my hour. I watched various videos on the life of saints, attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar on line, attended Masses in various parts of the country and the world, and even attended Mass with Pope Francis. It’s been a remarkable journey during this pandemic. God is AMAZING indeed!

**SIS. ELMA RIVERA**





Losing a brother who contracted the COVID 19 virus brought additional challenges during the time of the Pandemic. Saddened and heartbreaking grief was felt by the family. But with our Faith in God, we were able to look up, let go and let God. He gave us strength and comfort during our mourning.

**SIS. BETH MIRANDA**

Year 2020 has been both a memorable and unforgettable year to me, my family and to the whole world because of this pandemic. It made us get involved in our community by

giving our charitable work and donations. The blessings we received, we shared. This pandemic made me more prayerful, gave us hope for better times and new opportunities.

**SIS. ISABEL CABOTAJE**

The COVID 19 pandemic taught us to depend on God. He is the only ONE who can save us! We learned "to live each day, as if it is our last." Our life, our future is in the hands of God. Every day is a gift and we have to be loving, forgiving, live in holiness, and be thankful to God!

**SIS. LOURDES CARON**



In spite of this Pandemic and with my 93 year old sick mother, I can still smile always because of my unmeasurable Faith in God. I AM BLESSED!

**SIS. JO BOXER**



Spiritually, the pandemic has changed me to become totally dependent upon God's guidance in what I must do by learning to listen to His whispers and signs. Being in the confines of my home, I took advantage of the solitude God allowed me to experience to "hear Him" even though I kept working throughout the days and nights when we were instructed to "stay at home." Physically, I became stronger in my convictions during this pandemic that people in "power" cannot force me to accept without questioning their fearful tactics being imposed upon me. So grateful that we have a "Shepherd" who leads us with great faith! Thank you Lord Jesus and Mama Mary for always protecting us!

**SIS. PAM NAVARRO**



As a mother who always nurtures and takes good care of my children, I asked myself: "If I will die who is going to continue my obligations as a mother?" There is no one who could take my place as mother who gives her unconditional love to her children. I think of this every day - are we going to survive or die? This is always a question in my mind: When will this pandemic end?

**SIS. FAR SIRON**



My Family and I were affected by COVID. During that time many people were dying and I was so scared not only for myself but for the whole family. But I am really thankful and grateful to all our friends and families for all the support and to my GOF family and to the Parish community for all the prayers.



I got laid off. I've been with that company for ten years. I was so sad, upset and so mad. I was hiding my emotions. I was so worried for my family, so I told my parents that I was okay but deep inside I was totally devastated. I prayed and I talked to God.....Why is this thing happening to me? Then

I told to myself that I know God has a plan and He is leading me to the right path of my life and thankful as well because HE provides for everything!

**SIS. AMELIA FUNAKOSHI**

### **SOME POWERFUL BIBLE VERSES:**

✦ 2Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land.

✦ Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path

✦ Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything with prayers and supplications and thanksgiving in your heart, let your request be made known unto the Lord and the peace that surpasses all understanding shall dwell in your hearts in Christ Jesus.

✦ John 15:7-8

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask anything and it shall be given to you. By this is my Father glorified that you bear much fruit and become my disciple

✦ Isaiah 41:10

Fear not for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



# God Our Father Praise and Worship Ministry





# Divine Mercy



## Divine Mercy Sunday April 11



# The Divine Mercy Apostolate of St. James the Apostle Church

## Divine Mercy

It was **10 years ago** that Devotion to the Divine Mercy Apostolate Ministry at St. James was established. The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a group of parishioners and other devotees from different parishes who are committed to serve the Lord under the spiritual guidance of our Spiritual Director/Parish Pastor, Father Antony. Our Divine Mercy Ministry has grown in strength and numbers and members are ever so faithful. The Divine Mercy is open to anyone who would like to join and be a part of this wonderful ministry.

**Our goal** is to be transformed into a living reflection of God's love and mercy.

### Our Mission -

- To spread the Word of God and The Divine Mercy message.
- To share our Catholic Faith through reflection and reading the Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska through our cenacle prayer meeting.
- To practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.
- To encourage Devotion to the Divine Mercy and Eucharistic Adoration.

### *The meaning of Divine Mercy and The Message of The Divine Mercy:*

**The meaning of The Divine Mercy** is God's very nature is love, eternal, self-giving love among The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

**The message of The Divine Mercy** is that God is merciful and forgiving and that we too must show mercy and forgiveness. He is love itself poured out for us. His mercy is greater than our sins.

### *To incorporate in our daily lives, we remember the ABC's of mercy:*

- **A - Ask for His mercy.** God wants us to approach him in prayer, repenting of our sins and to ask Him to pour His mercy upon us and upon the whole world.
- **B - Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others just as He does to us.
- **C - Completely Trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



First Day of Divine Mercy  
Novena on Good Friday

## *What does The Divine Mercy do for the parish of St. James ?*

**As an act of Corporal and Spiritual work of mercy,** The Divine Mercy administers Communion to the sick and the homebound of our parish community. We feed the homeless of St. Vincent de Paul and we pray for the sick, the living and the dead. We also bring the “house to house pilgrimage “images of our Divine Mercy and Mother of Mercy to a home, to pray the novena for 14 days.

**The Divine Mercy also participates** and supports the many activities and fundraising events surrounding our parish throughout the year such as: the yearly festival fundraising event, bake sale, crab feed, soup night during the Lenten season, Simbang Gabi, the Divine Mercy Sunday Feast and the building of the new St. James Church. We do this in humility, keeping in mind that, it is not about us. It’s about serving the Lord!!

**In this time of pandemic,** it has been extremely difficult and challenging for all of us. We learned what is really important in life and what really matters - our Faith in God and in the love we have for our families and for one another. During this time, our Divine Mercy members have become more engaged and have grown closer to one another, as we pray virtually, every day at 3’oclock, the Great Hour of Mercy, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary and the Holy Infant Jesus. We instill in our hearts the virtues of humility, kindness and the love for one another.

**On a personal note,** I myself have personally experienced and received in so many special ways our Lord’s unfathomable love and unending mercy. I have a personal journal and have written down the blessings, the graces, the events and the circumstances of the Divine Mercy in my life as I remembered and I called it “ My Thanksgiving Grateful Divine Mercy Journal.” I would like to share one event that just happened recently, with unceasing prayers to the Divine Mercy and our Mother of Mercy - my daughter and her husband came back to their faith and to the church! I pray that the Lord will continue to bless them and guide them in their Spiritual journey! I thank the Divine Mercy for touching their hearts!! “For nothing is impossible to God and to those who believe” [Luke1:37]

**In closing,** I would like to quote St. Faustina’s Diary #72: “Let every soul trust in the passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God’s mercy and love will never be exhausted.”

***JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!***

Marie Rapp

**Day Five of  
Divine Mercy  
Novena**



# Divine Mercy



Divine Mercy offering roses at the start of the Mass of Our Lady of Fatima.



Easter Sunday, the Third Day of The Divine Mercy Novena.



Divine Mercy Group photo after the Mass for Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, 2021

# Divine Mercy Zoom



# WANTED

**Caring ♦ Compassionate ♦ Giving  
Understanding ♦ Talented Volunteers**

These women donate their time and talents to work in the St. James office each day meeting the needs of the parishioners and the community at large.



**St. James Office Staff**

**Hopefully we'll see them soon.  
When you see them, THANK them!  
REWARD \$5,000 PRICELESS**

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# St James Movie Night - Free Fun for the Whole Family

The Faith Formation ministry and Knights of Columbus Council 14541 organized a movie night on Friday, September 18th, at St. James the Apostle Church. The event was blessed with great weather, after weeks of having unhealthy air quality. Families set up their chairs on lawn while the others watched from their cars while keeping the social distancing and mask requirements of the parish. Everyone enjoyed the featured presentation of the Disney Pixar's movie "UP." Trivia and prizes sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

*St. James Parish extends its sincere and big thanks to San Lieu, Klein Lieu and the Tran family for setting up and lending their equipment including the 20-foot inflatable screen that made the movie a real pleasure to watch. They also donated an FM transmitter to support future parish events. The organizers wish to thank everyone who came to support the movie night. Your presence made the event really special.*



# St James Movie Night - Free Fun for the Whole Family

More of  
St James Movie Night



ST JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH  
FAITH FORMATION and KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #14541  
PROUDLY PRESENT  
**MOVIE NIGHT**



AUGUST 21, 2020, FRIDAY  
7:00 PM  
ST JAMES THE APOSTLE  
CHURCH LAWN AREA

Faith Formation and Knights of Columbus Council #14541 invites you and your family to enjoy a FREE outdoor movie night, featuring "THE LITTLE PRINCE"

Limited free movie snacks and drinks but highly encourage to bring your own snacks. Don't forget to bring chairs and blankets.

Contact: Sheila Remolar-Reduto 850 743 5728  
Mylene Juan 850 796 4486  
Lilbeth Moque 510 642 1973  
Willie Logosa, GK 408 674 1988

**BONUS**  
TRIVIA NIGHT WITH  
SOME CASH PRIZES  
Courtesy of KOFCC #14541



## Trivia Questions

- ◆ *What was the name of the little girl that became Carl's wife?*
- ◆ *Name 12 Disney Princesses*
- ◆ *How many Academy Awards did Frozen win?*



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### Spooktacular CCD VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT Pumpkin-Carving

Scariest- Roger Edappily

Happiest- Aryanna Mique, First Communion

Funniest- Nathan Thomas, Level 1

Most Creative- Saimara Sarmiento, Level 4-5

Most Artistic- Bianca Panganiban, Level 6

Prize for each winner: \$10 Dollar Store gift card & 1 facemask



### Costume

Scariest- Kevin Antoni, Level 1

Most Creative- Roshell Pena, Leve 4-5

Most Colorful- Mia Bito-Onon, Level 1

Most Original-Ned Fajardo, Level 1

Best Costume (Girl)-Rivendelle Rangel, First Communion

Best Costume (Boy)-Joseph Gomez, Pre-Confirmation

Best Costume (Teacher & Adults)-Rene Maningding

Prize for each winner: \$10 Dollar Store Gift Card & 1 facemask



St James KOFC Judges



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## Spooktacular CCD VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT

### Trivia Questions

1. Haven Nguyen
2. Kevin Simiyon Antoni, Level 1 for Snoopy as Great Pumpkin
3. Chloe Francisco, Level 3 for Miguel as Coco
4. Mia Bito-Onon, Level 1 for CocoTown

### Questions per Class Level

5. Nathan Thomas, Level 1 for Great Grandma
6. Bryce Panganiban, First Communion for Great Grandpa of Miguel
7. Chloe Francisco, Level 3 for Rivera
8. Nelson Nguyen, Level 4-5 for Scooby Mobile
9. Bianca Panganiban, level 6 for Jack
10. Jamie Tancinco, Pre-Confirmation
11. David, Confirmation

*Prize for each winner: \$5 Dollar Store gift card*



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## 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*



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*Thanks to our Judges*



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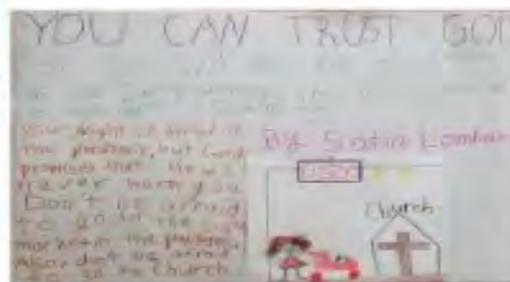
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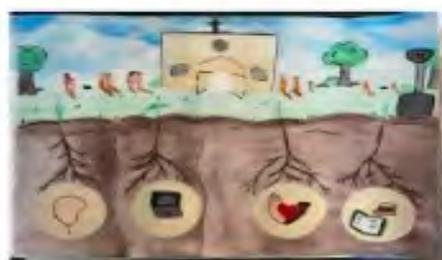


### 2021 CCD VIRTUAL DECATHLON EVENT POSTER MAKING

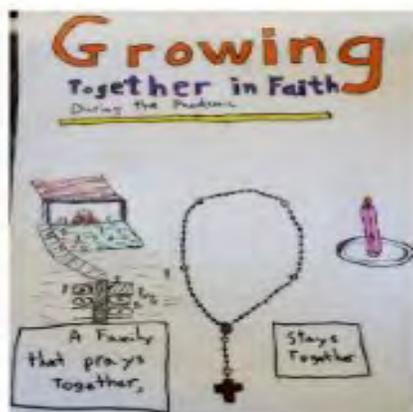
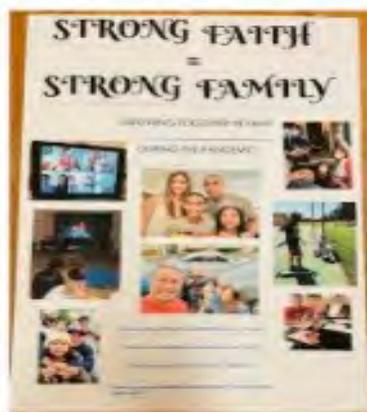
Growing Together in Faith During the Pandemic



LEVELS 1-2: L to R: Mia Bito-Onon, 1st; Rivendelle Rangel, 2nd; Sofia Lombard, 3rd



LEVELS 3-5: L to R: Saimara Sarmiento, 1st; Elisha Saul, 2nd; Geeanna & Alaya Catubig, 3rd



LEVELS 6-CONFIRMATION: Jaydon Rivera-Poklay, 1st; Roger Edappilly, 2nd; Bianca Panganiban, 3rd

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## 2021 CCD VIRTUAL DECATHLON EVENT POEM

### THANK YOU, CORONAVIRUS!

The hardships and the sorrows  
The pain and the sadness  
We have been through a lot

For the relationships we have improved  
And the grudges we have removed  
Thank you coronavirus

The siblings and the arguments  
The chores and the homework  
We have been through a lot

For giving us the time to introspect  
And teaching how to show respect  
Thank you coronavirus

With no chance to hang out with friends  
And no time to follow new trends  
We have been through a lot

For the wisdom gained  
And the knowledge attained  
Thank you coronavirus

No more sleepovers and playdates  
And no more vacations out of state  
We have been through a lot

Despite the struggles we face  
We always were filled with grace  
So thank you coronavirus



***Poem First Place Winner— ROAN ALVIAR, Confirmation***

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## 2021 CCD VIRTUAL DECATHLON EVENT POEM

### *Pandemic Gratuudes*

**By Joseph Gomez**

It's hard to think what this pandemic has done right  
It' started small, then exploded like dynamite  
Taking away people with fight in their eyes

It sent us clinging for something we know didn't exist  
Fighting the reality that this must be it  
But we're still here and we didn't quit

This pandemic has caused many hardships  
But we have pulled through, regardless  
We'll push through the darkness

Our lives have changed for good and for bad  
We have time for things we didn't know we had  
We do not stop, but we are stronger than ironclad

It has helped me exercise more and push myself to my limits  
It has helped me bond with people even if it's from a distance  
I'm grateful for my faith, family, and my own existence.



***Poem Second Place Winner***

***JOSEPH GOMEZ, Pre-Confirmation***



***Poem***

***Third Place Winner***

***MASON CRUZ, Level 3***

### *Oh Coronavirus*

**By Mason Cruz**

The Coronavirus may have stopped us,  
But it just shows how much God loves us,  
It makes us realize what we have lost  
the lost time with each other is the cost  
God stopped time,  
So we can have the time,  
To love one another  
And show love for each other

The virus may be bad,  
but sometimes I feel glad  
When I spend time at home,  
in our sacred family dome.

We keep the virus out  
and not go out and about  
We put our trust in God,  
We give him a nod,  
He shows us the way,  
Each and everyday,  
We show kindness to one another  
We are each others sister and brothers  
This is a time of need  
So we stay at home to read  
The word of God  
The father Almighty  
He will guide through these hard times,  
until we can hear the church bell chimes.

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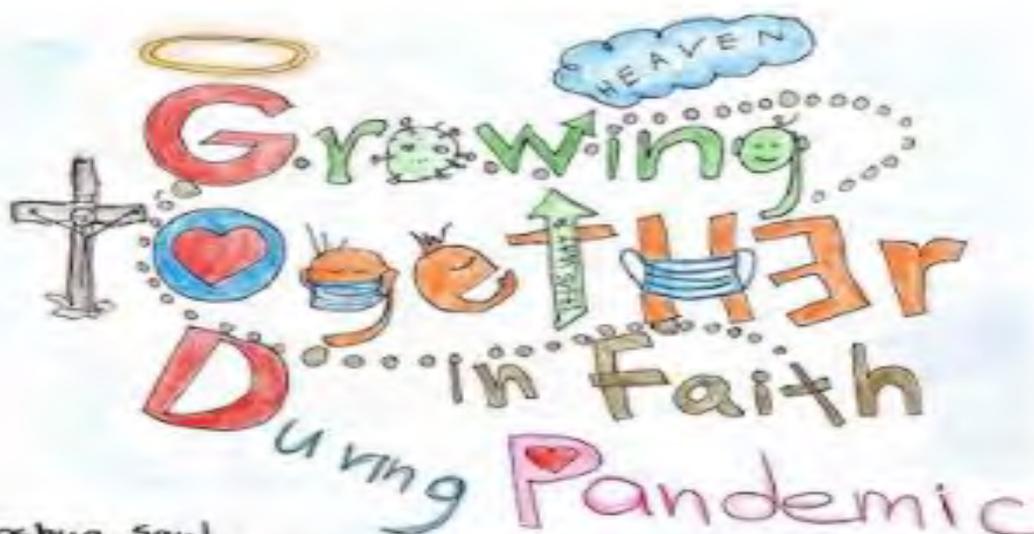
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Growing Together in Faith During the Pandemic



**SPOTLIGHT AWARD: Joshua Saul, Level 4-5**

### Early Birds Award

Mia Bito-Onon, Level 1

Antoni Kevin Simiyon, Level 1

Elise Tancinco, Level 1

Sofia Prejula, First Communion

Andie Francisco, First Communion

Sofia Lombard, First Communion

Izabela Lombard, First Communion

Catherine Aramparambil, Level 3

Saimara Sarmiento, Level 4-5

Alaya Catubig, Level 4-5

Geeana Catubig, Pre-Confirmation

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## 2021 CCD VIRTUAL DECATHLON EVENT *Essay*

### *Thankful, Grateful and Blessed*

It's been over a year since the pandemic started and nothing is normal anymore. When the lockdown started I couldn't go to a park or play with my friends or visit my relatives. I was anxious that either me or my family would get coronavirus. I didn't want anyone in my family to end up in the hospital! Very soon I became bored, and I didn't know how to have fun without friends or school. Without friends I felt isolated and unhappy. Every time when I watched the news I heard many people getting COVID-19, and there were many fires happening in California and I got scared. I always wondered if I was safe.

As Jesus quotes "Don't be afraid, I am with you until the end of the time." These words gave me courage. My family started a new tradition of having daily rosary through google hangouts with long-distance relatives in India. It helped us to pray together and connect with each other. Also every day I read the gospel. I have reached Matthew Chapter 22. Every Sunday we go to outdoor mass at the church. It helps us to be strong and stay courageous during the pandemic. As a family we started spending more time together. We play lots of games like Uno, Monopoly, and Twister. We get lots of exercise together like biking and walking. We also do car trips. I do Zoom calls with my friends so we can get together when we can't meet in person. In Zoom we and my friends we talk and play games together.

I am blessed to have good technology to meet with people, play games, and pray together at times we can't do things in person. I feel blessed to have friends to talk to, good food to eat, and wonderful parents that care of me. I also feel blessed about finding ways to make me happy like talking to the neighbors, having a warm home, and having a good clothes, and don't forget good schools with good education.



I am lucky that I didn't get COVID-19, but other people aren't so lucky like me and my parents. Lots of people get COVID-19 or lose their jobs or don't have enough money to take care of their kids, and sometimes people lose their homes for money, and don't get good education, and kids like me can take depression like adults, and feed sad, and wish the coronavirus didn't come in the first place.

Even though Coronavirus brought me anxiety, unhappiness, and boredom I find peace at home with love of my God. We hope this virus will soon go away, and while I wait, I must stay safe from the virus by wearing masks, and putting hand-sanitizer, and waiting my turn for the COVID-19 vaccine. Now with the COVID-19 vaccine I feel a lot better, and a lot safer from the Coronavirus. We are stronger in our faith and with God's blessings we will all fight this virus together.

***Essay First Place Winner— CELINE MARIA ELWIN, Level 3***

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## 2021 CCD VIRTUAL DECATHLON EVENT *Essay*

### *Great Sacrifices*

God, the creator of all sacrificed his only son to save us from our sins.

Jesus made a selfless sacrifices by giving up his life so that we could have external life.

My grandmother gave m lost of her time to take card of me and my brother when we were little

My dad works nights and still make sure we are cared for during the day when my mom is at work

My mom works around 8 hours a day from around 7am to 4 pm, and still have enough energy to help us when we need help.

Journalist sacrifice their safety to get the news to people like us

Teacher give their time and effort to us children and only get paid very little for their hard work

Hospital workers user their own health and safety to help others in need of treatment.

### ***Essay Second Place Winner—***

***CHLOE TANGLAO, Level 6***



### ***Thank you, Corona Virus***

I am thankful for my food like my fruits, rice, noodles, soup, chicken, fish and yogurt. I am also thankful for my friends, my family and cousins. I am blessed because I get to hear mass every Sunday at St James the Apostle Church.

I am blessed to have three great meals every day. For breakfast, I eat rice crispies, bread and bacon. For lunch, I get to eat popcorn chicken, and rice which is my favorite. I like popcorn chicken because it is crunchy and easy to eat. For snacks I usually eat chocolate bread. My favorite dinner is udon with yellow egg. Covid has taught me the importance of family. I get to play with my brother, bike with my cousins and have a sleepover with my cousins too!

I'm thankful that during the coronavirus, we are still able to go to St James. Going to church is like having a picnic because we set up our camping chairs but no food. It is sometimes sunny and hot but someday are cold and could rain but it's okay because I like going to church.

### ***Essay Third Place Winner—***

***ANDIE FRANCISCO, First Communion***

# First Communion Class 2021



## Congratulations and Blessings to the First Communion Class 2021

Maximilian Abad  
William Abad  
Chevelle De Jesus  
Kylie De Jesus  
Keira De Jesus  
Isabella Estrada

Andie Francisco  
Zoey Joseph  
Izabela Lombard  
Sofia Lombard  
Aryanna Sophia Mique  
Conner Nguyen

Bryce Panganiban  
Jacob Geoffrey Pepito  
Sophia Prejula  
Rivendelle Rangel  
Rain Natalie Situbal  
Cyan Timbang

## 2020 class

Sophia Alimagno  
 Julia Bamford  
 Adrian Cantoria  
 Sofia Gonzalez  
 Ronisha Leenusrich  
 Cruz Madrigal  
 Jeran Natividad  
 Tamlyn Oliva  
 Ellamae Prejula  
 Jarod Reyes  
 Rylee Reyes  
 Bruce Rili  
 Andre Tanglao  
 Kyle Trinos  
 Alexandra Tulabing  
 Kaitlyn Viado

## Confirmation Classes 2020 & 2021



## 2021 class

Roan Alviar  
 Alan Breztko  
 Angela Camu  
 Christian Collong  
 Roger Edappily  
 Ian Fajardo  
 Neena Fajardo  
 Yurittzy Garnica  
 Helen Lee  
 Mariza Mariano  
 Jayven Natividad  
 Hana Nguyen



# Finance Council

## Meet your 2021 Finance Council Members (All Volunteers) (L to R):

Patrick Valath  
Paul Nacino  
Father Antony, Pastor  
Ury Gonzalez  
Joe Parrish, Chair  
Lars Cabrera  
Minnie Soria (Not  
Shown)

Resource to Finance Council:  
Patrick Valath (Business  
Manager)  
Minda Santos  
(Bookkeeper) (Not  
Shown)

An essential part of every parish organization is the Parish Finance Council. The purpose of the Finance Council is to:

- Assist the Pastor in the administration of church goods, taking care that all assets are preserved and used for the purpose for which they were given. Offerings given by the faithful for a specified purpose may be used only for that purpose.
- Assist the Pastor in keeping the financial administration of the parish in harmony with the mission of the church. All parish decisions affecting the financial status of the parish are to be done by the Pastor following consultation with the Finance Council.

Members of the Finance Council shall be known by the people of the parish. The members should be visible enough in the parish to be sought out by parishioners when they have subjects of concern.

The finance members should be available to parishioners to entertain suggestions, to answer questions that do not break the bond of confidentiality, and to serve as liaisons between parishioners and the Pastor.

The above duties are considered the most important of the many duties of your Finance Council.

Ultimately, your Pastor is the legal representative of this parish and he is responsible for the administration of church property and finances. He is assisted by the Parish Finance Council which is composed of members of this parish. This relationship demonstrates the sense of church as communion: The members of the Finance Council become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal office in their own manner.

Please contact Joe Parrish if you have any questions or concerns.

Joe Parrish  
parrishjoseph@me.com.  
Chair, Finance Council





Capital Campaign Update



My Dear St. James Parishioners,

Greetings from Jim Navarro! As you know, I am the Fundraising Chairman for the Permanent Church and I am writing to you on behalf of my Executive Committee. Recently Father Antony had written to you and given you an update regarding our church project. At the moment we are waiting to get an appointment with the City of Fremont in order to present our project to the planning department. As you know this is going to be time consuming as we need step by step approval from the city.

The reason why I am writing to you is to let you know that the executive committee as well as several of our parishioners have already begun to contribute toward their pledge. I am proud to say that Father Antony, our pastor, has contributed thirty-five thousand dollars toward his total pledge of sixty thousand. As we know, he always leads by example. Our goal is to have two hundred families to start giving by the end of September. Therefore, I would like to appeal to all those who have already pledged to kindly start contributing. Your generosity and support are highly appreciated.

We were ready to bulk-mail the pledge cards to all of you by the end of March, but because of the Coronavirus we kept it on hold. We are planning to mail them to you at the end of September. We will inform you before we mail them out.

I am fully aware of what you are going through during this pandemic time. No one is free from it. But we are committed to our project and we will forge ahead with it because we have your support and commitment. And besides, we rely on Lord Jesus, who has called us to build Him a worthy worship place. Therefore, with St. Paul let me say, "We are hard pressed on all sides, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). No Coronavirus can suppress us from our dream of building a Permanent Church.

Soliciting your loving support,

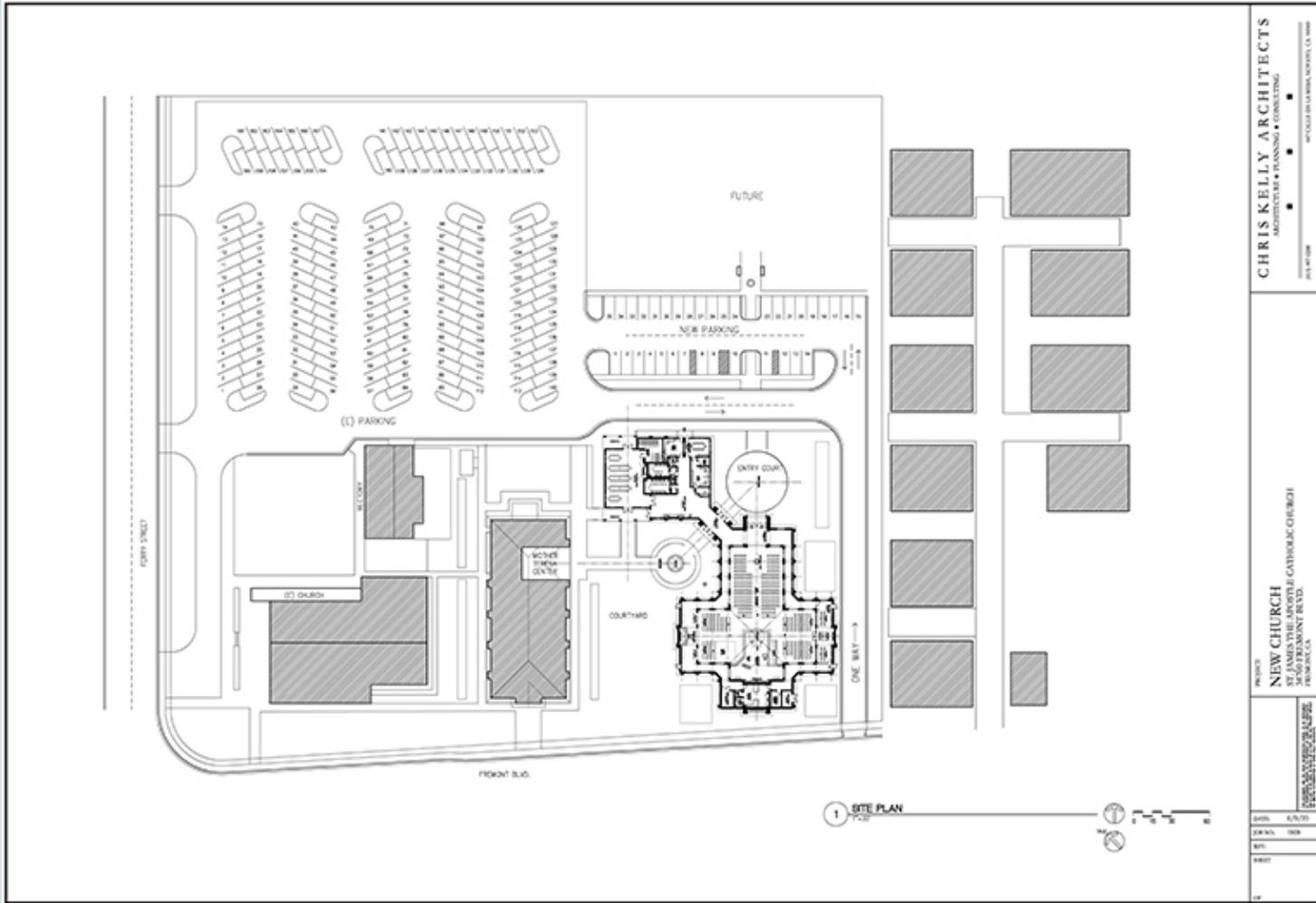
Jim Navarro  
Chairman, Executive Committee  
St. James the Apostle Capital Campaign



**Plans for the Permanent Church unveiled in December**

Capital Campaign

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10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI FESTIVAL



Flag Hoisting:

29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020 Saturday 12PM

5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Saturday 12.00PM

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

34700 FREMONT BLVD

FREMONT, CA 94555

Outdoor Masses.  
Bring your chairs

More details, please email [vailankanni.sovana@gmail.com](mailto:vailankanni.sovana@gmail.com)  
Ave Maria

September





October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

Let us honor our Blessed Mother Mary in an evening of prayer and reflection for the entire month of October.

Please join us for a daily virtual Rosary via Zoom at 7:00pm Pacific time from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3834698894>

Meeting ID: 383 469 8894

On Saturdays and Sundays for the entire month of October, there will also be an in-person Rosary in the Grotto at St. James the Apostle at 7:00pm in addition to Zoom.

Please share this with your family and friends.

God bless you always!

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\*\*\* Thank you to our Rosary Prayer Leaders \*\*\*

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> (Faith Formation)

October 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> (Knights of Columbus)

October 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> (Singles for Christ)

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> (Legion of Mary and Divine Mercy)

**The Zoom Rosary started in October and continues daily online. Join Us!  
Meeting ID: 383 469 8894 7:00pm**



# Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 11 at 1:00pm  
St. James the Apostle, Lawn Area



Let us give thanks for the unconditional love of our furry and feathery family members. Please join us for a short prayer service followed by a special pet blessing.



Please keep dogs on leashes and other pets in carriers.

*Required: Social distancing and masks/face coverings*

October

## A Special Blessing of the Animals at St. James the Apostle Parish

On Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, St. James the Apostle Catholic Church held a special event for all the furry family members of its parishioners. Dogs of all sizes, cats and rabbits with their respective families graced the event. In honor of St. Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of animals, Father Antony Vazhappilly held a prayer service and blessed all the animals and their families. While keeping in mind the mask and social distancing requirements of the parish, everyone had fun socializing and meeting new furry friends. It was definitely a heartwarming event and a special tribute to all our furry family members who continue to give us their unconditional love. They are truly God's angels on earth.

To watch the video coverage of this event, please visit the St. James the Apostle Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/sjapostle/>.





# November & December

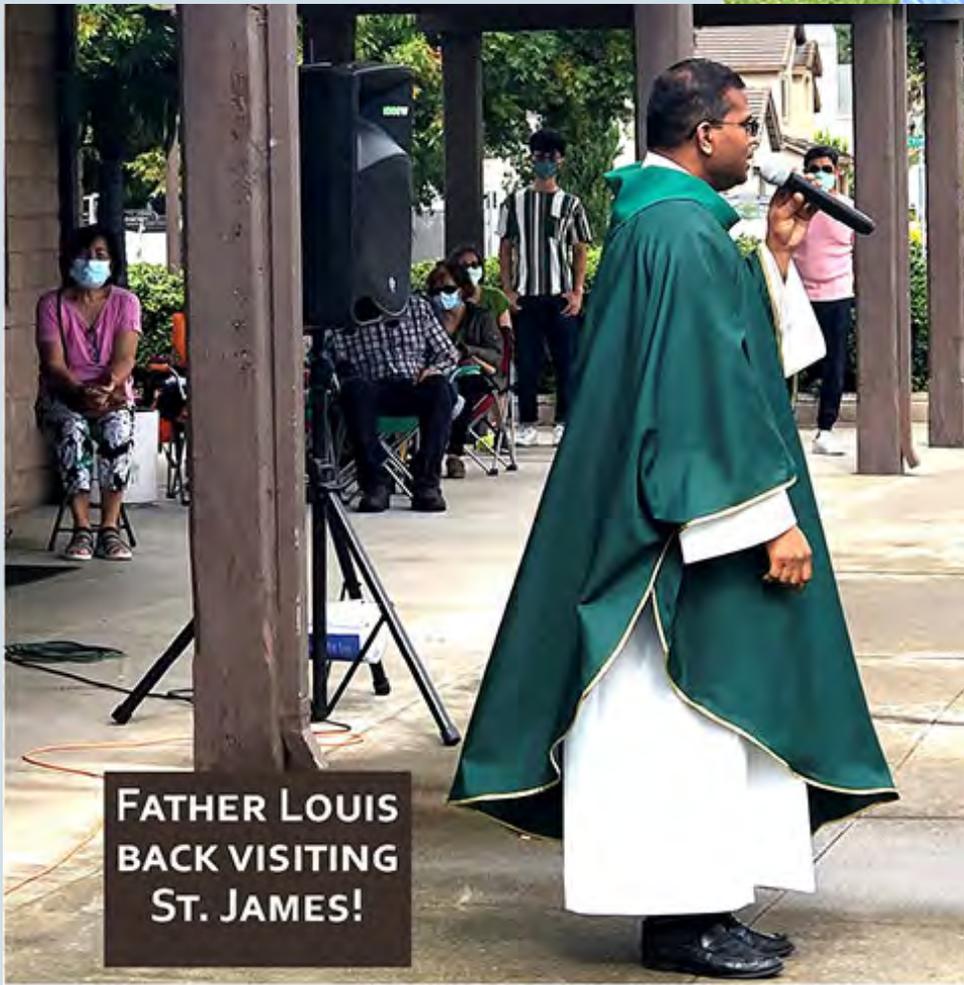
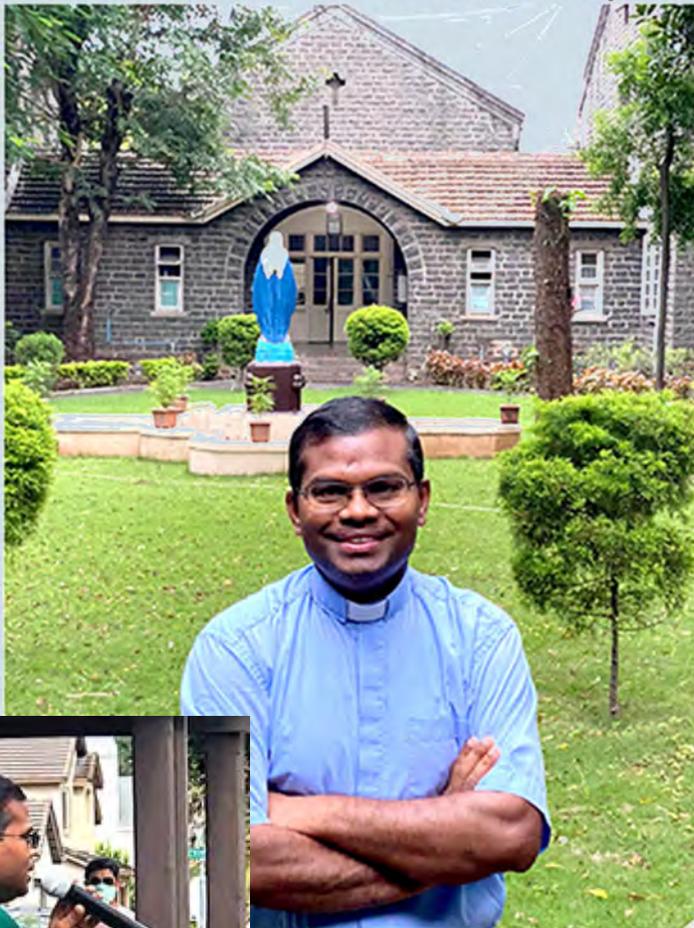


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# Friends we will remember



**FR. LOUIS AT THE SEMINARY IN PUNE, INDIA**



**FATHER LOUIS  
BACK VISITING  
ST. JAMES!**

# Friends we will remember



**KYLE PINEO AS...ACOLYTE, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER, ROSARY LEADER FOR THE UNBORN, RCIA VOLUNTEER, SINGER AND A FRIEND! BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR NEW HOME IN HAWAII!**



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## 4th Annual Hike/Walk in Honor of Alan Patrick Cantoria.

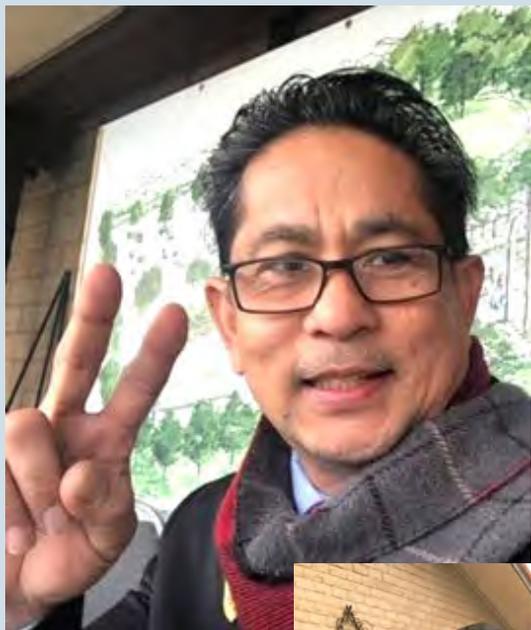
We want to send our sincerest appreciation to everyone. You've been our source of strength and hope.

God bless all your families.

Mike, Majel, Sean and Adrian



# Friends we will remember



**We remember our Brother  
Marcial Vasco.  
9/3/68 - 3/27/21**



# Baptisms

August 29, 2020  
Niccolas Leon Bocanegra



# Baptisms

November 21, 2020  
Omar Ibrahim Sayyid IV



# Baptisms

November 21, 2020  
Riley Samantha Chu On



# Baptisms

November 21, 2020  
Rohan Hail and Rhyle Halo Raquino



# Baptisms

November 21, 2020  
Josiah Stef Jekayinfa Brown



# Baptisms

January 16, 2021  
Walter McKeon Pineo



# Baptisms

February 27, 2021  
Castiel Dean Parra



# Baptisms

April 24, 2021  
Julian James Morrow



# Baptisms

April 24, 2021  
Noelle Marie Miller



# Baptisms

June 21, 2021  
Aarjun Evan Anoop



# Baptisms

June 27, 2021  
Leilani Jade Nethercott Solorzano





SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE  
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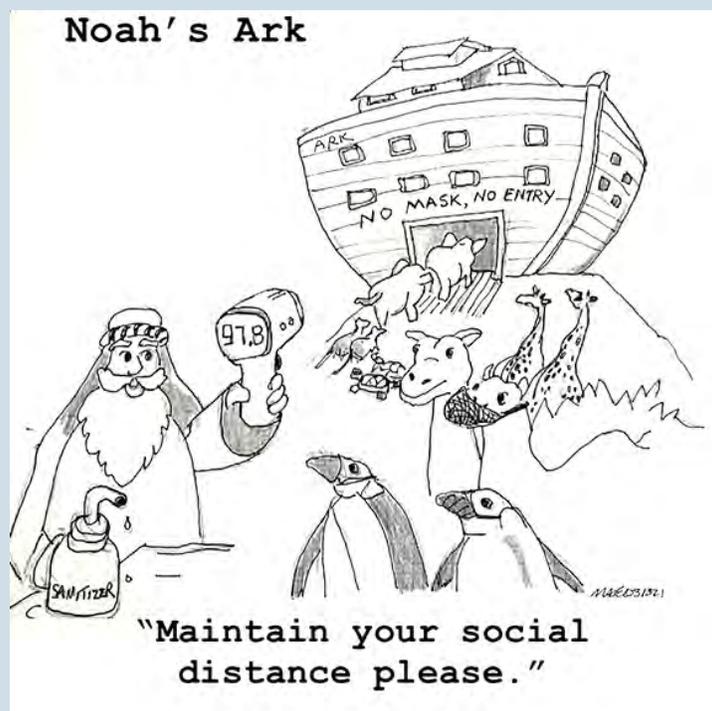
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# Addendum



## The name is *Imposter Syndrome*

While we were driving, our family was discussing the upcoming school year. We have lots of questions, assurances and excitement. They will both be in High School, in-person classes, students to see and be with their friends again. We were asking about their plans, their thoughts. Then our youngest son closed the conversation with his statement, "I am not going to overthink. I will stop here and just wait for what will happen on the first day of school."

I remember many times I passed on many opportunities at work because I think I cannot handle some responsibilities, I cannot present in public, I am unable to complete tasks, I don't have the capacity, resources, manpower, etc. In the end, my inability to trust myself hinders me to attain my full potential and to enjoy what I have at the present.

Most of us suffer from this without knowing it. Some call it the *imposter syndrome*. We belittle ourselves. During the pandemic, a lot of us worsened this condition. We overthink, we jump to conclusions, we don't hear what the next person will say, we feel anxious about tomorrow. We don't believe in the goodness of what other people are offering us. When a friend asks one thing, we think of a thousand things surrounding that question. When we are given positive feedback, it's always negative. We assume someone's actions are not what they really meant. We want to ask our kids how they are doing but we are afraid that we may hear a bad answer or we may trigger them to rebel more. We forget that oftentimes, everything is just summing up 1+1. We don't need to assume that 1 maybe 10 or + is something else, etc etc. Oftentimes, it doesn't have any meaning at all. It simply is 1+1=2.

These things reminded me of one of my favorite quotes, "We are not here to judge, but to witness." We just choose to live.

Majel Cantoria