

PARISH INFORMATION & SCHEDULES

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9:00am to 12noon

Sundays: 9:30am to 11:30am.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday Mass: 8:30am

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:00am,
12:00noon

Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

Registration in the Parish

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community.

Please complete a registration form available online.

(Parish Info)

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Knights of Columbus

For information, please contact: Juan "Jappy" Francisco
415-269-5973.

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

Please call to **make an appointment** with Fr. Antony. For details, please go to the Church website (Parish Info) or contact Jappy/Jan Francisco (415) 269-5973.

Baptism Preparation/Training class: Last Friday day of the month from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Small Chapel.

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

Faith Formation

For questions or help with registration, please contact Sheila Remolar Reduta at (650) 743-5728 or sjtafaithformation@gmail.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Please contact FrancesAnn McKenney at 510-648-4876 or contact the parish office at 510-792-1962.

Funerals

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services. You may contact Bill Russell at 510-901-2191.

Mother Teresa Center Reservations.

Call 510-589-6909, email MTC@sjapostle.net. (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



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MARCH 24, 2024



PARISH CALENDAR

Aug 17-18 Festival
Sept 28 Dinner Dance
Dec 8 Parish Christmas Party

Monthly Meetings:

Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting

First Monday 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

3rd Monday 7:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul

2nd Monday 7:00 pm

Bishop Begin Assembly 3546

Business Meeting, 4th Thursday 7:30pm

Pastoral Council

4th Tuesday 7:00pm

Monthly Devotions:

First Friday begins at 8:30am Mass, adoration during the day, 6:30pm

Rosary, 7:30pm Mass

KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn 4th Sunday after 10am Mass

**Shredding
Event today**
**9:30am-
1:30pm**

COLLECTIONS

March 10, 2024

1st Collection \$5930.00

Special Collections \$2130.00

March 17, 2024

1st Collection \$4703.00

Special Collections \$27,819.00

PALM SUNDAY (MARK 14:1-15, 47) HOSANNA TO THE KING OF DAVID

The Son of Man outsmarted malicious men,
All their traps and schemes failed, and they couldn't win.
But they wouldn't stop until they had Him crucified,
In His ignominious death, He would be glorified.

His time had come, and He could clearly see the cross,
He was born to die but His death wouldn't be a loss.
Jesus would turn the cross from a symbol of shame,
And make it a clear stamp of every Christian name.

The shouts and cheers grew louder by every minute,
The crowd kept swelling as people would gladly greet-
Jesus, the King of kings, who humbly rode the colt,
Jesus' enemies feared there would be a revolt.

Excitement and happiness filled the atmosphere,
People, young and old, assembled from far and near.
Some spread a carpet of coats and cloaks on the ground,
A new spirit had men and women specially bound.

"Hosanna to the King of David," they shouted,
'Blessed is the name of the Lord,' others lauded.
Jesus smiled to children who waved olive branches,
In heaven, He told, children have special status.

Pharisees were restless and revealed their contempt,
For fear of the crowd, to arrest Him, they didn't attempt.
Our Savior gently coaxed the donkey up the hill,
With His praises, Kidron Valley people would fill.

Questions:

1. Which stanza of this poem reminds you of your divine nature?
2. Which stanza of this poem reminds you of your sinful nature?
3. How will you resolve the struggle within to follow Jesus to Heaven?

Reflections:

From palms to passion, from shouts of Hosanna to cries for crucifixion. This Sunday has everything. It begins with the waving of palm branches in procession; it ends with the cross. We call it Passion Sunday, the older, more historic name for Palm Sunday. Palms are part of our Lord's Passion, yes, but they are not the only thing. Palms without the cross are leaves and branches without the tree. The world isn't saved from sin by a palm tree but by the tree of the cross and the passion of our Lord who hung on it.

In total contrast to all earthly kings who rode in golden chariots, the King of the universe and King of all kings rode on a donkey, which is considered

the dumbest of all animals.

Unlike these kings, Jesus had no cohorts to accompany Him and had no dignitaries or prelates to welcome Him. His only trusted friends, the twelve chosen apostles were too busy fighting among themselves to capture coveted positions in the kingdom they thought He would establish. As a matter of fact, one of them, Judas Iscariot, was not among them. He had

sneaked out of the group and was bargaining with the authorities over the price for betraying his Master. Unlike all other kings of the world, Jesus was the only King who was born a King. Answering Pilate's query about whether He was the king of the Jews, Jesus answered, "You say so." No one else was born a king. Some of them were born as heirs to the throne, while others usurped the throne to become kings.

The news had spread that Jesus would be coming to Jerusalem for the Passover, which was the most significant Jewish feast, and the Pharisees had everything well planned to arrest Him. Actually, they had set many traps to arrest Him by trying to find something with which to accuse Him. Jesus outsmarted them all and their schemes to arrest Him had failed. They even sent spies to closely monitor what he did and preached. Blasphemy was a sin punishable by death according to the Jewish law and that is what they wanted Jesus to commit. They wanted to hear Jesus claiming to be the Son of God. That would be enough to have him stoned to death. Jesus outwitted them at every turn. He had cured a blind man on a Sabbath, which was against the law, and they had gathered every possible testimony against Him. On one occasion, He and His disciples were accused of eating without washing their hands. On another occasion, they were blamed for not fasting like the disciples of John the Baptist did. But none of these charges were serious enough to have Him arrested and tried. Time was running out and they knew they had to act fast. There was even a fear among them that Jesus would not come to Jerusalem, as He had sent His apostles ahead of Him.

The name of Jesus had spread far and wide and the Pharisees' fear of Him increased. They feared if they did not do anything to stop Him, all would believe in Him, and the Romans would take over their land and nation. As a matter of fact, Caiaphas, the high priest, said to them, "You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better one should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may



**MESSAGE
FROM
FR. ANTONY**

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not perish” (John 11: 50). However, their fear was not unfounded for they had closely followed up on this young rising star of Nazareth. They had heard about how Jesus multiplying a couple of fish and a few loaves of bread had fed thousands of people who wanted to make him their king forcefully. The news of the miracle worker had spread by word of mouth. Those who witnessed His teachings and miracles spoke highly of Him. Jesus was so talked about in the neighborhood that curiosity got the better of Zacchaeus, a tax collector, who climbed a sycamore tree to steal a glimpse of Him. This incident ended in his conversion, and he followed Jesus as His disciple.

The Pharisees had assembled to discuss Jesus’ arrest. They all looked very sleepy and tired, for they had not been sleeping well of late. This was their last chance to have Jesus arrested. Every intellectual victory over the Pharisees had spread like wildfire, drawing great numbers of people to Jesus. They should have flawless schemes with no loopholes. Intellectually, Jesus has proved Himself far superior to them, and they all knew they stood no chance to defeat him fairly. They decided to resort to treachery and spread lies about Him. Suddenly, they heard from outside an unusual commotion and shouting.

All of them rushed to see; some ran to the windows and others went out to the balconies. Their hearts stopped at what they saw. In their wildest of imaginations, they had not anticipated such a triumphant and majestic entry of Jesus into the golden city. Hundreds and thousands of people had already gathered around Jesus, who rode on a donkey. Some of the men were walking almost naked, for they had taken off their cloaks and spread them on the ground honoring the King of David. They had never seen women so engaged and involved in public gatherings like this. Vying with each other, they shouted “Hosanna to the King of David,” each one wanting to be louder than the other. The Pharisees had never seen so many children together, each one carrying an olive branch, as if to say, “Long live the Prince of Peace.” The Pharisees suddenly realized their plan to arrest Him would be disastrous and fatal, as they anticipated a riot. People were really charged with emotion, and they would do anything for Jesus, their long-awaited Messiah.

What is most disheartening and shocking is the fact that those very people who shouted praises for Jesus and were carried away by Him, would turn against Him and shout for His life a



few days later. In the same breath with which they shouted Hosanna to the King of David, they shouted, “Crucify Him.” Their religious convictions were very shallow and their faith in Jesus was only skin deep. 2000 years later, the situation in Christianity remains essentially

unchanged. How true it is what Jesus said, “Not those who call me Lord, Lord will enter my kingdom.” For many of us, religion has not made a deep enough impact in our lives. Our lives and actions will reveal what we truly believe. Our faith should reveal our passion for the Passion of Jesus. Unfortunately, we are always wavering in our faithfulness to Jesus and fail to prove our ultimate love and commitment to Him.

One day, we are ready to die for Him; but on another day, we shout for His life as the Jews did on Palm Sunday.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

United Conference of
Catholic Bishops Website

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

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 an online registration form on the website (sjapostle.net) FAQ

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

March 25, 26, 27

Morning Mass - 8:30am

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28

8:30am - 10:00am Retreat/Recollection (No Mass)

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29

8:30am - 10:00am Retreat/Recollection (No Mass)



Afternoon Services

12:00 - 1:00pm Personal Way of the Cross

1:00 - 3:00pm Good Friday

Liturgy with Communion

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena Day #1



Evening Services

7:30pm Good Friday Liturgy with Communion

Holy Saturday, March 30

**8:30AM - 10:00AM RETREAT/
RECOLLECTION
(NO MASS)**

After the 8:30 Prayers

Divine Mercy Novena Day #2

7:30pm Easter Vigil

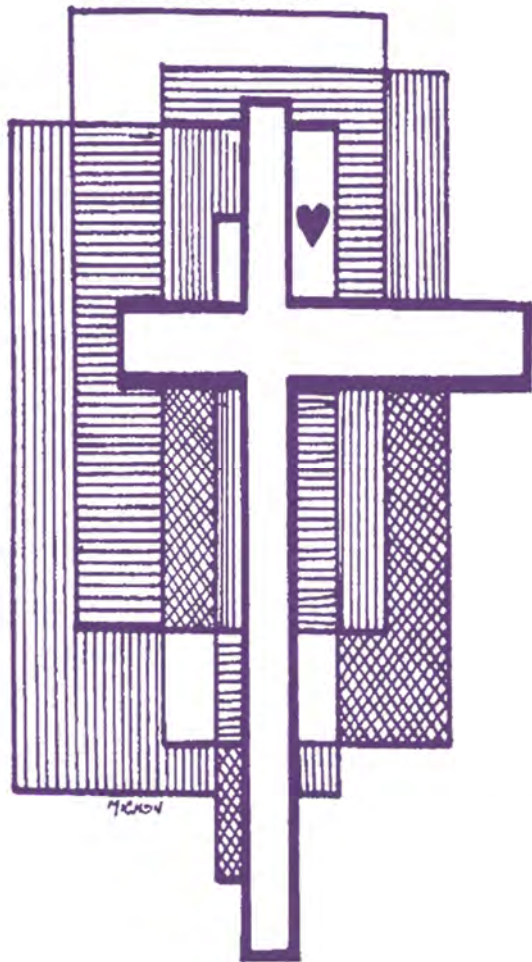
Easter Sunday,

March 31

Masses: 8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00 noon

Divine Mercy Novena Day #3

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The Divine Mercy Apostolate of St. James Catholic Church invites you to join us during
Divine Mercy Novena, March 29 - April 7, 2022

March 29 – Good Friday	After the Good Friday Liturgy at 1:00PM, the Divine Mercy Novena begins
March 30– Holy Saturday	After the 8:30AM prayers
March 31 – Easter Sunday	After the 12:00PM Mass
April 1 – Monday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 2 – Tuesday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 3– Wednesday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 4 – Thursday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 5 – Friday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 6 – Saturday	After the 8:30AM Mass followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Reconciliation
April 7 – Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Day at the 12:00noon Mass. Please Join Us!

Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy...Faustina



Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska **The Humble Instrument**

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.



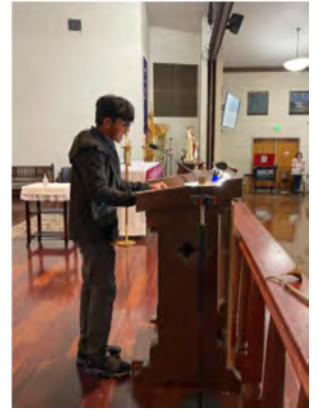
Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf. At the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, we include the following in our 3 o'clock prayers:

Saint Faustina,

you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to whom you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions just mentioned. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. **Amen**

Youth Group at Stations of the Cross



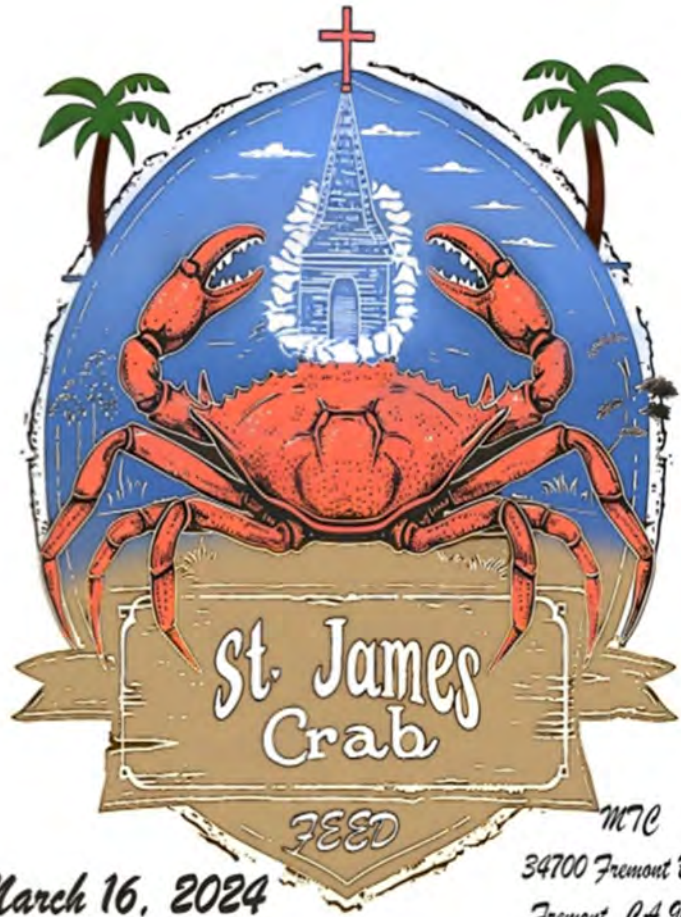
CRAB-FEED 2024

My dear Committee members of the crab-feed 2024,

I have no words to express my love and gratitude for your hard work and dedication to make the Crab-Feed 2024a great success! On behalf of St. James Parish Community, I would like to thank each and every one of you for and place in record my sincerest appreciation. It was a fun evening and everyone who attended went back with a great sense of joy and satisfaction for the wonderful evening they had. Thank you, Jim for the band and the Hawaiian dance which really made a special color to the evening program! Let us thank God for making this Annual Fund-raising event a great success. This was a united effort and united we will achieve great things for the Lord! Our net profit is \$14,210 as of now without the counting the income from the sale of puppy which is yet to be financialized. I heard there is a buyer already for the price of three thousand dollars.

I cannot close my short letter without thanking and recognizing Amalia and Rommel Prejulia, the chairpersons of the crab-feed 2024!

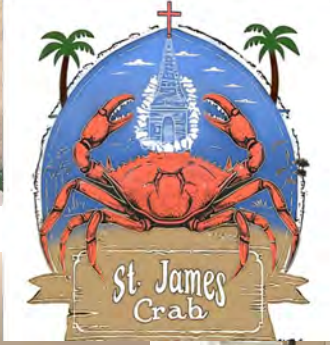
CONGRATULATIONS! Father Antony



March 16, 2024

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2024 Spring Prize Drawing



Sponsored by
St. James the Apostle Church
St. James the Apostle Council
Bp. Floyd L. Begin Assembly
Drawing Will be @ St. James Church on
Sunday, April 7, 2024 after 12pm Mass



Grand Prize*:

Gaming Computer worth \$3000



Specifications:
Panda White Case
RGB Fans
Ryzen 5 5600 processor
16 GB Corsair RGB RAM



2x NVME SSDs total 3 TB storage
MSI RTX 4060
AOC 27" LCD Monitor
Gaming Keyboard and Mouse
RGB Mouse mat



Wireless Game Controller
Corsair Headset
1080p Webcam
Built in WiFi
Bluetooth

Second Prize*: \$1000 cash Third Prize*: \$500 cash

***Need not be present to win. Winner is responsible for all applicable taxes.**

Proceeds to benefit building our new and permanent Church!

TICKET DONATION: \$10.00