

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:MTC@sjapostle.net). (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



## ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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Fr. Antony Vazhappilly, Pastor

## APRIL 14, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

### PARISH CALENDAR

May 5	Youth Concert
Aug 24-25	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



### COLLECTIONS

April 7, 2024

1st Collection	\$6106.00
Special Collections	\$4138.00

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER \

### (LUKE 24:35-48)

### IT IS REALLY !

Suddenly, everything changed for the chosen twelve, Deeper into their lives each of them had to delve. Their master arrested, crucified and buried- They didn't know what would be next and they were worried.

With Jesus, they had expected a better life, Peter had left even his family and life. With His death, their hopes came to be like a bubble, They were soon surrounded by many a trouble.

Jesus knew He must do something to rebuild their trust, With them His mission on earth, Jesus would entrust. Jesus appeared to them when they were together, What Jesus had told them; they could not remember.

At His appearance, they took Him to be a ghost, They were like frightened chickens with their courage lost. To convince them Jesus showed them His hands and feet, Once they recognized Him, joyfully they would greet.

Jesus asked the apostles for something to eat, With a piece of cooked fish, their Master they would treat. They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, When He explained to them His mission, they should shoulder.

Jesus slowly opened their minds to the Scripture, And made them understand without a long lecture. He instructed them to preach to every nation, Jesus entrusted with them His future mission.

#### Questions:

1. Describe your first personal encounter with Jesus.
2. What changes did that encounter cause within you?
3. How has that experience and change within you affected your relations with people?

#### Reflections:

This is Jesus' third resurrection appearance in Luke's Gospel. The women find the empty tomb, but they took Jesus to be the gardener. Jesus' second resurrection appearance had been to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, but they did not recognize Him either. They thought Jesus was a traveler. Jesus' appearance to the "eleven and their companions" took place in Jerusalem where the two men who encountered the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus found the eleven gathered together. This meeting probably took place on Easter evening, in



the room where the disciples had gathered behind locked doors for fear of the Pharisees. Suddenly, Jesus appeared and stood in their midst. Startled and terrified, they thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. They were joyful but disbelieving and still wondering. He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence. Jesus is keen to reassure His friends that He is not a ghost but the same eternal Son of God resurrected. The strongest proof of this identity were His wounds, a clear sign that "the Messiah was to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day." Yet, they are also signs that "repentance and the forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations." In simple ways like eating a piece of fish, the disciples saw with the eyes of faith. He was showing them in simple ways that it is the same Lord as they knew Him before His death and resurrection.

In relating this story that includes a large group of disciples as eyewitnesses, Luke's purpose was to establish that Jesus had been raised from the dead with a physical body. The disciples each had a personal experience of the risen Lord. It changed their lives and expectations completely. Before this appearance, they were defeated and afraid. After this appearance, they would find courage to preach publicly on street corners in Jerusalem. Peter, who denied Jesus three times, suddenly became a valiant preacher unafraid of the Jewish authority who had given him strict orders not to speak in the name of Jesus. Like Peter, all of them courageously preached the Gospel and brought thousands into the Christian faith. They would boldly go on to change the world.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke says, the disciples are to be Jesus' witnesses "in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8). In Mark and Matthew, Jesus issued an explicit commissioning mandate. Whereas, Luke emphasized repentance and forgiveness of sins, Mark emphasized preaching the Gospel and Matthew



**MESSAGE  
FROM  
FR. ANTONY**

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emphasized making disciples and teaching. The initial proclamation took place on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem with Peter's sermon (Acts 2), which emphasized these three themes:

The suffering and death of the Messiah,  
His resurrection on the third day,  
The proclamation of repentance and forgiveness to all nations.

Jesus told them to be witnesses of the God to the whole world. As witnesses, they could give the best testimony to His resurrection. They had seen Jesus with their own eyes. They could testify to having seen Jesus after His resurrection, and they could also testify to seeing Him ascend into heaven. They will now go to different corners of the world and proclaim the Gospel and all of them except John would become martyrs for Jesus. They would share the story of Jesus not as hearsay but as of their own personal experience and knowledge. The story of Jesus continues in the world. Even though we have not seen the risen Christ with our own eyes, we have seen Him through the Gospels. We are called by our baptism to share the story as we have experienced it. Of course, it may not be without cost. Are you ready? I leave this question to you for your personal response. The story of Jesus continues in the world.

It's not enough that the tomb is empty. It's not enough to proclaim, "Christ is risen!" It's not enough to believe in the resurrection. At some point, we must move from the event of the resurrection to experiencing the resurrection. Experiencing resurrected life begins with recognizing the risen Christ among us. That is the gift of Easter, and it is also the difficulty and challenge described in today's gospel.

They saw Him, they heard His voice, but they didn't recognize Him. They "thought that they were seeing a ghost." They knew Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. They knew dead men don't come back to life. This can only be a ghost, a spirit without a body. The tomb was open, but their minds were closed. Our minds, too, are closed to Jesus most of the time. Many a time we do not recognize Jesus because we do not have time for Him. We are always busy doing one thing or another. He comes and knocks at our door, but we are drowned by too many noises that we do not hear His knock. Jesus constantly speaks to us through varied ways and means but we can hardly hear Him because our minds are focused on material and earthly things. Some of us are afraid to recognize Him because we know we are not living a life pleasing to Him so we avoid Him. There are many who have distanced themselves from Him for many years, and they do not

know how to come back to Him. The message of the resurrection is that He has opened the gates of heaven to us sinners. All are welcome to come back to Him and enter our eternal life through Him. Jesus our Lord and Savior, longs and desires to open our minds to understand the scriptures, to understand all that has been written, spoken, and revealed about Him in whatever form that has happened. That's what Jesus did for the disciples and it's what He does for us. This is not an academic or intellectual understanding. That the disciples are witnesses does not mean they now have all the answers. It means they now have the life Jesus wants to give them. They are witnesses based not on what they know, but on who they are, how they live, and their relationship with the risen Christ.



## 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

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**TOGETHER WE'RE  
STRONG & NEVER ALONE**

**2nd St James the Apostle Youth Spring Concert**

# ST JAMES GOT TALENT

**05 MAY 2024**

**CONCERT FROM 3-6:00PM**



**Raffle, Fishball, Boba, Ginataan,  
Lumpia, Binatog Vendors Atbp**

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW \$25**