

## 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.)



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Fr. Antony Vazhappilly, Pastor

# JULY 14, 2024

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH CALENDAR

July 28	Divine Mercy Rummage Sale after Masses
July 28	Bollywood Bash sponsored by Vailankanni Group
Aug 17-18	St. James 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**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30pm

**St. Vincent de Paul**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7:00 pm

**Bishop Begin Assembly 3546**

Business Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:30pm

**Pastoral Council**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:00pm

### Monthly Devotions:

**First Friday** begins at 8:30am Mass, adoration during the day, 6:30pm  
Rosary, 7:30pm Mass

## COLLECTIONS

### July 07, 2024

1st Collection

\$5180.00

Special Collections

\$3877.00

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
(MARK 6:7-13)  
HE SENT THEM TWO BY TWO**

The twelve apostles came from Galilee,  
Mostly fishermen, they lived by the sea.  
They were men with limited education,  
Jesus called them for a special mission.

Jesus knew they could become a strong team,  
He sowed in each of them a divine dream.  
They were not without worldly ambition,  
Some of them even sought for position.

On them, Jesus would establish His Church,  
And He would send them two by two to preach.  
Jesus would give them strict rules to follow,  
Some of them were difficult to swallow.

He called the twelve and sent them two by two,  
Gave them clear instructions on what to do.  
They'd cast out evil spirits in His name,  
The need for repentance they did proclaim.

As instructed, they took a walking stick,  
And moved from house to house, blessing the sick.  
They anointed with oil those who were ill,  
Helped people in every valley and hill.

He relied on the twelve for His mission,  
Jesus would send them on a commission.  
They were only a drop in the ocean,  
See what they have achieved with their passion!

**Questions:**

1. Why is it difficult for you to become a saint?
2. Which part of the reflections below can help you through this difficulty?
3. After reading the stanzas above and reflections below, where will you draw your strength and inspiration?

**Reflections:**

The world can never fully comprehend the qualities Jesus had in mind when He called the twelve apostles. What did He really look for in His apostles? It may be better to ask, what did He see in them that others would have easily missed? Most of them were simple, uneducated fishermen. They were poor people who struggled to support their families and were at the mercy of the sea. Jesus was and is in love with the poor. Even though He is the Son of God, the second person

of the Holy Trinity, He demonstrated complete detachment from worldly things. By choosing to be born poor, live poor, and even die poor, He identified with the abandoned and marginalized. Most people struggle to understand why He chose to do it and conclude simply that His priorities are not our priorities.

Jesus did not call the qualified, but He qualified who He called. Being perfect, He did not err in His choices and knew what they were capable of becoming under His care and guidance. Jesus would revolutionize the world with His new teachings. He would teach His followers, "Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone takes your cloak, do not withhold your tunic as well. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what is yours, do not demand it back" (Luke 6:28-30). Jesus taught by life and example, which His chosen apostles faithfully followed. In remaining by Jesus' side, they left everything they had known behind and committed their lives to preaching the Gospel. They never strayed from their mission and knowing Jesus's path, they all chose to die for their Lord and Master. They were, in fact, ordinary men with human limitations who often struggled to do the right thing. In fact, some were ambitious for worldly power and position, were envious of one another, and fought among themselves to be the greatest. Peter, their leader, was the most impetuous among the twelve and was the only one who denied Jesus three times, contrary to the promise he made. "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus understood them better than anybody and said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Luke 5:31-32). Once they understood that they had discovered the greatest treasure, Jesus Christ, they were easily able to give up everything, even their own lives, for the sake of the new Kingdom that Jesus revealed.

If you are tempted to give up because you believe you are failing to bring about a real transformation in yourself, take a closer look at



**MESSAGE  
FROM  
FR. ANTONY**

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the apostles. They will inspire you. Look at doubting Thomas, who refused to believe when his companions told him Jesus had risen. Look at James and John, two brothers, who sought for special places at Jesus' left and right. And of course, examine Peter, who turned his back on his fidelity and faithfulness when he was recognized to be Jesus' apostle. Then, we have Simon, the zealot, who was a terrorist against Rome. They gave up their human side and embraced Jesus, for whom all of them died. There is no comparison between who they were before the Pentecost and after the Pentecost. They changed their lives beyond recognition. Their evangelical passion and commitment are manifest from the number of followers that grew in the early stages of the Church, as Jesus became the center of their lives. These rustic men of Galilee are remembered to this day as the true heroes of the Gospel. They are the foundation of the Catholic Church, which is also understood to preserve as its foundation apostolic teaching. Jesus, their Master, died on the cross for our salvation and proved to us what He said, "Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:3) Choosing to die for Him, the Apostles showed that there is no better way to die than to die for Jesus.

Jesus had no backup plan. He entrusted His entire mission and its continuation to the hands of the Apostles. One evening after dinner, He called His apostles together and told them His plan of sending them two by two on a practical mission. He gave them strict instructions on what they should carry, how they should behave, and what they should do. They were to carry nothing with them except a walking stick, which would be useful climbing hills or to protect themselves against stray dogs or other animals that they might encounter on the way. They were to eat what the families prepared for them - no special menu was allowed. If they were not welcome in any place or by any people, they were to leave gently by shaking the dust from their feet. There was a sudden spur of enthusiasm and happiness as they set out. They would visit families, praying over the sick and anointing them with oil. They emphasized the importance of repentance. Every evening, after they had eaten their meals, the people gathered around the Apostles in order to listen to their teachings. Soon, the news spread of the miracles they worked in the name of Jesus,

including the healing of the sick. One cannot imagine the joy and excitement with which the Apostles were received. Each one was called to account by Jesus, just as He had described in the parable of the talents. Jesus knew that since they could be trusted in small things, they were ready to be trusted with the much greater work of evangelization.

We can truly say that the Apostles defied all expectations and confounded their arch enemies, who plotted for their annihilation. The Apostles were unstoppable in preaching the Gospel and continued in their ministry with ever increasing alacrity. The more these early Christians were persecuted and tortured, the more enthusiastic and effective they became in spreading the Gospel. The Acts of the Apostles is a living testimony to the commitment, motivation, and the true spirit of Christ that these men and women cherished in their hearts. The Church Christ founded on the Apostles will outlive any persecutions that she may face in the world. It has suffered both from inside and outside from its very inception. There are popular movements that are motivated by the thought that the best way to destroy morality is to attack the Catholic Church. But, in all suffering and persecution, the Church will be victorious because she is under the supervision of the Holy Spirit. Christ built the Church on Peter as He says, "Now, I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build My church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

## RUMMAGE SALE



**Sponsored by  
Divine Mercy**

**July 28  
After all Masses**

**All Proceeds to the New Church**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

United Conference of

Catholic Bishops Website

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



**Next Fatima  
Celebration**

**August 13**

**Rosary 7:00pm  
Holy Mass  
7:30pm**



**St. James Parishioners  
You are invited  
to have  
Our Lady of Fatima  
statue  
in your home for two  
weeks.**

Please sign up at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AEA62EA2F4C25-50112309-pilgrims#/>

If you have any questions, please call  
Judi Domingo at **510-767-9548**



**August 4  
Feast of God the Father  
of All Mankind  
Celebration  
12:00 noon Mass**

**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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CATHOLIC CHURCH

IT'S ALL IN OUR HANDS

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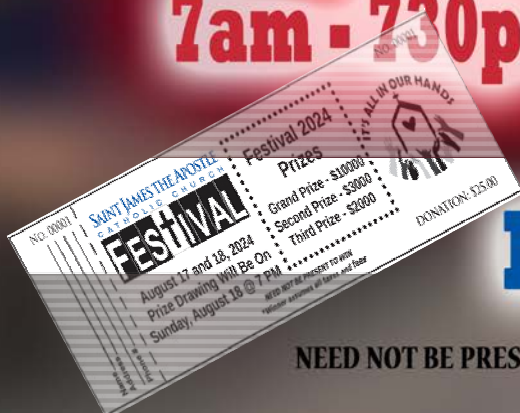
FESTIVAL

ENTERTAINMENT

34700 Fremont Blvd  
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7am - 7:30pm

August 17 & 18, 2024  
Raffle Drawing Will Be On  
Sunday, Aug 18 @ 7:00 PM

Grand Prize - \$10,000  
Second Prize - \$3,000  
Third Prize - \$2,000



FOOD VENDORS

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN \*Winner assumes all taxes and fees