

## PARISH INFORMATION & SCHEDULES

### Office Phone 510-792-1962 - 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 the office 510-792-1962 or 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

# OCTOBER 13, 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH CALENDAR

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

**KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after 10am Mass

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

United Conference of  
Catholic Bishops Website

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

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (MARK 10:17-30) GO AND SELL WHAT YOU HAVE AND GIVE TO THE POOR

Jesus seemed very harsh on the rich people,  
As it's difficult for them to be very humble.  
There's a danger that they are driven by pride,  
With no time for God, from Him they try to hide.

The rich may easily fall into self-deceit,  
To make money, they may even try to cheat.  
Money gives them a great sense of achievement,  
The more they have, the more is their fulfillment.

Money often gets them into competition,  
Never content, they're blinded by ambition.  
Once they meet one goal, they pursue another,  
In this mad game, money becomes their master.

Insatiable thirst for money causes strain,  
And they become numb to their spiritual pain.  
Their effort to find happiness goes in vain,  
For their eternal life, they will make no gain.

The rich tend to keep money as their treasure,  
They have made so much that they cannot measure.  
Money can only buy them earthly pleasure,  
With death, everything will come to a closure.

Wealth and riches come to you from God as a gift,  
You should use them as they're for others' benefit.  
By sharing them with the poor and the needy-  
You serve God and you will never be greedy.

### Questions:

1. Which line of this poem challenges you to see past the world around you?
2. Are the rich the only ones facing this type of challenge?
3. How will you be able to overcome this challenge in your own life?

### Reflections:

"Will the rich be saved?" My answer to this question, is a resounding "Yes!" The rich are children of God just like anybody else. There is no automatic salvation to any particular group. God loves the rich as much as He loves the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the homeless, the prisoners, and the criminals. God is love. He knows only how to love, whether we are saints or sinners. He never condemned the rich. As a matter of fact, He mixed with the rich and the poor in the same way without any distinction or differences of behavior. He was comfortable in any social setting or gathering. He treated all with love

and respect. His approach to people was one of love. He showed no partiality to anyone, nor did He show favoritism.

However, He noticed the struggles and challenges the rich people faced to follow the path of God. He realized how difficult it would be for the rich people to serve the Lord whole-heartedly. He was aware of the pain the rich people would go through renouncing their wealth. The rich people may be more busy dealing with the affairs of the world than affairs of God. With no apparent need to depend on anyone for help, they may grow into a sense of adequacy which may make them self-reliant. They may begin to count all their blessings as rewards of their hard work and may fail to see the hand of God in their lives. There is a danger that they may claim ownership over everything that they have made and may sideline God from their lives. In the Gospel of Mark, he narrates the story of a rich young man who wanted to follow Jesus and inherit eternal life. Jesus told him to follow the Ten Commandments. The young man said he practiced these from his childhood. Jesus loved him and told him that he lacked one thing. Jesus advised him to sell everything he had and give the money to the poor. He told the young man that this would help him find the treasure in heaven and to come, follow Him. The young man suddenly became very sad and went away disappointed because he had too much to give up. Seeing the rich young man go away, Jesus turned to the apostles and reminded them how hard it would be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! He even made a comparison by saying that it would be easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark: 10:17-27).

Money is an exception to the law of diminishing returns. The more one has, the more he still wants to have. Making money soon becomes an ambitious plan that never ceases. Soon it becomes an obsession, which drives you into competition. Money made by honest means is praiseworthy, provided you do not make money your master and yourself its slave. Money is necessary because without it you cannot live a comfortable life with good food, clothing, and shelter. Money is important in our life as long as it does not dictate our life and we don't make money our god. Jesus said that we cannot serve both God and mammon. An insatiable quest for money can take you away from God, as you begin to rely more on money and forget the One who provides it. Undue attachment to money can make you so complacent that you may forget money does not follow you after death. You can be so busy making money that you may forget to live your life and fail to nourish your family with love and care. It is important to consider that God has entrusted you with His wealth. It is not your wealth, and it does not belong to you. It belongs exclusively to God.



MESSAGE  
FROM  
FR. ANTONY

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He has given you the responsibility to use it according to His will. Are you doing so?

Jesus is not against the rich people who have wealth. He is against their attitude of pride and arrogance, which blinds them so much that they fail to share their blessings with others. They get so engrossed in counting their money that they have no time or money for charity. God wants you to enjoy your life appropriately. Legitimate enjoyment is good. What is important is to have the spirit of poverty, which makes you see millions of unfortunate brothers and sisters who must survive by eating the crumbs that fall from your table. You should not forget that when you give a glass of cold water to a thirsty brother or sister, you are actually giving it to Jesus. Your wealth is God's gift to you, and the only way you can show your gratitude to Him is by sharing it with others. By amassing and hoarding your money, you deprive the hungry of their daily bread. In addition, there will be a judgment day when you will be expected to give an account of your life. The more you have, the more you are expected to account to your Creator. You must learn to use your blessings as opportunities to serve the needy and the poor.

Money seems to be the cause of all problems in the world today. Look at the money-related problems that plague our world today. Criminal rates are ever on the increase, and money lies at the root of these cases. In the past, we needed money to look after our needs. Today, greed drives men to amassing more and more wealth. Behind every war or socio-political problem is money. Instead of man controlling and using money wisely, today, money is controlling man and makes man more selfish and self-centered.

Jesus makes it very clear that we are not to have security in earthly things. Truth be known, we are not even to consider these earthly things. We don't even have to worry about them. The only thing we must be concerned about is seeking God first and if we seek Him and His will, He will bring all those things to us. The rich young man didn't get this about Jesus. He couldn't separate himself from his things. Things are not wrong, but security or trust in those things is wrong. When we fail to put our security in God it kills our faith. He is our supply. He is our security. We need to learn to put our faith in Him not things that surround us. Today, more and more people instead of possessing material things are possessed by them. This trend is dangerous. If you keep and hoard money, it has no value. When you use it for good things, money becomes valuable. Keep this thought always: God has not blessed you with money to raise your standard of living but to raise your standard of giving.

It is said that the rich help the poor to have a comfortable life here on earth. The poor help the

rich to have a wonderful life in the next. The way to heaven is only through service of mankind. There are no shortcuts to eternity. Money can never buy heaven. Money, if used with love and responsibility in service to the poor, will make our journey to Heaven easier. At the end of our lives, we will be judged based on what Jesus taught, "I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me water..." (Matthew 25:35). The more money we make, the more grateful to God we should become, for "God loves a cheerful giver" (2. Corinthians 9:7).



## **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**

## **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](http://sjapostle.net)) FAQ

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