

## 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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## PARISH CALENDAR

### 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>

In Memoriam:  
Pope Francis



## 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (John 20:19-31)

### *PEACE BE WITH YOU!*

The world cannot give us true peace,  
Our suffering or pain the world can't ease.  
There's much sadness around us today,  
Worldly peace can't last in any way.

You get no peace having a big name,  
Nor will there be peace with wealth or fame.  
Peace doesn't come from having big titles,  
The peace the world gives us is little.

All people long for peace in their life,  
Without peace, life only brings us strife.  
Sadly, peace eludes the modern man,  
To find peace, we need to seek God's plan.

Peace is a gift only God can give,  
Which, with gratitude, we should receive.  
Nobody can steal this peace away,  
It'll bring us joy more than words can say.

The Giver of peace came to the world,  
His coming the prophets had foretold.  
He was the Light to lighten our path,  
The way to peace is the narrow path.

Without peace, we live our life in pain,  
Our wealth and positions are in vain.  
We may be able to conquer the world  
Without peace, our life, we cannot hold.

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. How do you deal with insecurity and uncertainty?
2. When things start to go bad, do you try to take control?
3. Where do you turn for peace?
4. What will give you a long-lasting peace that will never be disturbed?
5. Which stanza of this poem helps you the most?

### **REFLECTIONS:**

Peace is a state of mind, an inner tranquility that you enjoy at any given time. Peace brings a certain calmness to your body, and your mind is free from being disturbed or troubled. There is an inner freedom that makes you look very peaceful. This is a state of mind that all long for but few find. This is because we are not prepared to walk the path of peace. We will find no peace if we look for it in the wrong places, things, or people. The way to peace is very hard and not many are willing to follow this path. As in many other cases, we often look for shortcuts to peace. The world offers many quick fixes to improve our lives. We are familiar with slogans that promise you better physical health, weight loss, mental health, and so on. We are constantly on the lookout for shortcuts to a happy marriage, healthy relationships, or successful parenthood. All the time we are being seduced to buy products that can offer only short term solutions. Take a close look at your own life. Realize how often you have fallen victim to these enticements. What is the result? Have they improved your life to one that has long-lasting happiness and peace? Is your home today a sanctuary of peace? Are you a harbinger of peace in the family?

**APRIL 27, 2025**



**MESSAGE  
FROM  
FR. ANTONY**

Modern man is not very patient and looks for quick solutions to his problems. He is in a hurry moving from one schedule to another that makes him exhausted at the end of the day. He experiments with different things hoping to find peace. The more he tries, the farther he gets from finding peace. Peace eludes modern man, who has a much more comfortable life today than his counterparts of the past. He has embraced materialism with the hope that material things will bring him peace. He tries to get the best and most of everything that the world can offer. He buys them hoping to find peace. There is no end to his craze to amass wealth, titles, power, and position. The more he has, the less he is peaceful. He is restless and sleepless because he is afraid of his possessions and power being stolen. He now has more fears and worries to deal with than the possessions he is able to count. At the depth of his heart, there is a nagging doubt whether the material things that he has amassed can guarantee him peace. The more he seeks peace the more peace runs away from him. An inner voice, in vain, persistently tries to tell him that he has to change his direction and focus to find lasting peace elsewhere. Being drowned by too many promising voices of the world, he continues to seek peace in the wrong places and things. This is especially the story of the rich and influential people of the world. They refuse to accept the fact that at the bottom of their hearts there is acute loneliness, fear, and restlessness. They are a bunch of unhappy men and women who put on masks to cover the horrendous state of their inner selves. The expensive clothes they wear and rich lifestyles they follow are some of the things they do to hide their inner miseries. They are in constant fear of being exposed to the world of their inner conflicts.

Look at the world for a while. If materialism could give us peace, Americans should be the most peaceful people on the planet since they have every material blessing. Unfortunately, they are not. There is so much unhappiness in the lives of people. Depression has pervaded too many lives of both young and old Americans. This should be a wakeup call for us to slow down and make an evaluation of our lives. Self-examination is the key to our healthy living. This will open our eyes to see that peace is not possible away from God. God alone is the Giver of peace and following God's way is the key to a life of peace and joy. We may be able to have the best and the most of everything that the world offers. Peace does not come from the possession of these things. These material things are like grass which withers in the fields under the scorching sun. We may try very hard to live in peace, but without God our efforts are wasted. How many years have we to pray before a mango tree starts producing apples instead of mangoes? How many more years do you want to pray for peace without God? Inasmuch as a mango tree will never produce apples, so also our seeking for peace without God will never bear fruit.

Every time Jesus appeared to the apostles after the resurrection, He always greeted them, "Peace be with you." Jesus, the Prince of Peace, had suffered at the hands of cruel men who crucified Him. At His death, the apostles lost all hope. They counted their days in fear that they would also meet with the same fate as their Master. They were troubled, anxious, and afraid when Jesus came to them with the greeting of peace and love. Initially, they thought He was a ghost. Jesus had to rebuild their confidence and trust because they had begun to think that everything was lost. They even failed to recognize Him. But when they did recognize Him, they had no more fears, worries, or anxieties. When we, too, recognize Jesus as our Savior, our life, and our hope, there will be peace in our lives. More and more people are beginning to experience an inner emptiness, meaninglessness, and uselessness in their lives. Living conditions and standards have improved considerably but the quality of living has not made any improvement. As a matter of fact, it is getting worse every day. This is reflected in the suicide rate that has skyrocketed during the last fifty years, as well as in the rates of broken families and divorces, which is at an all-time high at the moment. Take a look around to see how many single parents are raising children. Who can replace the emptiness and vacuum that has been created in the hearts of children because their parents are separated? If Jesus is in their lives, they will be able to handle their problems differently and peace will be their choice. If Jesus is at the center of their families, He will be the Pillar of unity and harmony in the families.

On a different note, I would like to conclude my reflection on the Divine Mercy Sunday reminding all of us that we are recipients of God's mercy. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina in these words: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."



## Easter Vigil - April 19, 2025 Sound of Light Choir & Altar Servers



The Divine Mercy Apostolate of St. James Catholic Church invites you to join us during  
**Divine Mercy Novena, April 18 - April 27, 2025**

April 18 – Good Friday	After the Good Friday Liturgy at 1:00PM, the Divine Mercy Novena begins
April 19– Holy Saturday	After the 8:30AM prayers
April 20 – Easter Sunday	After the 12:00PM Mass
April 21 – Monday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 22 – Tuesday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 23– Wednesday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 24 – Thursday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 25 – Friday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 26 – Saturday	After the 8:30AM Mass followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Reconciliation
April 27 – Sunday	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Day</b> 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**



# Holy Spirit Church and School

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## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

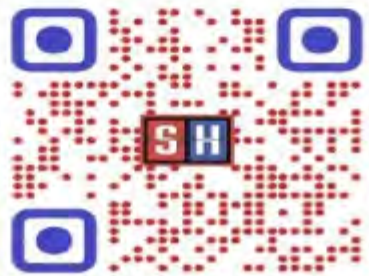
Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul

**SATURDAY, MAY 3RD AT 11 AM**

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL, PARISH CENTER  
37588 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT

FEEES:	PRIZES FOR ADULTS:
Adults \$60/team	1st : \$300
Kids (14 & under) \$40/team	2nd : \$150
	3rd : \$75

**Food and Drinks available for purchase**  
For questions contact [TFEZLER@AMPF.COM](mailto:TFEZLER@AMPF.COM)



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Our Lady of Fatima  
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for two weeks.**

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

**THE DIVINE MERCY  
APOSTOLATE  
OF ST. JAMES PARISH**

invites you to welcome **The Divine Mercy and Mother of Mercy** into your home. We bring the images to your home, for your special prayers, intentions, for sick family members and prayer of heartfelt Thanksgiving.

The following are the dates available for the Year

Jan 26

Feb 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

April 6

May 4 & 18

June 1, 15 & 29

July 13 & 27

Aug 10 & 24

Sept 7 & 21

Oct 5 & 19

Nov 2, 16 & 30

Dec 14 & 28

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