

Our Mission: Sharing Faith, Celebrating Traditions, and Serving Each Other to the Praise and Glory of God

Treasures From Our Tradition

Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven's banquet dimmed, since most people saw God's just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn't improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late.

As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the "Dark Ages." Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying.

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MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:00 am @ Holy Redeemer

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - 8:00 am @ St. James

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 pm @ Holy Redeemer

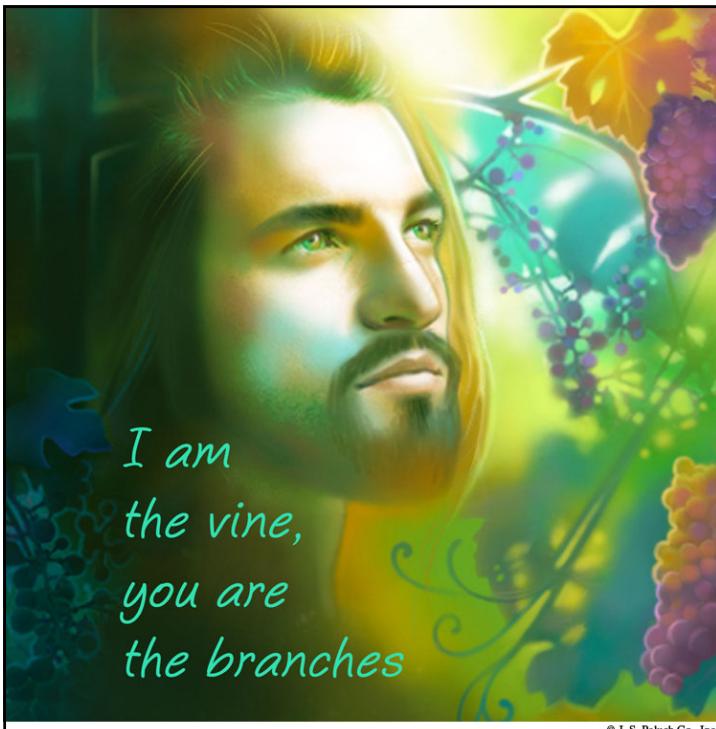
Sunday Masses - 8:30 am @ St. James

- 10:00 am @ Holy Redeemer
- 11:30 am @ St. James
- 5:30 pm @ Holy Redeemer

EUCARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION

Wednesdays 8-9pm at St. James

Confessions by appointment, please call the office



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St James Church Offices: 4651 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214

Visit our Parish website: www.hrsjcatholic.com

Welcome to Holy Redeemer—St James Catholic Community

Ordained Servants

Rev. Edward Dover, Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Marc Trudeau, Weekend Support

Rev. Msgr. John Foley, Pastor Emeritus-Holy Redeemer

Rev. George Brincat, Pastor Emeritus-Our Lady of Lourdes

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Servants of Music Ministry

Amelia Acosta

Charlotte Lansberg

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Michael Paul Leon

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Trish Swords

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Deirdre Cascelli

Christine Corrigan

Kathy McCauley

Alexa Ruegg

Doug Sinning

The Blessed Virgin Mary

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Why is May Dedicated to Mary?

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

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Parish Information

This Week in Our Parish....

Monday, May 04, 2015

- School in SJ Msgr Barry Hall -(7:30 AM)
- Bible Study in HR Healy Hall - (10:00 AM)
- Pioneer Club Senior Club in HR Healy Hall - (11:00AM)
- EDGE Youth Ministry in SJ Msgr Barry Hall -(6:30 PM)
- Women of Grace in HR St John XXIII Room (7:00 PM)
- St. Vincent de Paul in SJ PC 101 (7:00 PM)

Tuesday, May 05, 2015

- Bible Study in SJ PC 101 (9:00 AM)
- Brothers' Helpers Ministry in HR Healy Hall - (3:00 PM)
- Boy Scout Troop 303 in SJ Msgr Barry Hall -(6:30 PM)
- Life Teen Bible Study in SJ PC 102 (6:30 PM)
- Boy Scouts Troop 317 in HR Healy Hall - (7:00 PM)
- R.C.I.A. in HR St John XXIII Room (7:00 PM)

Wednesday, May 06, 2015

- Divine Mercy in SJ Church (9:30 AM)
- Cub Scout Group in SJ PC Patio (1:00 PM)
- Sch PTO Board in SJ School Faculty Room (7:00 PM)
- Centering Prayer Group in HR Convent Chapel (7:15PM)
- Adult Choir in SJ PC Chapel (7:30 PM)
- Adoration & Confession in SJ Church (8:00 PM)

Thursday, May 07, 2015

- Knitting Group in HR Healy Hall - (12:00 PM)
- Brothers' Helpers Ministry in SJ Msgr Barry Hall (3:00 P
- K of C Meeting in Knights of Columbus Hall (7:30 PM)

Friday, May 08, 2015

- Boy Scout Troop 288 in HR Healy Hall - (5:00 PM)

Saturday, May 09, 2015

- Wedding in HR Church (10:00 AM)

Sunday, May 10, 2015

- Mother's Day
- Baptism in SJ Church (11:30 AM)
- Life Teen Night in HR Healy Hall - (6:30 PM)

Today's Readings

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Mass Intentions

Week of May 2nd—May 9th

Sat.	4:00 pm	Emerita de la Cruz + Shirley Schmalen +
Sun.	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 5:30 am	For the People Joe Riley + Florence Cannella + Mel Eday + Julie Flynn Bloss Gomez + Alison Ruth Powers +
Mon.	8:00 am	Bill O'Brien + Carlos Tomes +
Tues.	8:00 am	Holy Souls Celeste Brenner
Wed.	8:00 am	Rodney Murakami + Lyle Hammermeister
Thurs.	8:00 am	Marica Vasili + Virginia De Leon
Fri.	8:00 am	Lou Sydejko + Josefina Diaz + Angeles de la Rosa
Sat.	8:00 am	Deceased members of the Kain Family Chad Sadler

Mass Intentions

Please visit the church office or email the parish offices if you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one. We have a selection of cards for you to send.. Plan at least 3-4 months ahead of time for specific dates.

*Our parish welcomes through **Baptism** our newest members into our Community,*



Mia Cisneros
Iyla Cisneros
Chase Forte-Tiskowitz
Mila Shumaker
Rosemary Wiggins
Abigail Wiggins

Congratulations to the newly baptized and their families.

Sharing Faith & Celebrating Traditions

Please Pray for the Sick,

Bronwen Bateman

Jayne Beck

John Blackman

Gene Blackmun

Celeste Brenner

Barbara Diekmann

Bill Ferguson

Bob Mimiaga

Omer Mullen

Gloria Rodriguez

Cindy Rutherford

Tommie Stopper

Bible Study

◊ Adult Bible Study at Holy Redeemer:

Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. in HR Healy Hall

◊ Adult Bible Study at St. James:

Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the SJ Parish Center.

◊ Teen Bible Study at St. James:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the SJ Parish Center.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This ministry provides appropriate scripture readings and reflections for our young minds during the 8:30 AM Mass at St James. The priest dismisses the children before the lectors begin the readings and they return after the prayer of the faithful.

Parish Book Discussion Group

The HR-SJ book discussion group talks books, one per month, on the first Friday of the month, 7 pm at the Holy Redeemer rectory. Our March book was a novel written last year, Off Course, by Michelle Huneven, our April book the posthumous memoir, A Moveable Feast, by Ernest Hemingway. Suggest a favorite or a book you'd like to share in the coming months. Read. Discuss. Be inspired.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets on Wednesday mornings (9:30 am) at St James Church, for approximately one hour to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Divine Mercy prayers, and the Praises of the Divine Mercy. The mission of the prayer group is: Trust, Love and Mercy are the essence of the Divine Mercy Devotion.

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10

Bereavement Ministry

If you are interested in volunteering, or if a loved one has been called home by God, the **Bereavement Ministry** is available to provide compassionate support in planning either the Rite of Christian Burial or a Memorial Liturgy to honor a deceased loved one. We know that this can be a tough time. Please remember that your parish is here for you.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

St. James and Holy Redeemer parishes welcome all!

Baptisms are held on the

- First Sunday during the 10 am Mass at HR
- Third Sunday during the 11:30 am Mass at SJ

Baptism Prep (group session): First Saturday of month

Sacrament of First Communion

Preparation for children who have attained the age of reason (usually during 2nd grade) is arranged either through the Office of Religious Education or the parish school. This is a two-year program.

Sacrament of Confirmation

A two-year program for freshman/sophomore-age teens. Apply through the Life Teen office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office upon engagement; at least six months is needed for preparation of this joyous sacrament!

TV Mass for the Homebound

Sunday TV Mass is available for those homebound at 9:00 AM on KDOC-TV, Channel 56 or Charter 165. Check your TV listings for cable/satellite channels.

Note: TV Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation for the faithful who are able to attend in person.

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit bulletin information via email to bulletin.editor@hr-sj.org. Deadline is Friday by 10AM for the following weekend bulletin. For holiday weekends, the deadline is Thursday by 10AM.

We welcome suggestions, articles, and/or photos of our parish life.

Safeguard the Children

Did You Know....

Adults are responsible for reporting abuse

When any adult has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused, he or she has a moral (and often legal) responsibility to report suspicions to civil authorities. Reporting suspected abuse takes courage. Adults who take a stand for children and make the call are often responsible for saving a child from terrible torment. Learn more about how to identify and report suspected abuse by reading chapter 9.8.1 of the Administrative Handbook for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Go to:

<http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-8/topic-9-8-1>

Religious Education Program

NEW FORMAT FOR FAMILY AND

ELEMENTARY CATECHESIS

2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

HOME FAMILY CATECHESIS

CLASS FAMILY CATECHESIS

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS, FAMILIES MEET AT 8:30AM IN HEALY HALL, FOLLOWED BY 10 AM MASS

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

HOME FAMILY CATECHESIS, FAMILIES ATTEND THE MASS OF THEIR CHOICE THEN PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE ASSIGNMENT BASED ON THE PRIEST'S HOMILY FROM SUNDAY. ASSIGNMENT TURNED IN AT CLASS.

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

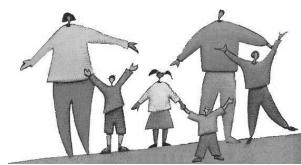
CLASS FAMILY CATECHESIS, FAMILIES ATTEND 8:30 AM MASS AT ST. JAMES. STUDENTS ATTEND CLASS PER GRADE LEVEL 9:30-11:00AM AT ST. JAMES .

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH--

HOME FAMILY CATECHESIS, FAMILIES ATTEND THE MASS OF THEIR CHOICE THEN PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE ASSIGNMENT BASED ON THE PRIEST'S HOMILY FROM SUNDAY. ASSIGNMENT TURNED IN AT WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS.

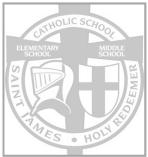
In every age consecrated men and women must continue to be images of Christ the Lord, fostering through prayer a profound communion of mind with him.

Pope John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation Vita Consecrata



THE BULLETIN BOARD

Our Parish School



St. James-Holy Redeemer School invites 4 and 5 year olds and their parents for

Funtastic, Fabulous Friday!

May 7, 12:30-1:30 pm

St. James Kindergarten Room

We'll have special activities and refreshments! Questions? Please contact the school at 818-248-7778.

**St. James -Holy Redeemer Catholic School
is now accepting applications for
the 2015-2016 school year for
students entering grades TK - 7.
Information is available at the school office.**

Brothers' Helpers Ministry

Help us prepare meals for the needy in Los Angeles. For further information please contact:
Tad (818) 249-2272

- ◊ Monday- St. Bede
- ◊ Tuesday- Holy Redeemer
- ◊ Wednesday – La Canada Presbyterian Church
- ◊ Thursday – St. James the Less

3:00 PM Food Prep
5:20 PM Package Food
6:00 PM Depart for La Placita
Children are welcome; however they should be supervised by a parent at all times.

Pancake Breakfast

Holy Redeemer Boy Scout Troop 317
will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 17th from 7:30 am to 11:30 am in Holy Redeemer Healy Hall.

Tickets are \$5 each.

Don't miss our famous **all you can eat** pancakes and delicious toppings!

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Los Angeles, is part of a worldwide organization of lay Catholic men and women who are committed to live and grow in their Christian faith through prayer and personal involvement in charitable works. The Society's mission is accomplished through parish and community-based groups called Conferences (volunteers) and programs called "Special Works."

If you or a loved one needs help with food, clothing, bills, etc, please contact Society of St Vincent de Paul (St James and Holy Redeemer Conference) at the church office: 818-249-2008 x572

Cabrini Literary Guild

The Cabrini Literary Guild invites you to its May 14 luncheon meeting honoring Past Presidents with guest speaker Fr. Paul Hruby. The meeting starts at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon at 12:00 PM for \$30 per person. For information and reservations, please call 818-790-3485.

Sharing Faith, Supporting Growth

Online Giving is a convenient way to give to your church. Remember to use Online Giving for recurring gifts to the church, or send a one-time gift if you are unable to attend Mass. You can access Online Giving from our website, www.hrsjcatholic.com, by selecting "Parish Life", then "Giving". Thank you!

Artists Show ...TODAY!

Please stop by our second annual
"Art in the Convent Garden"
exhibit and sale

TODAY from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

in the gardens of the Holy Redeemer Convent
(across the street from Holy Redeemer Church)

Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

Cordially invites all women of the Archdiocese to attend
the 11th Annual Spring Mass at the
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on
Tuesday, May 12th

Crowning of the Blessed Mother will take place
at 9:50 am. Mass will begin at 10:00 am

Celebrants: Rev. Msgr. James Gehl and
Rev. Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik

ACCW San Fernando Pastoral Region

District Meeting:

Wednesday, May 13th at Incarnation Catholic Church,
Glendale. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes a
speaker, Mass, lunch and concludes at 1:30 pm.
Charge for the day is \$10.00 prepaid. For information
call Ellie Martin at 818-248-1326.

Please join us for

Crescenta Valley's 4th Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, May 19th

7:00 to 8:30 am (Doors open at 6:30 am)
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church—Healy Hall

Special Keynote Speaker: Jim McDonnell
Los Angeles County Sheriff
"Keeping our Kids on Course"

Donation: Adults \$10.00 / Students: Free
Organized by CV Town Council

For information contact: Danette Erickson 818-249-9577
or Harry Leon 818-464-5870

**Send your kids on an icy
expedition!**



Vacation Bible School

July 6-10

All children Pre-K - 5th grade welcome!

At Everest VBS, kids embark on the coolest adventure of the summer! VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences where kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Science and crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings.

Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid™ that will let the kids in our community show God's mighty love to kids in Thailand.

Registration forms available at
www.hrsjcatholic.com under the Faith Formation tab.

Help Us Help Others

Please Donate!

Bundle Sunday

May 31st at St James parish parking lot
Please bring usable clothing, household items
and small appliances in good condition.

All proceeds of the sales will benefit people
in the community who are in need.

To donate large items, appliances or furniture, please
call the St. Vincent de Paul truck pick-up line
at 800-974-3571. Free Pick-Up!

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