

OUR MISSION

To love God,
proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
and to serve all God's people.

ST. JAMES • ST. LEO

• CATHOLIC COMMUNITY •



Third Sunday of Advent~ December 15, 2019

Under the care of the Eudist Fathers of the North American Province



The desert and the parched land
will exult; the steppe will rejoice
and bloom.

*They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.*

~ Isaiah 35:1-2

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM
8:30 AM St. Leo Spanish
9:00 AM
10:30 AM St. Leo Spanish
11:30 AM
6:00 PM

Daily Mass at St. James

8:00 AM | Monday - Friday

Liturgy of the Hours

7:30 AM | Monday - Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Monday, St. Leo Mission
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM | Thursday, St. James

Communion Service

6:45 AM | Monday - Friday
8:00 AM | Saturday

Reconciliation

3:30 PM | Saturday

Baptism

Call (858) 755-2545 *106

Marriage Preparation

Call Parish Office
(858) 755-2545 ext. *112
9 months prior to wedding

St. James Church

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Office hours:

Monday 10:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

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Fr. Gerard's Corner

"Be patient," James counsels his readers, even though "the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5:8). Isaiah would agree, for he and the rest of the Israelites had to wait decades to be able to resettle in the Promised Land. But eventually the land would bloom. So too our hearts. Though Jesus is at hand here and now, the time at which he will bloom in each individual heart is not known.

John the Baptist may have been confused because he expected Jesus to do more separating of the wheat from the chaff, as we heard him warn last Sunday. Many assumed that the Messiah would lead the worthy to victory and condemn the sinful. Instead, Jesus has spent his time healing the afflicted and blessing the oppressed. It's as if John were waiting for the other shoe to drop. Jesus suggests the Messiah's mission is actually somewhat different, no offense.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds John's disciples of the wonders he has done. He lists quite a few, including healing lepers and raising the dead. Jesus has transformed people's lives. Interestingly, in almost every case Jesus does not suffer the affliction himself. Jesus is not deaf or blind or lame. But he is one: he is poor. Jesus lived his life in poverty. He was born in a stable, brought to Egypt as a refugee, driven from his hometown of Nazareth when he began his ministry, lived without a home as an adult, and kept no possessions. So what does he do for the poor, considering he is poor himself? He proclaims the Good News. He brings them God's promise of redemption. He himself is the miracle.

Fr. Gerard
J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Question of the Week:

Even as I welcome Jesus into my heart, can I be patient for his full flowering? Can I be patient for his flowering in my neighbor and in the world?



Weekly Collection December 8, 2019

At Mass	\$12,181.77
Online Giving	\$ 11,070.08
Total	\$23,251.85

*What return shall I make to the Lord
for all the Lord has given me
— Psalm 116*

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Las Posadas begins

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

Prayer Requests

Doris Bower	Barry Kershaw
Gerri Dunham	Lou Marsh
Tommy Fitzpatrick	Aidan Morris
Doris Garcia	Jessica Painter
Dana Grant	Catherine Renner
Pete Heffron	Dottie Renner
Harvey Hodsdon	Mike Reynolds
Evelyn Jerde	Debbie Reynolds
Aaron Jilka	Tim Rueth Family
Linda Johnson	Mark S.
Monica	Nona Sims
Mary Kieffer	Andrew Thompson

We are happy to list the names of persons who need special prayers. Names will be listed for one month. Call (858) 755-2545 ext.*100 to add a name to the list. Please make sure you have permission from the person prior to calling.

Eucharistic Adoration

"What practically can we do during this season of vigil keeping? What are some practices that might incarnate for us the Advent spirituality? I strongly recommend the classically Catholic discipline of Eucharistic adoration. To spend a half hour or an hour in the presence of the Lord is not to accomplish or achieve very much—it is not really "getting" anywhere—but it is a particularly rich form of spiritual waiting." -Bishop Robert Barron

We need additional adorers to sign up for Thursday 10-11 am.

Please sign up to spend an hour on Thursdays with Jesus. Call Monica (858) 945-7220 or email mzeboldbell@cox.net

All are welcome to join the **Rosary group any Monday** 6pm in the chapel behind the Altar.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec 16 ~ Howard McLean †

Tuesday, Dec 17 ~ Robert Huddleston †

Wednesday, Dec 18 ~ Joe Moisant Int.

Thursday, Dec 19 ~ Jean Stanley †

Friday, Dec 20 ~ Fr. Ricardo Frausto Int.

Prayer Ministry Schedule

- 3rd Saturdays after 5 p.m. Mass.
- 3rd Sundays after 9 & 11:30 a.m. Masses
- 3rd Wednesdays: 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. **"Holy Spirit Encounter"** Worship/Adoration, and praying over individuals.



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ADVENT

Penance Services

Dec 16	St. Thomas More	7pm
Dec 17	Mission San Luis Rey	1pm
Dec 18	St. Francis	12:30pm & 6:30pm
Dec 19	St. Peter	10:30am & 6:00pm
Dec 20	St. Mark (Spanish)	6:30pm
Dec 23	St. Mark (English)	6:30pm

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Events happening this week:

Sun., Dec 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**
Peppermint Fair, Hall

Mon., Dec 16 **9:00am-5:00pm Adoration,** St. Leo

Thur., Dec 12 **8:30am-7:00pm Adoration,** Prayer
Chapel

Sun., Dec 16 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

We Need Your Opinion!

Our Pastoral Council has created a parish survey that can be found on our web site:

www.stjamesandleo.org. Look for the "Parish Survey" button! There are questions on Liturgy, Hospitality, Youth, the Academy, and Evangelization.

Your ideas matter – thank you!



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Have you moved?

Are you new to the parish? Have you been coming to Mass for a while but never registered? Have you moved or changed your phone number? Would you like to receive envelopes?

Registration forms are available in the brochure rack in the church vestibule, on line on our website and in the parish office. We can even mail one to you!

Please be aware that if you are giving online, that does not make you registered in the parish. You need to complete a parish registration form for us to track your donations.

If you have any questions, whether you are registered or not, please call the office at 858-755-2545 ext. *100

Mission Circle

People Helping People In Need

Be sure to like Mission Circle on Facebook to keep up with all our news and activities!

Travel Size Toiletries

Thank you for all your generous donations!

We still have a great need for travel sized toiletries. Please save the travel-size toiletries from your hotel stays and leave them under the sink in the church social room. The prisoners in the Tijuana jail will greatly appreciate them.



THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear

the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

Sexual Abuse Compensation Program

The Independent Victim Compensation Program (ICP), a program sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego to assist victim-survivors who were abused as minors by priests of this diocese, is accepting applications. The ICP is independent and not controlled by the Church. There is no time limit on when the abuse may have taken place. The program will consider all claims, regardless of how long ago the abuse occurred. No attorney is necessary and there are no fees of any kind. U.S. Residency is also not required. For more information go to their website www.CaliforniaDiocesesICP.com

To report suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within our institutions and ministries please contact the Child and Youth Protection Office, Victims Assistance Coordinator, Rodrigo Valdivia at (858) 490-8310.

SAN DIEGO CATHOLIC ADULT COMMUNITY

Young Adults | Adult Community | ACTIVE 60's+

Sign up for weekly email updates at <http://sandiegocac.org/>

Contact Nancy Wesseln nancy@sandiegocac.org
(858) 847-0724

"The Best Way to Meet Catholics Like You"

Young Adults (20s and 30s)

Tuesday, December 17th,

Young Adult Abide Worship Night, Diocese of San Diego

St. Catherine of Laboure, 4124 Mt. Abraham Ave

More details: www.yamsd.org

Look forward to seeing you in the NEW YEAR!

Want to get more involved?

St. James-St. Leo Young Adult Contacts:

College age (18-25) Sierra sierra@sandiegocac.org

Young Adults (20s and 30s)

Kelly kelly@sandiegocac.org

30 "Somethings" Jovi jovi@sandiegocac.org

Adult Community (35+) (ALL ADULTS)

2020 Plans being made!

Hiking Group – 2nd/Saturday/month

Marc and Tim hiking@sandiegocac.org

Great Works Book Club-Date coming soon!

Rochelle at GreatWorksClub@sandiegocac.org

Theology "Uncorked"

First Fridays starting in February 1

Active 60s+

Monthly Happy Hours

Contact: Camille camille@sandiegocac.org

ACTIVE 60s+ Hiking Group

Contacts: Sandi and Mike sandi@sandiegocac.org

EVERY FRIDAY, 10:30am-11:30am

Chair Exercise, St. James Ministry Center

Strengthen your mind, body and spirit without standing up! Build muscle tone, strength, flexibility and a positive mental attitude!

Certified instructor: Sara (858) 224-0551

Suggested donation \$5-\$10



SAN DIEGO CATHOLIC ADULT COMMUNITY

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul* through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel* to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."

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WAITING AND HOPING

The people had been searching and waiting for generations for the Anointed One of God. They knew in their hearts that they needed someone to bring them back, to close the divide that had grown between God and God's people. John's baptism of repentance prepared them for the advent, or coming, of the Christ. John's message of repentance and the demands of faith, of justice, and care for the poor and oppressed, while comforting to the weak and vulnerable, was challenging to those in positions of power. Like prophets before him, he refused to ignore the promptings of God to speak God's word. And like many prophets who preceded him, John was imprisoned and eventually martyred.

We can relate to the people who went out into the desert to be baptized. They heard John's urgent call to repentance and his declaration that the Messiah was coming soon. They heard him express God's care for those who needed it most. They were compelled to hear and respond. Their lives were changed, as their hearts were opened to the reality of God's love to which John so powerfully gave witness.

We too ache for God's healing and peace. We wait for God to break into our lives with love. Who among us has not at times felt weak, feeble, afraid? Take heart, you are not alone. God is with you. God is ready to save us from the darkness of sin and lead us to joy in the presence of God's mercy. This is the message of Advent, and of the whole of the gospel: God desires so deeply to be with us that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings: Is 35:1–6a, 10; Ps 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10; Jas 5:7–10; Mt 11:2–11

Stewardship Reflection

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas, when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life.

In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.





Christmas Mass Schedule

ST. JAMES	ST. LEO MISSION
DEC 24TH: 5:00 PM CHURCH 5:00 PM HALL 7:00 PM 10:00 PM	DEC 24TH: 8:00 PM
DEC 25TH: 9:00 AM 11:00 AM * NOT 11:30 AM NO 6:00 PM MASS	DEC 25TH: NO MASS AT ST. LEO MISSION

Choral concert at 9:30pm before the 10:00pm Mass in church

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

El rincón del P. Gerardo

“Sean pacientes”, les exhorta Santiago a sus lectores, y añade, “porque la venida del Señor está cerca” (Santiago 5, 8). Isaías estaría de acuerdo, ya que él y el resto de los israelitas tuvieron que esperar décadas para poder reubicarse en la tierra prometida. Pero finalmente la tierra dará su fruto. Y así también nuestros corazones. Aunque tenemos a Jesús a nuestro alcance en el momento presente, el momento preciso en que Jesús produzca fruto en cada corazón no lo sabemos.

Juan el Bautista podría haber estado confundido porque esperaba que Jesús hiciera más por separar el trigo de la paja, tal como escuchamos su advertencia el domingo pasado. Muchos asumieron que el Mesías conduciría a la victoria a los que eran dignos y condenaría a los pecadores. Pero, en vez de eso, Jesús se dedicó a curar a los afligidos y bendecir a los oprimidos. Tal vez Juan todavía esperaba que lo otro podía suceder. Jesús, sin embargo, indica que la misión del Mesías es un tanto diferente, y no se lo tomen a mal.

En el Evangelio Jesús les recuerda a los discípulos de Juan los prodigios que ha hecho y menciona un buen número de ellos, como curar a los leprosos y resucitar a los muertos. Jesús ha transformado la vida de las personas. Curiosamente, y en casi cada uno de los casos, Jesús no padece de la misma aflicción, o sea, no es sordo, ni ciego ni cojo. Pero en uno de los casos sí padece de lo mismo: él es pobre. Jesús vivió una vida de pobreza. Nació en un establo, lo llevaron a Egipto como refugiado, lo sacaron de su pueblo natal de Nazaret cuando comenzaba su ministerio, no tuvo su propia vivienda en la adultez y no almacenó bienes. Así pues, ¿qué hace por los pobres, siéndolo él también? Proclama la buena nueva. Les lleva la promesa de redención de Dios. Él mismo es el milagro.

P. Gerard

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Pregunta del Día

Yo recibo a Jesús en mi corazón, pero, ¿puedo tener la paciencia para esperar que su fruto llegue a la plenitud en mí? ¿Puedo tener la paciencia para esperar a que su fruto llegue a la plenitud en mi prójimo y en el mundo?

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-8a, 10).

Salmo — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145])

Segunda lectura — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

Evangelio — “¿Eres tú él que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” (Mateo 11:2-11).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;
Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Martes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Miércoles: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Jueves: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Viernes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6;
Lc 1:26-38

Sábado: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a;
Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Lunes: Primer día de las Posadas

Sábado: San Pedro Canisio; Comienza el invierno



ADORACIÓN AL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

Todos los Lunes

de 9:00am a 5:00pm

en la Misión de San León Magno.

CATECISMO

No habrá clases del catecismo del 21 de Diciembre al 2 de Enero.
Regresamos a clases el día
3 de Enero 2019



NOVENARIO DE LAS POSADAS

Del 15 al 23 de Diciembre

A las 6:30pm en St. Leo



MISA DE NOCHEBUENA



Martes 24 de Diciembre

A las 8:00 pm

en la Misión de San León Magno

HISTORIA DE LAS POSADAS

Las “posadas” fueron junto con las “pastorelas” elementos introducidos por las órdenes religiosas en el siglo XVI para evangelizar a los naturales de México, aprovechando, incluso, elementos propios de sus culturas y de sus creencias religiosas. En 1587 el superior del convento de San Agustín de Acolman, fray Diego de Soria, obtuvo del Papa Sixto V un permiso que autorizaba en la Nueva España la celebración de unas Misas llamadas “de aguinaldo”, en las que se intercalaban pasajes de la Navidad. Posteriormente se les agregaron luces de bengala, cohetes, villancicos y, un poco después, la piñata. Con el tiempo las “posadas” pasaron a celebrarse en las casas, con el rezo del rosario y una serie de letanías. Lo que hace que una fiesta de “posada”, es la petición de alojamiento para María y José; puede faltar la piñata o cualquier otro elemento, pero no el acompañamiento de los Santos Peregrinos en su noche de Belén.

(Sacado de <https://es.aleteia.org/>)

TODAY!

St. James Faith Formation and St. James Academy

Welcome Everyone to
our 5th Annual

Peppermint Fair

Sunday, December 15
8:30am – 11:30am
Parish Hall



Proceeds benefit Local Charities
and SJA Annual Fund