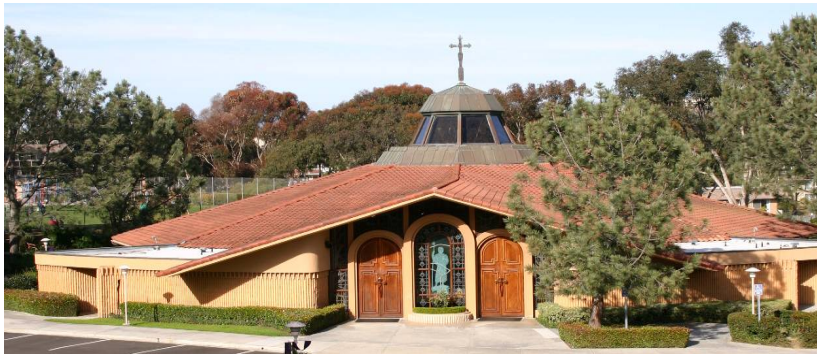


St. James-St. Leo Catholic Community



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 19, 2012



St. James—St. Leo Catholic Community is under the pastoral care of the Eudist Fathers, or Congregation of Jesus and Mary. We owe our name to Saint John Eudes who founded the Congregation in France in 1643. The Eudists currently operate in 15 countries, most of which are in the developing world. Evangelization, mainly with the poor and the youth, is our primary purpose, as well as formation to ministry in the training of diocesan priests and lay ministers. Our motto is "To Serve Christ and His Church." For more information visit:

<http://www.eudistes.org/english.htm>

MASS SCHEDULE

St. James

(In English)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM

11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

St. Leo Mission

(In Spanish)

Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

1st Saturday of month: 8:00 AM

Daily Mass at St. James

8:00 AM | Monday - Friday

Liturgy of the Hours

7:30 AM | Monday - Friday

Communion Service

6:45 AM | Monday - Friday

8:00 AM | Saturday

Reconciliation

3:30 PM | Saturday

or upon request

Marriage Preparation

Call Parish Office

(858) 755-2545 ext. 112

9 months prior to wedding.

Baptism

Call (858) 755-2545 ext. 105

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2012 Mass schedule:

8:00am, 12:00 noon and 7:00pm

Please help us spread the word about the new schedule for
Ash Wednesday.

CENTENNIAL



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, in the streets of Rio and New Orleans and in the canals of Venice, Carnival reaches its height. We stand on the brink of Lenten discipline and order, of sacrifice and prayer, and like a diver for pearls, we take a deep breath of life's abundance before immersing ourselves. Literally "Good-bye to the Flesh," these once were days for clearing out the barnyard and having one last good roast before turning to fish, to eggs and cheese and porridges. In some places, masks and disguises are worn as a reminder that all falsehood must be stripped away in Lent and our true identity as the baptized must prosper. In others, the green, purple, and gold beads tossed in playful salute have their origins not only in the gifts of the magi, but also entwine the liturgical colors of Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

The message, sadly missed by many, is: embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life's wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter's waters.

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SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Tuesday:	St. Peter Damian; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving; Washington's Birthday
Thursday:	St. Polycarp
Friday:	Abstinence

WELCOME TO

St. James-St. Leo Catholic Community!

We warmly welcome all visitors and hope you will consider making our community your parish home. Church attendance does not make you or your family registered members. Registration forms are in the brochure rack at the entrance of the church, or at the parish office.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25)

Psalms — Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you (Psalm 41)

Second Reading — God has given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment (2 Corinthians 1:18-22)

Gospel — They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this" (Mark 2:1-12)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Collection

Sunday, February 12, 2012

St. James	\$13,245.57
St. Leo	\$1,283.50
Total	\$14,529.07

There are many ways to help support your Parish! We offer a variety of options for easier giving. Call: Parish Finance Office (858) 755-2545 ext. 103

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



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- Mon., February 20 — President Obama
- Tue., February 21 — Michael & Marie Randazzo †
- Wed., February 22 — Roger Jerde †
- Thur., February 23 — Jane Salel †
- Fri., February 24 — Jim Gates †
- Sat., February 25 — Emma Wilson †

To arrange for a Mass Intention during any of the weekday Masses

PRAYER LIST

George Anderson	Anne Mayer
Jean Brosnahan	Bill McLeod
Dale Burchby	Betty Mettee
Amelia Camdiaz	Jay Jon Moisa
Nora Cochrane	Donald & Eugenia
Bob Derderian	Novack
Sara Desiderio	Nick Sangalis
Carmela Felicetti	Robert Sylvester
Ruth Fornaca	Jean Stanley
Jaime Garcia	Kate Turner
John Gilligan	Kathleen Vernon
Rob & Nate Kuhn	Carrie West

We are happy to list the names of persons who need special prayers in our parish bulletin. Names will be listed for one month. If you wish to include a name, you must resubmit. This will assure that we keep an updated list. **Please call 858-755-2545 ext. 304** to add a name to the list.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

God forgives sins, and today’s readings highlight this glorious truth.

In the Old Testament reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear the Lord say, “See, I am doing something new. ... You burdened me with your sins, and wearied me with your crimes. It is I, I who wipe out, for my sake, your offenses; your sins, I remember no more.”

Then, in the Gospel from St. Mark, we hear Jesus forgive the sins of the paralytic, healing him spiritually before He heals him physically. The paralytic’s friends brought him to Jesus, knowing that Christ is the all-powerful healer, and, St. Mark tells us, “When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

It is a fitting theme as we draw near to the season of Lent, preparing to celebrate the greatest miracle of all – Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. Truly, though, it is a fitting theme throughout the year as we strive to follow Christ. He came to Earth in order to forgive sins, to take our sins upon Himself and suffer their consequences, offering us, in return, everlasting life.



What a merciful God we serve.

He is here for us. He wants us to come to Him and lay ourselves at His feet, just like the paralyzed man, humbly recognizing our sinfulness and our need for His love and mercy. He pours out His mercy upon us and gives us new life.

The paralytic in today’s Gospel is a wonderful example for the rest of us. He shows us the mighty power of God, the loving mercy of God, and the new life that we receive through the Lord, if we are open to His grace. He humbly lies before the Lord, recognizing Jesus’ healing power, and he makes himself available to The Lord’s work in Him.

But he doesn’t do it alone. The paralytic needed the help of his friends. God is here for us today. He pours His grace upon us unceasingly, particularly through the sacraments. He offers us forgiveness of sins in a special way through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And when we yield to the grace of the Sacraments, we are given a new life in Christ. We are given strength to live a faith-filled life on Earth.

Yet, much like the paralytic, we do not live this life alone. We live in community, and we rely on our friends and family for support. What’s more, we too, are called to be support to others, to bring others to Christ, to show others Christ by the way we live.

That’s what it means to live as a disciple, as a Christian steward – to yield to the grace of God and, strengthened by grace to live a life of faith drawing ever nearer to Christ and helping others to do the same. It is an extraordinary calling. It is an exciting calling, and, as the paralytic in today’s gospel shows us, when we do so, we receive new life in Christ, a life that is richly rewarding, spiritually and otherwise.



You're invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl

This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet at any entrance after mass and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.

Friday Fish Feast 2012

Our 11th annual Friday Fish Feast starts on February 24, 2012, with all new menus. Please join us during the upcoming Lenten season to enjoy gourmet fish dinners with the St. James — St. Leo Catholic Community. We hope that you will make a special effort to invite family, neighbors, and friends. A hall filled with new faces will make this event even more special.

Tickets will be on sale by our Knights of Columbus after every Mass. **Please remember that this is a reservation only event.** Tickets can be purchased after Weekend Masses or by calling St. James hot line at 858.755.2545 ex 108. All reservations must be two days prior to the event (Wednesday).

FREE Fish Dinner: Those purchasing tickets to the entire six dinner series will receive one dinner of their choosing Free. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for Adults; Children under 12 are free.

Boomers & Beyond

Mardi Gras Celebration & Presentation: Living a Brain Healthy Lifestyle

Tuesday, February 21st – 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministry Center

Speaker: Dorothy Petrich, Outreach Coordinator, San Diego Alzheimer's Association
Includes refreshments and door prizes!

Information: Katie Hodsdon, 858-682-1118 or katekellyhodsdon@gmail.com



Raffle

Take a chance to win \$5,000 for just \$10 per ticket in the St James Academy Raffle! Drawing is at the Gala on March 24th. No Need to be present to win. Tickets will be on sale outside of church after Masses or contact Mary Larkin at marylarkin19@gmail.com or 858-259-0698. Good Luck and a huge thanks to all who support the students at SJA.

Jackie Francios at St. James

March 11-13, 2012

Mark your calendars for a very special event this upcoming Lenten season. Three evenings of prayer and music for the whole family with Jackie Francois, a popular Singer and songwriter who will be here, at St. James, Sunday, March 11 through Tuesday, March 13, 2012. See you there.

Catholic Widow and Widowers of North County Mass at St. James on February 26, 2012 followed by brunch.

Our purpose is to support Catholic widows and widowers by fostering friendships through religious and social activities. We invite all Catholic widows and widowers to join and share in the events of the group. Please contact Jeanne Lawson at (858) 481-7914, for reservations and information.

St. James Healing Ministry

Healing Prayer Ministers are available to pray over you in the church every Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass, on first Mondays from 9-10 a.m., on second Tuesdays from 7-8:15 p.m., and on third Saturdays after the 5 p.m. Mass.

Elizabeth Hospice Volunteer Training

The Elizabeth Hospice Annual Weekend Volunteer Training will be held on three consecutive Saturdays, Feb 25, Mar 3 and Mar 10. Graduates of this training will be invited to volunteer for The Elizabeth Hospice in a variety of ways. The sessions will be held at The Elizabeth Hospice, 150 West Crest Street, Escondido, CA, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Volunteers provide support in the respective communities. For further information or to enroll, please contact the Volunteer Dept. at 760-737-2050 or 800-797-2050. There is no charge for this training.

MISSION CIRCLE

Help with construction and crafts at Casa Eudes on Saturday February 25. For a seat in the van, contact Vreni Crimmings at (760) 436-2678 or vrenicrim@aol.com. Take your passport.

This Year's Trip: South Africa, with Botswana and Victoria Falls extensions

October 1 to 18 (Or October 1 to 23), 2012

From beautiful Cape Town to thrilling game runs in the world's best reserves, explore South Africa from stem to stern. Optional extensions will include a 4-day safari in Botswana and Victoria Falls. Itinerary and cost details are posted on the church website at: <http://howardrowland.wordpress.com/> or call Fr. Howard at (858) 755-2545 ex. 104. Book early!



Annual Catholic Appeal

Each year, at this time, we are invited to partner in the **CONTINUING MISSION OF JESUS**, not only in our parish, but throughout the Diocese of San Diego. It is through our prayers and sacrifices that we make the reality of Christ—the Teacher, the Priest, the Servant and the Shepherd ever present in the world.

Your contribution in support of the **Annual Catholic Appeal** allows us to:

- Foster culturally sensitive **evangelization** and systematic **catechesis** to Catholics of all ages, and to reach out to those interested in becoming Catholic.
- Further the Social Mission of the Church through **Catholic Charities**, an agency which provides a network of important programs and services assisting almost 300,000 people annually.
- Offer prayerful and financial support for Priestly and Religious **Vocations**
- Provide programs that enhance Youth, Young Adults, Marriage and Family Life.
- Aid the Imperial **Valley Parish Development Project**, to relocate and rebuild their churches in order to adequately respond to the needs of a growing population.

This year, our parish assessment is \$99,000. Eighty percent of the additional receipts, beyond our assessment, will be utilized to further support the needs of our St. James-St. Leo Parish Community. The remaining twenty percent will be used to support Imperial Valley Development.

Your participation in the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, regardless of gift amount, makes a difference. This week, in the mail, you will be receiving a letter with a response card and envelope, for your convenience.

Please return them in the collection at Mass or to the parish office whether by hand or by mail.

Thank you for your generosity.

Cada año, en este tiempo, somos invitados a participar en la **MISIÓN CONTINUA DE JESÚS**, no solamente en nuestra parroquia, sino por todas partes de la Diócesis de San Diego. Es por medio de nuestras oraciones y sacrificios que hacemos la realidad de Cristo—el Maestro, el Sacerdote, el Servidor y el Pastor—siempre presente en el mundo.

Su contribución en apoyo del **Llamamiento Católico Anual** nos permite:

- Promover la **evangelización** sensible a diversas culturas y dar instrucción sistemática al **catecismo** a católicos de todas edades, y tender la mano a los que se interesan en hacerse católicos.
- Adelantar la Misión Social de la Iglesia por medio de **Caridades Católicas**, una agencia que proporciona una red de programas y servicios importantes que ayudan.
- Ofrecer apoyo espiritual y financiero a las **Vocaciones Sacerdotales y Religiosas**.
- Promover programas que mejoran a los jóvenes, a los adultos, a los matrimonios y a la Vida Familiar.
- Ayudar al **Proyecto Para el Desarrollo Parroquial** en el Valle Imperial para que puedan volver a situar y reconstruir sus Iglesias para poder responder suficientemente a las necesidades de una población creciente.

Este año, nuestra aportación parroquial es \$99,000. El ochenta por ciento de los ingresos adicionales, arriba de nuestra aportación, se utilizarán para mejor sostener las necesidades de nuestra comunidad parroquial St. James-St. Leo. El veinte por ciento que queda será usado para asistir al proyecto del Valle Imperial.

Su participación en el **Llamamiento Católico Anual**, diferente a la cantidad de su ofrenda, importa mucho. Para su conveniencia, esta semana, en el correo, usted recibirá una carta con una tarjeta de respuesta y un sobre.

Por favor regrese en la colecta en la misa o en la oficina de la parroquia.

Gracias por su generosidad.

St. James—St. Leo Catholic Community
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Announcing the Baptism of:

Benoit Vincent Bruchez

*The Christian community of
St. James & St. Leo
welcomes you with great joy!*

It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.

— Isaiah 43:25

LA COLECTA

12 de febrero, 2012

Misa de 8:30	\$ 616.00
Misa de 10:30	\$ 667.50
Total	\$1,283.50

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del campamento (Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46)

Salmo — Perdona, Señor, nuestros pecados (Salmo 32 [31])

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1)

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie (Marcos 1:40-45)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Sant 1:1-11; Mc 8:11-13
Martes:	Sant 1:12-18; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles:	Sant 1:19-27; Mc 8:22-26
Jueves:	Sant 2:1-9; Mc 8:27-33
Viernes:	Sant 2:14-24, 26; Mc 8:34 — 9:1
Sábado:	Sant 3:1-10; Mc 9:2-13

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes:	Día de los Presidentes
Martes:	San Pedro Damiano; Mardi Gras
Miércoles:	Miércoles de Ceniza; Ayuno y Abstinencia; Nacimiento de Washington
Jueves:	San Policarpo
Viernes:	Abstinencia

Unción de los catecúmenos

El domingo 26 de febrero a las 8:30 am en el templo de la Misión de San León, serán ungidos con el aceite de los catecúmenos las personas que van a ser bautizadas el Sábado Santo, los invitamos para que los acompañemos con nuestra presencia y oración en esta ceremonia.

Meditación sobre la Pasión de Cristo

Todos los viernes de cuaresma en el templo de San James a partir del viernes 24 de febrero a las 6:00 pm iniciamos las meditaciones sobre la Pasión de Cristo, ven y practica esta hermosa y piadosa devoción cristiana que tantas gracias se derraman sobre el que la practica y la promueve.

Día de confesiones

El jueves 8 de marzo habrá confesiones en el templo de San James, a las 7:00 pm para todos los que necesiten de este sacramento estarán presentes 8 sacerdotes confesando. Hablan español.

REFLECTION DOMINICAL

Dios perdona los pecados, y las lecturas de hoy ponen de relieve esta gloriosa verdad.

En la lectura del Antiguo Testamento en el libro del profeta Isaías, escuchamos al Señor decir: "Mira, yo estoy haciendo algo nuevo.... Me abrumado con tus pecados, y cansado mí con sus crímenes. Soy yo, soy yo el que acabar, por causa de mí, sus delitos, y vuestros pecados, nunca más me acordaré ".

Luego, en el Evangelio de San Marcos, escuchamos a Jesús perdona los pecados del paralítico, que lo cura espiritual antes de que lo cura físicamente. Los amigos del paralítico le trajeron a Jesús, sabiendo que Cristo es el sanador todopoderoso, y, San Marcos nos dice: "Al ver Jesús la fe de ellos, dijo al paralítico:" Hijo, tus pecados te son perdonados. "

Se trata de un tema apropiado que nos acercamos a la temporada de Cuaresma, preparación para celebrar el milagro más grande de todos - la pasión de Jesús, muerte y resurrección para el perdón de los pecados. En verdad, sin embargo, es un tema apropiado durante todo el año nos esforzamos por seguir a Cristo. Él vino a la tierra para perdonar pecados, para tomar nuestros pecados sobre sí mismo y sufrir sus consecuencias, que nos ofrece, a cambio, la vida eterna.

¡Qué Dios misericordioso que servimos.

Él está aquí para nosotros. Él quiere que nos acerquemos a Él y nos pongan a sus pies, al igual que el hombre que estaba paralítico, reconociendo humildemente nuestros pecados y nuestra necesidad de su amor y misericordia. Él derrama su misericordia sobre nosotros y nos da nueva vida.

El paralítico en el evangelio de hoy es un maravilloso ejemplo para el resto de nosotros. Él nos muestra el poder de Dios, la misericordia amorosa de Dios, y la nueva vida que recibimos a través del Señor, si nos abrimos a su gracia. Con humildad se encuentra delante del Señor, reconociendo el poder sanador de Jesús, y él se ponga a disposición para el trabajo del Señor en él. Pero él no lo hace solo. El paralítico necesitaba la ayuda de sus amigos.

Dios está aquí para nosotros hoy. Él derrama su gracia sobre nosotros sin cesar, sobre todo mediante los sacramentos. Él nos ofrece el perdón de los pecados de una manera especial a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Y cuando nos sometemos a la gracia de los Sacramentos, nos da una vida nueva en Cristo. Se nos ha dado fuerza para vivir una vida llena de fe en la Tierra.

Sin embargo, al igual que el paralítico, no vivimos esta vida. Vivimos en comunidad, y confiamos en nuestros amigos y familiares de apoyo. Lo que es más, nosotros también, estamos llamados a ser el apoyo a los demás, para traer a otros a Cristo, para mostrar a otros a Cristo por la forma en que vivimos.

Eso es lo que significa vivir como un discípulo, como un mayor-domo cristiano - a ceder a la gracia de Dios y, con la gracia de vivir una vida de fe acerca cada vez más cerca de Cristo y ayudar a otros a hacer lo mismo. Se trata de una vocación extraordinaria. Se trata de una vocación apasionante, y, como el paralítico en el evangelio de hoy nos muestra, cuando lo hacemos, recibimos una nueva vida en Cristo, una vida que es muy lucrativa, espiritual y de lo contrario.