

# *SAINT JAMES' CATHOLIC CHURCH*

**Bulletin**  
for the week of  
**August 30, 2020**



*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."  
Matthew 16:24*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**In the Rectory Chapel**  
**Benediction**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**Acompañe a Jesús Sacramentado en oración,**  
**de lunes a viernes de 7:00 a 8:00 de la noche en la Capilla de la Rectoría.**

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**Daily Masses**  
**Monday thru Friday**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**Saturday**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**All daily Masses are in the Rectory**

**Office Hours**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**Closed on**  
**Federal Holidays**

**Schedule of Masses**  
**Sunday Obligation**  
**Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**  
**5:30 p.m. (Español)**  
**Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**  
**11:30 a.m. (Español)**  
**6:00 p.m. (Español)**

**\*\*Bulletin Deadline\*\***

**Wednesday Noon**  
**Pre-approved by**  
**the Pastor**





## **Gospel**

**Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

You have been reading in recent Bulletins that the Holy Name Society in conjunction with Mount Rainier ACT (Mounties ACT) has taken over the Saint James Food Pantry under our Coordinator, Jack Priestley. Last week the list of needed items was printed. We are all aware that the second Sunday of each month is Holy Name Sunday as well as Stone Soup Sunday! After the gifts have been brought forward - you are invited to bring your bags of groceries and toiletries to the altar railing. Your generous donation may be used to help Mount Rainier residents who need some assistance during this pandemic and beyond. If you have a friend or neighbor who can use some assistance or you would like to make another donation of food, toiletries or money, or if you would like to volunteer to box groceries and/or deliver them please call Jack or Nikki at 202-330-3692 or 240-696-4433. God will bless you for all you do !!

Dick Bissell, for the  
Holy Name Society

Jack Priestley for  
Mounties ACT

We may be inclined to believe that the age of martyrdom is an age of the past. When we think of Christian martyrs, we are likely to conjure images of the persecutions which took place in the first and second centuries. During the reign of the Roman emperor Decius, for example, an eighteen-month, empire-wide campaign led to the slaughter of some 3000-3500 Christians in AD 250 (as estimated by the English ecclesiastical historian WHC Frend).

And yet the truth is perhaps more difficult to bear, for the twentieth century has produced more Christian martyrs than any other century in the history of our great faith. How should we respond? What should we do in the face of such evil? We must answer as the saints have always answered. We must counter violence and terror with love and forgiveness. It is our way. May the Lord Jesus—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—transform the world by the renewal of minds.

In Christ,  
Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP  
*Deputy Senior Editor*  
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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER has cancelled all in-person weekends for this year. However, we have exciting news! There is a way for couples, priests and religious to join a virtual WWME experience from the comforts of their home. This experience will be in 7 sessions beginning on Monday, October 5th and end on Monday October 26th. The sessions will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm 9:30pm. The content of the sessions will be the same as given on in-person weekends. Maybe you can join us on this virtual experience. It is a great opportunity for priests to join because there are no weekends involved. Check <http://www.wwme.org/> and <https://moments4marriage.org/> for more information. Please contact us if you have any questions. Don & Wink Flanders & Fr. Victor Scocco DC/MD Eddlesial Leadership Team, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, 301-395-5369.

**SIGN UP EARLY! ONLY 15 COUPLES ON THE EXPERIENCE!**

## *A Letter from Fr. Pablo Bonello*

Dear Parishioners,

We continue our reflections on active participation at Mass, according to the teachings of the Popes. Having read Paul VI, we may pass to St. John Paul II. In the letter to the priests of 1980, he explains that Christians are able to offer their own lives with and through ministerial priests:

*Although all those who participate in the Eucharist do not confect the sacrifice as he does (i.e., the ministerial priest), they offer with him, by virtue of the common priesthood, their own spiritual sacrifices represented by the bread and wine from the moment of their presentation at the altar. For this liturgical action, (...), has a "spiritual value and meaning."(48) The bread and wine become in a sense a symbol of all that the eucharistic assembly brings, on its own part, as an offering to God and offers spiritually.*

(Dominicae Cenaе, 9)

St. John Paul II notices that the spiritual sacrifices of the faithful are *represented by the bread and wine from the moment of their presentation at the altar*, that is, from the moment of the offertory. We put on the altar the fruit of the creative work of God, transformed by human hands, as the prayer of the offertory says, “*fruit of the earth and work of human hands*” –the wheat and grapes made bread and wine. The bread talks about nourishment; the wine, about feast and joy. The bread and wine speak of our lives: our work and our rest; our joys and our sorrows. Our lives are represented. Our lives are on the altar from the very beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. And we offer them to God: there is not shedding of blood, as it happened in ancient sacrifices.

Three times the Pope highlights the spiritual –and real- character of our sacrifice; let us read these words again:

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*For this liturgical action, (...), has a "**spiritual** value and meaning."*

*The bread and wine become in a sense a symbol of all that the eucharistic assembly brings, on its own part, as an offering to God and **offers spiritually**.*

If this spiritual dimension does not inspire us, then our weekly Mass wouldn't make much sense. It would be reduced to a mere external practice. And God does not want that.

We are at Mass with our whole being, with our bodies, and with our spirits. Our whole being enters in touch with the Sacrifice of Christ. Our whole being is sanctified as well.

We come to Mass with this intention: offering ourselves through Christ, with Him, and in Him, for the greater glory of God.

Let us renew this intention each Sunday!

God bless you all!!

Fr Pablo Bonello IVE



**Visit [adw.org](http://adw.org) for information from Archbishop Gregory.**

**Visit [stjamesmr.org](http://stjamesmr.org) for information about St. James and to sign up for Online Giving.**

**Visit [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org)**

## Are you looking to strengthen and enrich your marriage?

Attend a 7-Session Virtual Experience  
**Monday and Thursday Evenings**

**October 5 – 26 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm.**

**3RE: Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment**

**Here is what husbands and wives will learn:**

- Powerful method to communicate from the heart and grow intimacy and connection
- 5 Tools for keeping your relationship a priority
- Discernment for what your marriage needs most
- How to value the precious gift that is your beloved, your spouse

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Rediscover the JOY in your priesthood or religious life!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter is here for you!**

A 3RE is an alternative format of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It is designed for couples, priests and religious who are not attracted to or are unable to attend a full WWME weekend.



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**For more information please leave a message at**  
**301-541-7007**