



St. James Mission Circle Newsletter

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Our mission is to organize, lead, and engage the parishioners of Saint James and Saint Leo Catholic Community to improve the lives of people in need.



Hundreds Of Poor People Lean On Us for Help

Feeding the hungry ... sheltering girls at risk ... giving new shoes and warm blankets to needy kids ... the sole purpose of our charity is to help the poor. St. James Mission Circle was started by our pastor, Father John, almost 40 years ago. Our members are your fellow parishioners who all volunteer their time. We have virtually no overhead so every dollar we collect in donations goes to improve the lives of those in need.

Currently we have sixteen programs and events. Most of our efforts help the poor locally but we also reach out to others across the border and in troubled lands far away.

Today we are humbly asking for your support. We hope you'll consider joining one of our programs. And, please, give generously to help those less fortunate than you. Hundreds of poor people lean on us -- but we lean on you for help.



Please "Lean In" And Give Us Your Support

St. James Mission Circle is your very own parish charity. We invite all of you to help with whatever program speaks to your heart. And we hope you will give generously to this once-a-year appeal for funds. Without the wonderful generosity of all of you in the parish, we could not fulfill our mission to help the poor. We pray for your continued support.

Activities At The Casa Eudes Girls Home:

Casa Eudes is a safe haven for at-risk girls. Our charity has supported the home for almost 40 years. We help the good sisters who run Casa Eudes in many ways.

New Life Skills Program - we recently helped start a program that offers mentoring, career advice, and training for the girls to prepare them for jobs or college.

Futures Program - we send qualified girls to colleges in Tijuana. These are girls with no family to help them.

Maintenance - twice a month a crew goes down to make repairs and help with the upkeep of the home.

Crafts and Sewing - on two Saturdays of the month volunteers teach sewing and fun craft projects.

Outings - we treat the kids to great all-day trips.

Christmas Party - we host a big party with singing, a dance recital, a holiday feast, and a visit from Santa!

Fashion Show - in the spring we stage a show with donated clothes so the girls can be "designers" and "fashion models".





Pick A Program That Works For You

Mission Circle has programs that are kid friendly and others for people who are short of time. We have opportunities to help both locally and far away. Whatever appeals to you, we offer a way for you to get involved. Please go to www.missioncircle.com for details and contact information.

Food Packaging: Pack non-perishable food for the hungry in the third world. Friends & Family Community Connection help run this parish-wide activity.

Donations And Bread Pick-Up: Give donated household goods and clothes to migrant families. Collect bread from local stores for soup kitchens in the area.

Epiphany Celebration: Sort new shoes for kids from migrant families and then travel to the Galilee Center in Coachella to distribute them.

CRC Holiday Baskets: Spread the joy of the season by helping needy families pick out clothes, food, and holiday gifts for their kids. This event is held at the fairgrounds.

Meals For The Homeless: Cook meals in the parish kitchen and serve them at the Bread of Life Mission in Oceanside.

Staffing The CRC Pantry: Distribute food to our neighbors in need every Friday.

Tutoring At St. Leo's: Coach kids in the parish who need a little extra help to do their best in school

Sandwich Program: Make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the prisoners and homeless in Tijuana.

Prison Ministry: Visit inmates in prison and offer support to their families. Participate in the annual cookie drive.





Other Ways We Help:

Interfaith Shelter: Working together with 115 faith communities in San Diego, we open our parish hall to homeless individuals and families for two weeks each year. Since 1986, our parish has hosted over 350 people who temporarily had "no place to lay their head". Volunteers provide a meal, offer encouragement, and stay one night at the parish hall with these people who desperately need our support.

Leadership Camp for City Kids: In July we help send promising kids from low-income areas to camp. In addition to lots of outdoor fun, they learn teamwork, leadership skills, community involvement, the value of education, and how to make healthy life style choices.

Youth Activities: The young people in the parish help with almost all our projects. We welcome their participation at the Epiphany Celebration, the Food Packaging, The Bread of Life Dinners, and other events.

Please Give Generously

This weekend is our annual fundraiser -- we're asking for your support at all the masses. Your donations are our main source of funding. They keep all our programs going all year long. Please contribute whatever you can to help us reach out to the poor. With your help we can keep working to improve the lives of needy people close to home and far away. A heartfelt thanks for your continued support.

Events Calendar

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
August		
During August	MC Quarterly Newsletter	US Mail
11 am -1:00 pm all Thursdays	PB&J Sandwich Making	St. Leo's Kitchen
9 am to 2:00 pm, all Fridays	Staffing CRC Pantry	CRC Resource Center
7:00 pm Tues 11th	MC Monthly Meeting	St. James Gathering Room
2pm to 7:00 pm, Thur 13th	Bread of Life Dinner	Parish Hall/Oceanside
7:30 am Sat 22 rd	Maintenance & Crafts	Casa Eudes, TJ
All masses, Sat 22 & Sun 23	Mission Circle Fundraiser	St. James Church
September		
11 am - 1:00 pm all Thursdays	PB&J Sandwich Making	St Leo's Kitchen
9 am to 2:00 pm, all Fridays	Staffing CRC Pantry	CRC Resource Center
7:00 pm Tues 8th	MC Monthly Meeting	St. James Gathering Room
2:00 pm to 7 pm Thurs 13th	Bread of Life Dinner	Parish Hall & Oceanside
7:30 am Sat 12th	Maintenance & Sewing	Casa Eudes, TJ
7:30 am Sat 26th	Maintenance & Crafts	Casa Eudes, TJ
TBD	Outing for Casa Eudes Girls	Rosarito Beach
October		
11 am-1:00 pm all Thursdays	PB&J Sandwich Making	St. Leo's Kitchen
9 am to 2:00 pm, all Fridays	Staffing CRC Pantry	CRC Resource Center
2:00 pm to 7 pm Friday, 9th	Bread of Life Dinner	Parish Hall/Oceanside
7:30 am Sat 10th	Maintenance & Sewing	Casa Eudes, TJ
12:00 pm to 3 pm Sun 11th	Food Packaging Event	St. James Parish Hall
7:00 pm Tues 13th	MC Monthly Meeting	St. James Gathering Room
7:30 am Sat 24th	Maintenance & Crafts	Casa Eudes, TJ

News Briefs:

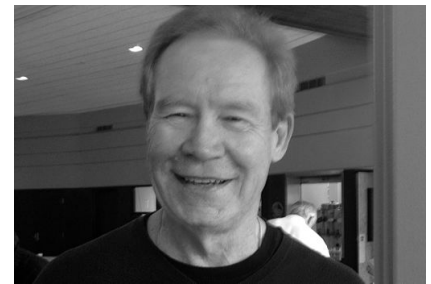
Outing planned for Casa Eudes girls in the Fall. We're planning to take them to a small amusement park near Rosarito Beach. This will be an all-day event where the kids will get to a chance to swim, enjoy the playground equipment, ride go-carts, and have lots of fun in the sun.

Food Packaging Event on Sunday, October 11. This is our annual speed-packaging event where the parish packs non-perishable food for the hungry in third world countries. We partner with Friends & Family Community Connection to put on the event. At the end of the day this year, the parish will have packed 250,000 meals!

Many Thanks



To Our generous parishioners who have supported St. James Mission Circle for almost 40 years. Thank you!



To Deacon Joe for making a "surprise appearance" this weekend to help with our annual fundraiser. No one can do a better job of asking you to support our programs!



To All our members and volunteers who help make our programs so effective.

To Pauline Wright, La Tessieri, Donna Golic and everyone who helped with the presentation for our fundraiser this year.

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Virtually 100% Of Your Donation Dollars Goes To Help The Poor

St. James Mission Circle has virtually no overhead except expenses that are incurred for events and activities that help the poor.

All our "staff" are parish volunteers -- perhaps someone who sits next to you in church. Every penny we get in donations goes to help the needy. If you would like to learn more about us, come to a meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Contact Jeff Sturgis at pres@missioncircle.com.

Please Send Donations To:

Mission Circle, P.O. Box 1376, Solana Beach, CA 92075

Want to donate on line? It's very easy. Just go to our website and follow the simple directions.

**Visit Our Facebook page
at www.facebook.com/sjmissioncircle**

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www.missioncircle.com**

You can get more details on our activities and ways you can help at this website.

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