

Allow Your Legacy to be Recognized

If you want to help St. James the Less Catholic Church maintain and continue the work of Jesus Christ for future generations to come, please tell us your intentions.

Your parish wants to thank you now, on behalf of all the people who will be touched by your generosity in future years.

With your permission, we will recognize your planned gift with a permanent listing on the *Monsignor Thomas Doyle Legacy Society* Donor Wall to be located inside the church, as well as recognition on the parish website.

Please let us know if you have already remembered the parish in your will or trust.

All possible efforts are being made to enroll all deceased parishioners who have previously given the parish a gift in their estates. If you have knowledge of such past gifts, please contact us.

“The act of giving without the expectation of something in return is the true definition of kindness.”



St. James the Less Catholic Church has been the spiritual home to many Catholic families in the Crescenta Valley since 1955. Our Mission is to share faith, celebrate traditions, and serve others to the praise and glory of God!

For more information on our legacy program, or to create your own legacy gift, please contact us:

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An Invitation to Continue a Legacy





The parish legacy society is named in honor of Monsignor Thomas Doyle, the much-beloved Pastor Emeritus of St. James the Less Church. Msgr. Doyle was born in 1930 in County Waterford, Ireland. At the young age of 24, he was ordained a priest and began a remarkable 59-year journey of faith, serving in various parishes in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He became pastor of St. James the Less in 1984 and was given the honor of Monsignor in 1995. Msgr. Doyle retired in 1998 and became Pastor Emeritus-in-residence at St. James the Less in 2010.

Msgr. Doyle's priestly life was characterized by a special soft-spoken kindness and gentleness that was recognized by all who came in contact with him. In his retirement he continued to faithfully serve the Lord by assisting at both St. James the Less and Holy Redeemer until his death in 2013 at the age of 83. Your legacy gift will help St. James the Less continue Msgr. Doyle's legacy of reinforcing and furthering the teachings of Jesus Christ at St. James the Less for future generations to come.

An Invitation To Become a Member

The *Monsignor Thomas Doyle Legacy Society* recognizes those special friends of St. James the Less Catholic Church who help to create a legacy to further the ministry of our church. Membership is open to all who make a provision to include St. James the Less Catholic Church in their will or living trust.

You are invited to join these benevolent individuals who have made the gift of a lifetime so that generations to come can share faith, celebrate traditions, and serve others to the praise and glory of God through the commitment of a *Monsignor Thomas Doyle Legacy Society* membership.

Ways You Can Give

Through planned giving there are many ways to make a gift to St. James the Less Catholic Church without impacting your own financial future. When you include St. James the Less Catholic Church in your will or living trust, or as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life-insurance policy, you can plan with confidence that your generosity will support our church *after* your lifetime.

A bequest does not alter your current lifestyle in any way and allows you to leave a legacy without giving up your assets. It is important to note that the bequest is revocable, so you can change your mind at any time should your circumstances change.

Wills and Bequests

A bequest to St. James the Less Catholic Church in your last will and testament or living trust allows you to retain your assets during your lifetime and/or the life of your spouse, with no impact on current income. You can allocate a specific asset, dollar amount, or percentage of your residual estate and also include instructions for the specific use of your gift by St. James the Less.

Relieving The Tax Burden Of Retirement Plan Assets

As a nonprofit entity, our parish is tax-exempt from any federal taxes. This means that when you name St. James the Less as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets (IRA, 401k, etc.) or include us in your other estate plan, the Parish is eligible to receive the full amount of your legacy gift.

The Very Essence Of Kindness And Love

Over these past many years St. James the Less has depended on and benefited from thoughtful and enduring legacy gifts from parishioners. The future success of our parish depends on such gifts. Parishioners who make legacy gifts are helping people they may never know and who may never know them. This is surely the very essence of kindness and love as taught in the Gospels of Jesus Christ.