

Sat. Vigil 4pm at Campus courtyard | Sunday Mass 8 am, 10, 12 noon at St. James School | Mon.-Sat. 8 am at Courtyard

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us!
We are not complete without you!



Office available by phone only: Monday – Friday 8 to 12, 1 to 4 pm | Saturday & Sunday Closed

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Advent and Christmas are so important to us because it reconnects us with the fundamental truths of our lives. We easily become so immersed in the events of our work and our world, especially this year with COVID-19 and national elections that we lose sight of who we are and who we are called to become.

We are a people who believe and find hope in the fact that God has entered into the midst of the world and that he cares for each one of us. He has given us the purpose to fully become the person we have been created to be through the gift of His love and His Word.

Our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas is a powerful reminder of that truth and the hope it gives us as we try to become the best version of ourselves each day. The gift we receive at Christmas is the transforming power of God's love that he has placed in our souls that brings us to become more perfectly ourselves. The important gift we give is to share "God with Us" to the world by our transformed lives.

Matthew Kelly's new book from Dynamic Catholic is, *I Heard God Laugh*. It will be our gift to you at the Christmas Masses this year. We hope that it will help

you to grow in developing an enriching prayer life and discover God's great love for you.

May Christ speak deeply to your hearts this Christmas and enter into the midst of your family that we might become more perfectly ourselves in Him.

Mmgr. Michael Meyers, Pastor
Fr. Emmanuel Konyeaso, Associate Pastor
Fr. James Kavanagh, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Ikechukwu Ikeocha, In Residence
Deacon Bob & Patty Miller
Deacon Mark & Louise Ramirez

Parish Office Schedule

Thursday,	December 24 th	8 am - 12 Noon
Friday,	Christmas Day	Closed
Saturday,	December 26 th	Closed
Sunday,	December 27 th	Closed
Monday,	December 28 th	Closed
Tuesday,	December 29 th	8 am - 4 pm
Wednesday,	December 30 th	8 am - 4 pm
Thursday,	New Year's Eve	8 am - 12 Noon
Friday,	New Year's Day	Closed
Saturday,	January 2 nd	Closed



Saint James School students celebrate a virtual Christmas

Christmas Blessings to All

Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, December 24th

2 & 4 pm Vigil Mass

(St. James School Field)

6 & 8 pm Vigil Mass

(St. James Community Campus Courtyard)

Christmas Day Masses

Friday, December 25th

8am, 10am & 12 Noon Masses

(St. James School Field)

New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, December 31st

4 pm Vigil Mass

(St. James Community Campus Courtyard)

New Year's Day Mass

Friday, January 1st

9 am only

(St. James Community Campus Courtyard)

Saint James Shares Christmas with those in Need



We want to thank our many ministries and parishioners for their contributions of toys, warm clothing and gift cards. As a result of these generous contributions we provided a wonderful outdoor luncheon for sixty-five of our homeless community. The children received lunch and gifts from Santa. This year was a very different event with the constraints resulting from the Covid pandemic. We were blessed with smiles and happiness from all who attended. We would like to thank everyone individually but the donations are anonymous. We offer thanks for



the Food Drive of the Saint James School and the Toy Drive of the Confirmation Teens. In addition to the luncheon and toys for our local program participants and children, we delivered toys to several inner city parishes including our sister parish, San Miguel. We shared the bounty of your kindness and generosity with those who are less fortunate.

A special thanks goes to Linda Cabibbo and the entire Feed the Needy program who coordinated the outreach to those in need this Christmas.



Children eagerly await to receive their gift from Santa. Thank you for your generosity!



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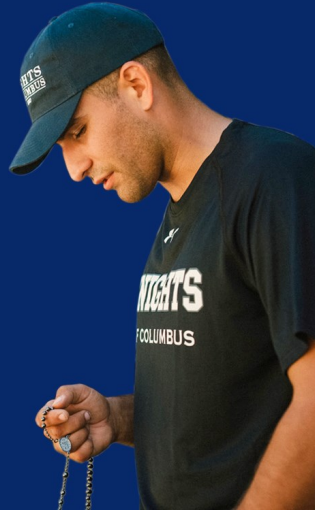
Fr. McGivney
Beatification Celebration!

Become an Online Member for FREE.*

Now through December 31st, enter code **MCGIVNEY2020** for **FREE** first year membership.

*regular dues are \$30/year

Visit kofc.org/joinus use Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020**



Into the Breach

Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's vision, the Knights of Columbus and the Diocese of Phoenix have joined together to produce a 12-episode video series, also titled Into the Breach. Each episode focuses on a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features interviews with well-known Catholic commentators and follows the personal story of a man whose life illuminates each theme.

The series can also be used for individual reflection and a study guide is available. By joining together in brotherhood, men receive the support they need to grow in virtue and to take action to serve Christ and others.

We hope that this series help you and all of us to step into the breach. To preview the video:
<http://www.kofc.org/intothebreach>.



May you find the true joy of Christmas this season, one that brings peaceful moments and beautiful memories shared with family and friends.

The Parish Office Staff wishes you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Andrea, Debora, Diana, Elaine, Gretchen, Jeannie, Lois, Louise, Robert, and Enzo too, at left.



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Merry Christmas from the Faculty, Staff and Students of St. James School. Even through Distance Learning the joy and excitement of Christmas was tangible the last week of school. Students created art projects, dressed in festive wear, and learned about the true meaning of the season. We are blessed with a community full of love and appreciation that was shared in abundance with the teachers the last week of school.

We left school on Wednesday for a much needed break and to celebrate the Birth of Jesus with our families.

Keep SJS in your prayers,
Merry Christmas,

Noreen Maricich

SjsCatholicSchool

  <http://jsCatholicSchool.org>

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Holiday Donation Drive-Up was a success! THANK YOU to all of our team, volunteers & everyone that donated toward this wonderful cause. It's motivating having our teens witness your love & generosity firsthand, while also volunteering for our community.

From all of us here at Youth Ministry, we want to greet you & your loved ones a MERRY CHRISTMAS! Come, let us adore Him!

Contact us:

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Website: www.saintjamesym.weebly.com

Text: 424.265.8336

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Diana Holly Retires as Director of Religious Education



This week Diana Holly will be retiring as the Director of Religious Education at St. James. It is a well-deserved retirement after giving the last 23 years of her life to the religious education of our children. She has formed catechists to empower them to teach the faith to our children, she has equipped

parents with the information they need to be leaders of the faith in their families and she has been an integral part of the Pastoral Team at St. James helping to guide us in forming a vibrant community of faith. We so appreciate all that she has done for us and how she has lived and witnessed the Gospel to us.

Diana is a special gift from God. She gives herself wholly to her ministry, deeply caring about her mission to form the faith of the children of our parish. She has touched the lives of over 5,000 of our children.

Diana was hired by Monsignor Timothy Nichols way back in 1987 to lead the faith formation of our public school and home-school children as well as Children's RCIA, forming older children for baptism, Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays and our Children's Sunday School Program.

When Father Jim Kavanagh arrived in 2002, Diana continued caring for our families and for the last 10 years that I have been at St. James, Diana has faithfully and lovingly given her life for the faith enrichment of our children, and it has all come from the depths of her heart.

Andrea Sullivan to step in as Director of Religious Education Director

We are very pleased to welcome Andrea Sullivan as our new Director of Religious Education. Andrea and her husband Jim and children have been parishioners at St. James since 2011. Andrea has her BA in Religious Studies and her Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame. She has a wealth of parish ministerial experience and a love for building the faith of families.

Blessings,

Msgr. Michael Meyers

Fr. Emmanuel Konyeaso

Religious Education

Dear Parishioners,

Advent is here..... it is a time of joy, hope, longing for the Lord and faith. For me it is also a time of farewell.

I have been blessed to work for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as a Director of Religious Education for 38 wonderful years with the last 23 right here in beautiful Redondo Beach at St. James Parish.

I have often said that yes, my name and picture is the one that's in the bulletin but it's the love, devotion, and sacrifice of our wonderful spirit-filled volunteers for the precious children of our parish that make the Religious Education program so terrific!

To all the volunteer Teachers, Aides in Grades 1-8, Coordinators and teachers of First Communion, Junior High, Children's RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday School, Traffic Monitors and Yard Patrol you are a gift and blessing to me and our parish and it has been an honor to be in ministry with you over these 23 years.

To all the many families who entrusted their amazing children to us for religion classes you hold a special place in my heart. The joy your children bring is the greatest gift of all. One of the most difficult side effects of COVID has been the absence of the children here for class...no spirit days, prayer assemblies, birthday hip-hip-hooray celebrations. However, good news is on the way with the vaccines coming out soon hopefully the children and teachers will all be back in class together sometime in 2021!

I am grateful to the wonderful Pastors: Msgr. Mike, Fr. Jim and Msgr. Tim for their support and guidance over the years. Also, thanks to all the terrific Associates that have been assigned here who were always so happy and willing to help in RE.

St. James parish is so warm and welcoming and that is because of you dear parishioners. I have loved being a part of your community! When I first came here and sat in the church there was such an overwhelming feeling of the presence of the Holy Spirit. A feeling that everything was going to be wonderful....and it has been!

I love you all....God bless you,

Diana

Diana Holly, Director
Religious Education

Would you like to receive your Sacrament of Confirmation?

Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, contact us about becoming a candidate to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation).

Our Winter, 2021 classes are scheduled to begin virtually on **Thursday evening, January 14, 2021.**

If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to pass this information along to them.

To receive further information and details on this process, please email Deacon Bob & Patty Miller: **dnbob99@gmail.com** or call us at **310.371.0985.**

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

After Jesus was raised from the dead and before he ascended to His Father, He commissioned His disciples by giving them this mission:

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt. 28: 19-20a).

By the Roman Catholic faith, which we profess, we are commissioned in the same way to baptize and thus build up our Church. In spite of the current challenges presented by COVID-19, we at St. James are continuing in the mission of Jesus in a safe and sensible way. We continue to provide a logical process to prepare parents and godparents for baptism. We invite you to contact Deacon Bob **DnBob99@gmail.com**.

He will reply to your email with next steps and will make himself available to guide you through the process.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Thank you for your support

Thank you for the many calls of appreciation that we can still be together as a parish family as best we can with this outreach.

We are grateful for your willingness to continue supporting St. James financially which will be especially critical these next few months.

If you are able, your best options are:

Mail your envelopes to the St. James Parish Office
124 N. Pacific Coast Hwy.
Redondo Beach, CA 90277



Place in the Rectory mail slot at 415 Vincent St. 90277 or in church baskets in the Communion line.

Set-Up **Automatic Payments** with your bank
Enroll in Faith Direct's E-Giving
By calling toll free 1-866-507-8757 or
<https://www.faithdirect.net> Use the code **CA560**

Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number
Simply text any dollar amount to
St. James' Number: **424.317.8878**

NOVEMBER MONTHLY COLLECTION

Faith Direct	Total
2020 - \$35,335	\$82,689
2019 - \$24,682	\$87,020

Tuesday Night Online Bible Study

The St James Tuesday Night Bible Study is currently on break for the Christmas Season.

Our new session begins **January 12th:**

Revelations: The Kingdom Yet to Come
by Ascension Press.

Our studies are currently online
Zoom meetings on

**Tuesday evenings from
7p-8:30p**

When COVID restrictions are lifted,
we'll meet again in person.

**Come, share and
participate**

in our faith Community



For information and login information, please contact:
Donna Wilson: dwilson94@gmail.com



The FlowerTruck LA is coming to St. James School Campus!

Sunday, January 31
1-3pm

4625 Garnet Street Torrance 90503



www.sjscatholicschool.org

Brighten Your New Year With FRESH Flowers!

This is the POP-UP FUNDRAISING EVENT that everyone is talking about on social media and we are bringing the FLOWERTRUCK LA right here to St. James School campus!

FLOWERTRUCK LA specializes in wholesale priced, seasonal flowers with their fresh 'farm to vase' selections for arrangements. Find flowers for every occasion or just brighten someone's day! Don't miss their stunning rainbow colors of roses. St. James School will receive 10-20% depending on sales volume so spread the word of flowers and invite friends and family!!



Merry Christmas!

The Gift Shop is now open for your gift needs by **appointment only**.

Please call the office at **310.372.5228**.

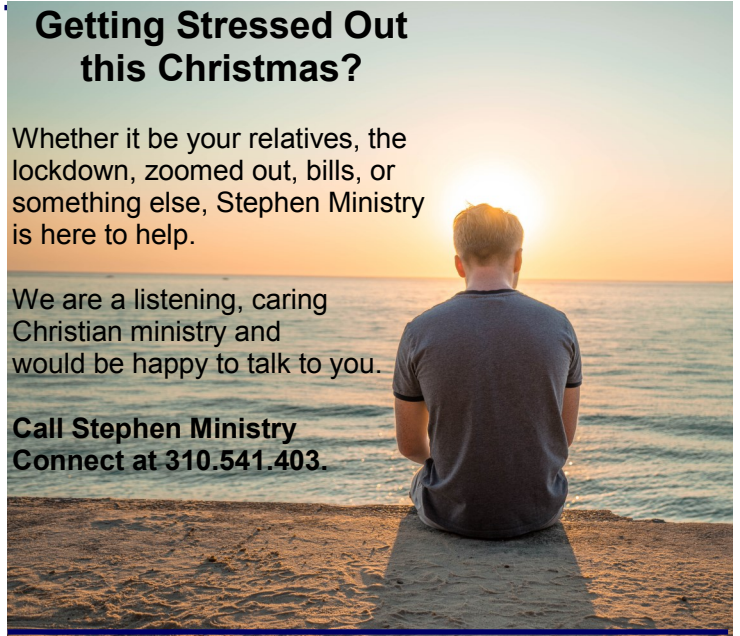
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Rich@SaintJames.Church

Getting Stressed Out this Christmas?

Whether it be your relatives, the lockdown, zoomed out, bills, or something else, Stephen Ministry is here to help.

We are a listening, caring Christian ministry and would be happy to talk to you.

Call Stephen Ministry Connect at 310.541.403.



Virtus®

How to Qualify for Keeping the Promise Alive Online Re-certification

(Available in English and Spanish)
(Good Only Until December 30, 2020)

If your current VIRTUS® Certificate expired or will expire from February – December 2020, you may apply to take the VIRTUS® “Keeping the Promise Alive” Re-certification Online.

To apply, you must provide the following information to jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

On Subject line include:

Name of Parish / School – Region – KPA
Re-certification

Required attachments:

Attach copies of all Protecting God's Children and Keeping the Promise Alive certificates you have.

If you currently have a VIRTUS® online account:
List the region where your account is located.

If you do not have a VIRTUS® online account:
You must register on VIRTUS Online using the date on your Protecting God's Children certificate when it asks what session you want to attend.

Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group

Join us!

We continue to pray the rosary in the midst of this difficult time.

We pray from the safety and privacy of our homes and remain united in Christ and each other.

Experience inner peace.

All may offer their own intentions.

Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182



Human Trafficking Awareness

“Saved in America” is a non-profit group of ex-law enforcement, Navy Seals and

Special Ops personnel who locate missing and exploited children; also providing safe housing, therapy and legal representation. F.A.I.T.H.

MINISTRY of St. James and St. Lawrence Martyr

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Exposition of the Eucharist

During these months of the pandemic there have been many people coming to the church to pray.

The Holy Eucharist is at the side entrance of the church in a monstrance where it will be easily accessible from the parking lot.

While so many have not had the opportunity to attend Mass or receive the Eucharist, we hope this will provide you with an opportunity to come into the presence of the Lord to be strengthened and guided by His loving presence.

At this time we will begin with the exposition of the Eucharist from 7 am to 7 pm every day.



It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes

it seems nothing can fill the emptiness.

You are not alone... <https://hopeafterabortion.com/>

Spiritual Adoption

Daily prayer for a period of nine months:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." -
Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

<http://spiritualadoption.org>

A Prayer for Healing & Protection

Most merciful and loving God,
We come to you in our weakness.
We come to you in our fear.
We come to you with trust.
For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the pandemic present in our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you. Amen. -Author Unknown

Sunday School

Would you like your children to learn about God's love for them? Would you like them to be familiar with favorite Old and New Testament bible stories? Would you like them to know basic Catholic prayers, but also to feel comfortable just talking to God in their own words? Do you wish there was a way for a preschool aged child to understand the message in the gospel reading?

If you have any questions or would like to enroll, please contact **Sheila Kelly at 714.391.3949**. Please text me first and let me know you are asking about Sunday School. You may also email me at skelly3156@gmail.com.



**PREGNANCY
HELP CENTER**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent Baby Bottle campaign. You helped

raise over \$5,000 for the Pregnancy Help Center, assisting them to continue to provide free services, including ultrasound, and support even more women to make life-affirming choices about pregnancy. Your gift saves lives. If you forgot to turn in your baby bottle, you can still do so at mass or donate online at supportphctorange.org/contribute

The clinic is open for all services!
Schedule your appointment today.
Call 310.787.HELP (24/7)

to make an appointment or ask questions

We will screen clients at the door and take all precautions to stop the spread of covid-19

We're open! And we're here for you!
Please reach out to us if you need us.

Readings

Monday

Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday

My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.
1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday

**Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.**
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

Thursday

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79

Friday

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Vigil: Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 /
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
Night: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.
**A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.**

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.**

Day: Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

Sunday

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 / Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 /
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Prayer Requests

For those suffering illness, infirmity
and those in need of our prayers:

Madaliene Haworth, Iraida Alvaraz

From death to new life.
For the souls of the recently departed,
that through the mercy of God,
They may rest in peace:

**David Nicholson, Bill Kolodziejczak,
Patsy Holland, Susanita Leng,
Corazon Leng-Gerson**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 4 pm	Dec 19 Msgr. Mike Fr. IK	Claire Donner & Family Luis Cote †
Sunday 8 am	Dec 20 Fr. Jim	Elizabeth Tancinco † Blewett Family Virginia Davis †
	10 am 12 Noon	Fr. Emmanuel Msgr. Mike John Dancy † Leo Catbagan Family Pat De La Cruz
Monday 8 am	Dec 21 Msgr. Mike	Steven Jackson † Manuel Garcia Chaves †
Tuesday 8 am	Dec 22 Fr. Emmanuel	Elizabeth Tancinco † Emmerson Wafer
Wed. 8 am	Dec 23 Msgr. Mike	Carmelite Sisters in Carmel Jose Cordova †
Thurs. 8 am 2 pm 4 pm 6 pm 8 pm	Dec 24 Fr. Jim	Godofredo Lopez † Christmas Eve Masses
	Fr. Emmanuel Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim	Marina Almonte † Robert Byers † Patrick & Dorothy McAteer † Brian Fitzgerald †
	Fr. Emmanuel	Resi Schaf † Frank & Julia D'Lando †
	Friday 8 am	Dec 25 Fr. IK
10 am 12 noon	Msgr. Mike Fr. Emmanuel	Carol Backer † Albert Jalbert † Stephen Jambor † Frank M. Campis, Jr. †
Sat. 8 am 4:00 pm	Dec 26 Msgr. Mike Fr. Emmanuel	Manuel Ramirez † Virginia Soriano † Brother John Fleming
Sunday 8 am	Dec 27 Msgr. Mike	Vicki Conant Mary Ann Cleveland †
	10 am	Fr. IK Elizabeth Tancinco † President of USA
	12 Noon	Fr. Jim John Dancy † Ron Mostero Souls in Purgatory

We're here to help you become
the holy, healthy, vibrant person that
God has created you to be.



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**Helping Children
Grow in Faith**

*'Train the young in the way
they should go;
even when old,
they will not swerve
from it' Proverbs 22:6*



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Monday – Thursday
10 am – 3 pm
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Tuesday 4 pm – 8:15
Wednesday 4 pm – 5:30



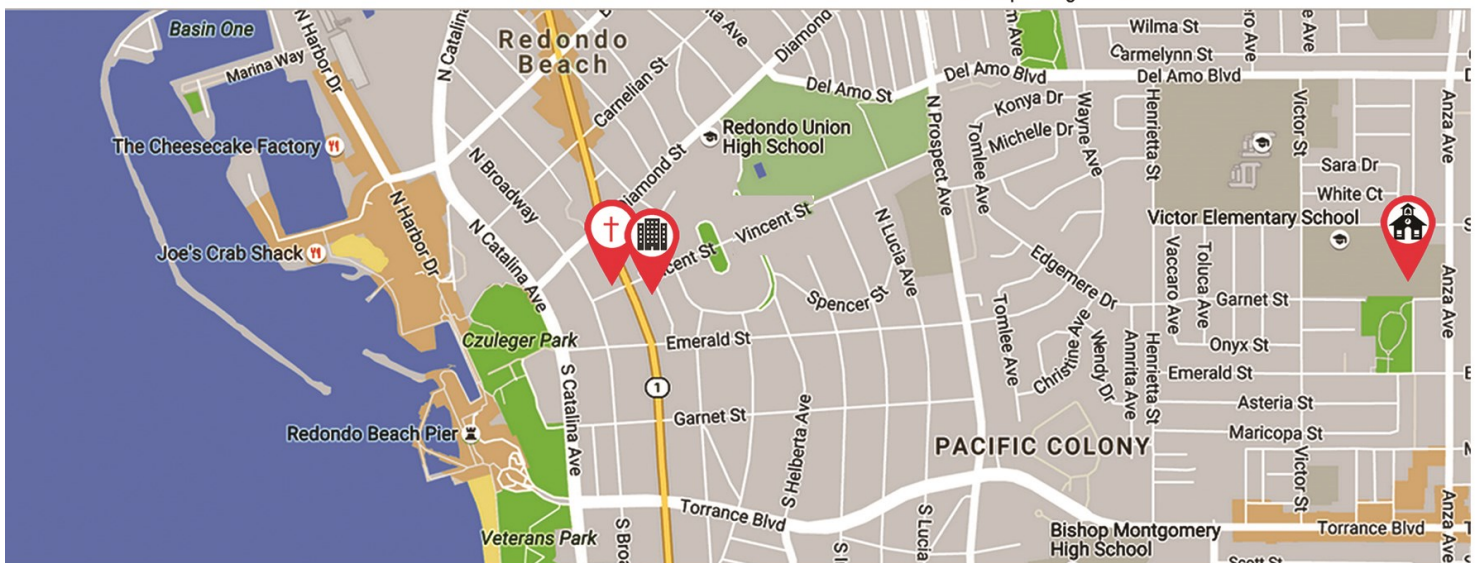
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**Preschool & Toddler Time
Philosophy**
We believe in creating a warm and
loving environment
where children can
learn about themselves,
gain an understanding of others
and develop strong self-esteem.




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