



# Christmas Blessings to you all as we celebrate Our Faith and Our Future

## The Opportunity

Since its founding in 1910, South Bay Christian Church has ministered to Redondo Beach from the property across Vincent Street from St. James. In 2013, with an aging and declining membership, they decided to disband and deeded the property to their denomination, the Disciples of Christ. In 2019, after unsuccessfully trying to create a national ministry development center, they decided to sell the property.

Bidding against 8 developers who wanted to build condos, the Disciples determined they wanted the facilities to remain for religious purposes and accepted St. James' offer of \$9M.

It was a difficult decision to make for our Pastoral and Finance Councils because of the high cost, but the needs of our parish and opportunities it gives us was a priority. Our main concerns are:

- **Safety**
- **Unified campus**
- **Parking**
- **Long term future of St. James' needs**

## The Property

**Korean Church:** The familiar building we see on the corner of Vincent and Broadway is their old church/hall built in 1940. The South Bay Korean Congregation has rented the building for the last 21 years. Their lease extends to December 31st and they are in the process of relocating. Built in a traditional style of church above, and basement hall below, the building includes 2 classrooms, 2 offices, a large kitchen and conference/dining room, as well as a workroom and storage rooms.

St. James will begin to use the facilities for our Adult RCIA, Confirmation, Baptism and other classes. We plan to move our Sunday School program here where the children are closer to the church and hope to revive our Baby-sitting program here as well. The Youth Ministry is also looking to create a youth center in the downstairs hall.

**Offices:** On Broadway between the old and new church are two smaller buildings used as the church offices and library. We anticipate these will also be offices for us as we begin to move activities and programs to the site.

**Parking Lot:** The parking lot is a big addition to St. James giving us an additional 70 parking spaces. The entrance/exit is from Broadway.

**Main Church:** In 1964, South Bay Christian built a bigger church on the property which holds about 250 people. The nave/sanctuary area is about 1/3 larger than Kavanagh Hall. We have been holding a couple weekly meetings in the sanctuary, but still need to assess the best use and configuration of the space as chapel or auditorium. It has a meeting room in the choir loft area as well as a 'sacristy' area behind the altar with a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor work room with storage and a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor storage and equipment area.

**Education Building:** The final building is an Education Building, also located between the old and new churches. This is a 3-story classroom structure. It was in the process of being renovated as a state-of-the-art educational facility for their new 'Hatchery' ministry development program begun in 2014. They had difficulty getting participants and after they had completing the demolition part of the project, they decided to delay the renovation and secure the building. It has 4 large rooms which are designed with moveable partitions to create 8 smaller classrooms. Completion of this building will remain on hold as we focus our attention towards paying the mortgage on the purchase of the property. It will become our Religious Education center which will also be available for other meetings and ministries.

## Capital Campaign

During this year we have personally reached out to parishioners to share our hopes for St. James. The response from those we have reached and those who have toured the buildings has been overwhelmingly positive. From the foundation of their generosity we will begin a parish-wide effort in the next few weeks for a 5-year pledge campaign to secure funding for a major portion of the cost of the property.

For now, we celebrate Christmas and the hope that Christ brings to each one of us. We trust in the graces and strength He will give us as we celebrate Our Faith and Our Future.

## Blessing and Dedication of St. James' New "Community Campus"

With Bishop Marc Trudeau

Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

**Noon Mass**

**1:15 pm Blessing & Dedication of the Property**

**1:30 to 3pm Reception and Tours of Buildings**



[SaintJames.church/Campaign](http://SaintJames.church/Campaign)



Interior view of new church.



**Above:** Top to bottom: New church, Education building, Korean Church. The two apartment buildings in bottom left are not included in purchased property. **Below:** One of two rooms below the Korean Church previously used as a lunchroom.





**Above:** Chapel inside the Korean Church.

**Below:** The second room below the Korean church previously used as a youth game and meeting room.







## *Our Faith, Our Future*

Loving Father, for over 125 years, St. James Church has grown through the efforts of many generations.

We have become a community rich in diversity of cultures and opened our hearts to value the uniqueness of each person.  
We have become a family united by Christ.

We thank you for the opportunity we now have to expand our facilities, to create a safe environment for our families to grow and worship.

The gift you have given us is to provide for ourselves and for the generations of families who will thrive in faith through our efforts.

We ask your Spirit and guidance to create in us the overwhelming generosity we need.  
Inspire in each of us generous hearts to make our vision a reality.

We ask all in the name of Jesus who is our hope and our joy.

Amen.





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



**St. James Catholic Church**  
415 Vincent Street Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
[www.SaintJames.Church](http://www.SaintJames.Church)

**Sunday Masses:** (Sat. 5:30 pm) | **Sunday** 6:30 am, 8, 10, 12, 5:30 pm | **Monday- Friday** 8 am, 12 noon | **Saturday** 8 am

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Here to Serve You**



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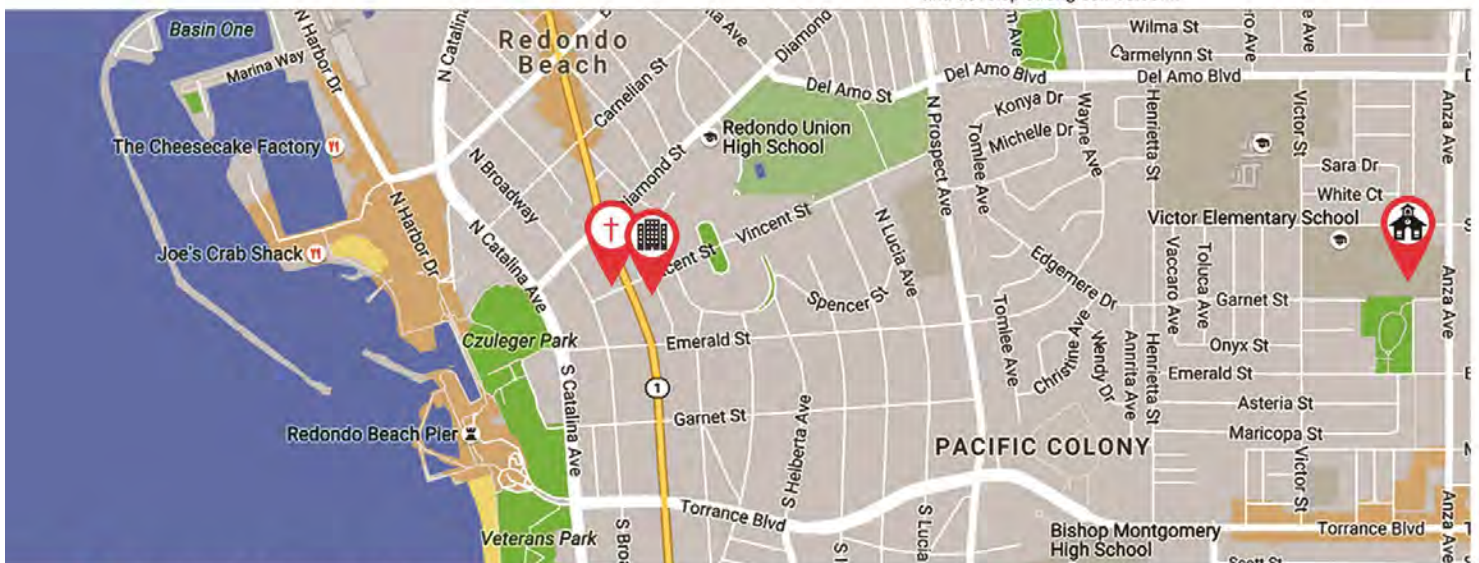
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*'Train the young in the way  
they should go;  
even when old,  
they will not swerve  
from it' Proverbs 22:6*

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**Office Hours** 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Religious Education Office hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
10 am - 3 pm  
and during class times:  
Tuesday 4 pm - 8:15  
Wednesday 4 pm - 5:30

**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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