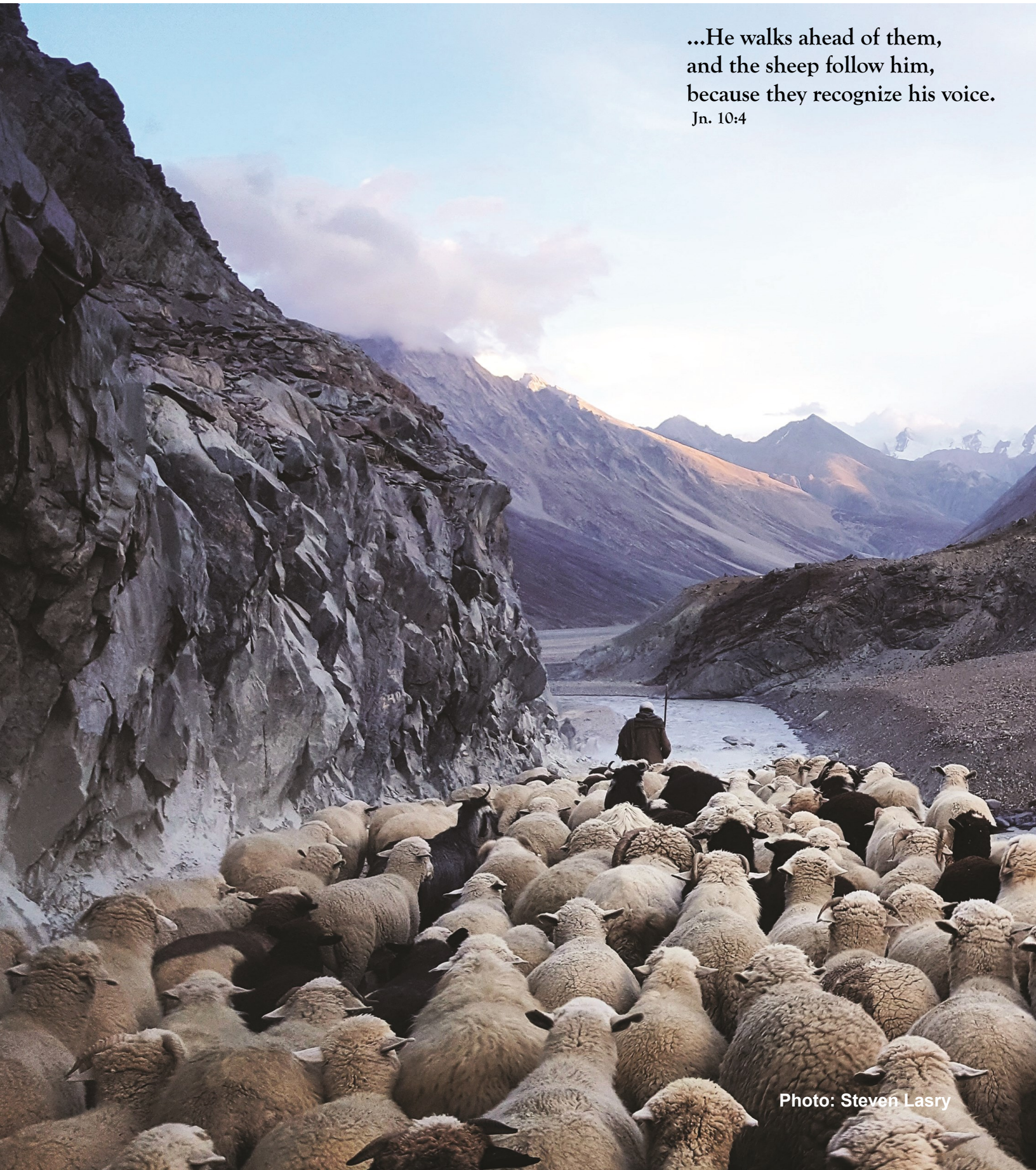


...He walks ahead of them,
and the sheep follow him,
because they recognize his voice.
Jn. 10:4



Pastor's Corner

No Church Gatherings Extended to May 15

It has been a very different experience recently with having everything on hold beyond 2 or 3 weeks—and with those dates constantly extended. Archbishop Gomez has been working closely with Los Angeles leadership and the Health Department to respond appropriately in our parishes. With the support of the Priests' Council, he has extended the Safer at Home policy for the Church to May 15th and extended his dispensation for the Sunday obligation through that time.

The extension into May means that our First Communion scheduled for May 9th and our Confirmation with Archbishop Gomez on May 16th are both being postponed until such time as we can gather again in the church. One thing we've been challenged to deal with is 'flexibility'—which is much easier for some than for others—but we'll all get through this...and do it with a peace of mind and joy of heart that only Christ can give in these sacramental moments. The social distancing also puts on hold baptisms, confessions, weddings and funerals.

Thank you for your continued financial support

Thank you so much to those who have begun to use **Faith Direct** for your online financial support of the parish. It currently provides 27% of our Sunday collection and has been a lifeline for us during these past 6 weeks. Parishioners have also started using the **BillPay** feature of their banks for automatic payments of parish support or **mailed** or **brought their Sunday envelopes** into the **office** or **rectory mail slot**. To all of you, THANK YOU. Even while being closed to the public, the parish staff is busy keeping up with work that needs to be done.

After this weekend we will have a chance to see the finances for April and get a better idea of where we are. The Easter collection, normally \$45,000 was only \$14,000 this year, so we know we are in a deficit situation, relying on our operating reserves. We continue to reduce all of our expenses as we can.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep your families safe.

Msgr. Mike

Please go to the St. James website for the video of our masses. <https://www.saintjames.church/>

Call us! Our Office is available by phone!

Our parish office doors are closed but we are still here! Please feel free to call the office with any questions or just to check in. We are here for you! Our new office hours are **M –F 8:30 am to 4pm**, taking our lunch break from 12-1pm. Our phone number is **310.372.5228**. God bless you all!

Your St. James Office Staff

Church Support Drops by 50%

At our recent Priest Council Meeting with Archbishop Gomez, he asked us how the pandemic is affecting the parishes.

All 20 pastors at the meeting, including me, reported that their Sunday Offertory collection was at 50% to 60% of normal, and all of them were becoming very worried about how their parish would survive financially through the pandemic and what would happen to the parish staff if they needed to be laid off.

At St. James we are trying our utmost to reduce our expenditures, which will enable us to make it financially to the end of June, but then the parish will have depleted all its funds.

(The monies collected for Our Faith. Our Future. are held in a Restricted Account and cannot be used for parish operating expenses.)

The parish staff is continuing to call parishioners to see how you are doing and are continuing to provide spiritual enrichment through daily Masses and messages posted on our website: **SaintJames.church**.

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.

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>
Please use the code **CA560**

Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number
Simply text any dollar amount to St. James'
Number: **424-317-8878**



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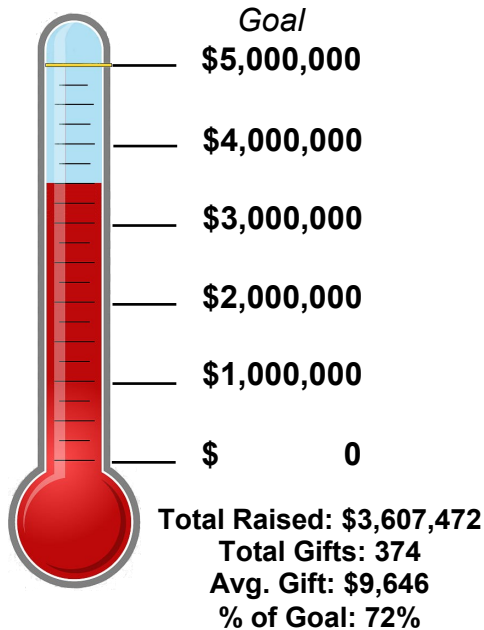
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Learn more> SaintJames.church/Campaign

Feed the Needy Needs YOUR help!

We are still serving lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please help us to continue to serve those who are in need in our community.

We need food items that can go into a sack lunch:

Sandwich meats & cheeses

Hamburger buns

Chips

Cookies

Oranges

Small size drinks

Small snacks.

Please drop off at Kavanagh Hall Monday, Wednesday or Friday at noon.

Bless you for your generosity!

How to make a Spiritual Communion when no public Mass is available

For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. At these times the Church calls us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

As Public Masses are banned throughout the country, literally thousands of Masses are celebrated each day and, in addition to watching them on television or computer screens, the faithful can receive "spiritual Communion."

Pope Francis, after reciting a live-streamed Angelus prayer March 15, told people, "United to Christ we are never alone, but instead form one body, of which He is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament."

***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.***

Catholics are encouraged to continue to pray at home with their families and join to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion. We are also encouraged to participate in the Holy Mass via the Internet or television. The Archdiocese will provide a livestream of non-public Masses celebrated by the priests from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels daily.

St. Jean-Marie Vianney said, "If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God".

St. Thomas Aquinas described Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

St. Teresa of Jesus wrote, "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice, by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

Fourth Sunday of Easter

With whom do we converse and listen to the most?

Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves.

We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values.

What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations.

We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off.

We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices!

In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it.

As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused.

Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our of lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Preschool's Activities-at-Home Projects

The preschool has been busy creating activity packages that parents can offer to their children. A drive-thru area has been set up in the parish center parking lot to allow parents to collect them without leaving their vehicles. A picture of the pick-up area is shown below.



Parents and children appreciate being able to remain connected to Saint James. It is also helpful to be able to use their creative energy to complete these projects while remaining safe-at-home until they can once again come to the preschool.

Readings for the week of May 3rd

Monday

Athirst is my soul for the living God.

Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

All you nations, praise the Lord.

Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Acts 12:24—13:5a / Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20

Friday

You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.

Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

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

Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

Prayer Requests

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

Dawn D'Ippolito, Delia Lomeli, Pasqual Fu

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

**Butch D'Ippolito, Caridad Chaves,
Henry Glodovera, Blanca Lomeli**



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of St. James School,

This week our school celebrated Earth Week!

Check out the school Instagram and Facebook to see our students' artwork! See below our Kindergarten class!

PE classes are now posted for our students from Coach Kobayashi! Parents, siblings and students may join together to stay fit and active during "Stay at Home". SUMMER INSTITUTE is around the corner. Due to the uncertainty of "Stay at Home" dates and the restrictions that may come with opening school, this year we will be offering a creative and innovative online version. All parish families are invited to attend. A flyer will be available on the school website sjscatholicsschool.org by the end of this week.

Congratulations to 8th grade student: Maggie O'Dowd for having her essay chosen by the City of Torrance Student and Government Program! 20 essays were chosen from 909 entries! Great job Maggie, St. James is proud of you!

We are accepting applications for next year through our website SJScatholicSchool.org and are available by phone and email on school days from 8 – 12:00.

God Bless you,
Noreen Maricich

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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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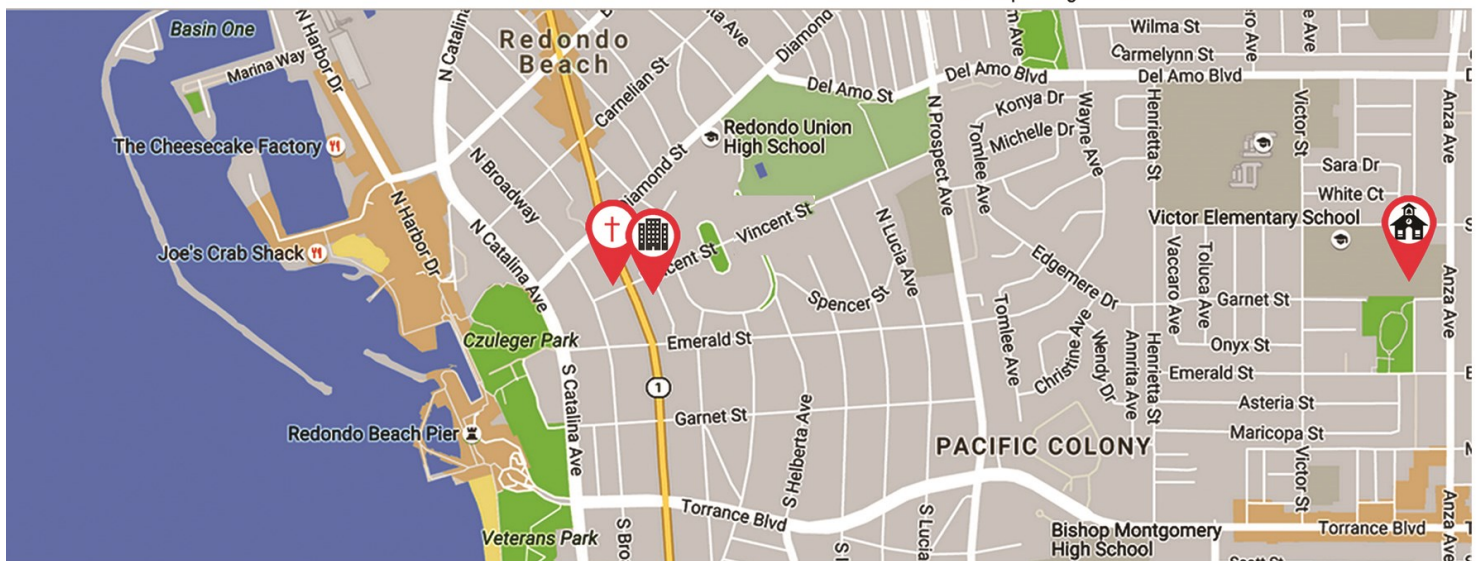
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Wednesday 4 pm – 5:30




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