



St James
Catholic Church

September 4th, 2022
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

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

Welcome!

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

“Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself,
take up his cross,
and follow me.”

Lk. 14:27

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 8 to 12, 1 to 8 pm Friday 8 to 12, 1-4 pm | Saturday & Sunday Closed

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

James 2:26 says: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

Your faith was put into works in a powerful way as demonstrated by your generosity during the mission appeal of Fr. Rudy Valenzuela.



Fr. Rudy Valenzuela

His work founded Holy Spirit parish and Clínica Santa María de Guadalupe 15 years ago in one of the poorest and most desolated areas in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico. Your prayers and financial support allows him to continue the care for the poor.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me.'

Your financial contributions amounted to an astounding \$15,613 in support of his ministry. God's generosity will not be outdone!

We are humbled by your outpouring of prayers and support of the poorest among us.

Blessings,

Mmgr. Mike and Fr. Thaddeus

Isn't anyone listening to you?

It's something we do well.

If you feel it would be helpful to have a confidential space and caring listener as you are trying to work out a problem in your own mind, please consider a Stephen Minister.



We would be happy to act as a sounding board as you work out solutions.

Stephen Ministry Connect
310.541.1403



Deacon Mark and Louise Ramirez Announcement

Dear Parishioners,

After much prayer and personal considerations, we have decided to relocate to Colorado to be closer to our son Matthew and his wife Natalie. It has been an honor to serve our parish community here at St. James as your new Deacon couple these past three years. We have been humbled by your encouragement and support. This was not an easy decision, but we feel called to this new direction. While we do not have a specific date we are leaving, it is expected to be in the late September/early October timeframe.

On that note, we would also like to announce that Louise is retiring from her Office Manager position in the parish office. Her last day will be August 31st, after more than 21 years serving in various positions in the parish.

We will continue to serve as your Deacon couple until we leave. We will always be grateful for all the opportunities we had to serve at St. James and we look forward to continuing as a Deacon couple in our new community in Colorado. We will always keep you in our prayers and ask that you keep us in yours.

God Bless You All,

Deacon Mark and Louise Ramirez

Save the weekend of September 17-18

We want to thank Deacon Mark and Louise for all that they have done for our parish and for their prayers, support and friendship throughout the years here at St. James. On Sept. 17 and 18 we'll be providing an opportunity for you to greet and thank them. Details to follow in next week's bulletin.

Sorry

No Donuts this weekend.

Got Voice?



St. James Choir is looking for singers, especially Sopranos (the highest voice part). If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Kevin Babuder, Director of Music, after a 10am or 12pm

Sunday Mass. The St. James Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and sings at the 10am Masses on Sundays. We also sing for important liturgies throughout the year and for the Christmas Concert in December.



Bundle Sunday is Sept. 11th

Pickup of small, useable household items will be from 8:30am to 1:30 pm in the church parking lot. Thank you!



This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.
Ps. 118:24

Your Continued Support of St. James is Vital

Our parish ministries continue because so many people need our help.

Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times, and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

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.

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**

Thank you for your generous support of Saint James!



Maybe you haven't been to church in a while.
And maybe you are worried
that you won't be welcome here.
We get it.
We've been there.
Now we are here.

When you attend, you'll have a chance to hear powerful music, learn from authentic Catholic clergy, and grow in faith.

Learn to be the holy, healthy, vibrant person that God has created you to be. Learn to use your gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.

Maybe God is calling you back.
Just as you are.
Welcome home.

Books Wanted!

We are need of donations for the Harvest Festival Book Store.

We are collecting both hard cover and paperback gently used books. Please bring to SJS at 4625 Garnet Street, Torrance.

Thank you in advance for going through your bookshelves!



Would You Like to Complete Your Sacraments?

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).

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

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

Do You Enjoy the Bulletin?

These bulletins are entirely paid for by the ads placed by businesses through our publisher LPi. We thank all of our current and future advertisers for their support, and encourage our parish members to patronize their businesses.

Over the next few weeks, we will be working on setting up new advertisements for businesses in our weekly bulletin.

If you are interested in learning more about placing an ad in our bulletin, please contact:

Travis Lawmaster at 310.684.3118,
or by email at tlawmaster@4Lpi.com.



Virtus® Class

The Original Virtus® Class for anyone looking to get involved in any church ministry: **“Protecting God’s Children”**



Kavanagh Hall **Saturday, September 10th** from 1 – 4pm

Call the parish office to register **310.372.5228**

If you have taken the class elsewhere, please bring a copy of the certificate to the parish office.

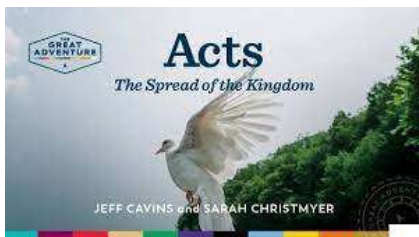
HOPE It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion.
AFTER ABORTION

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... hopeafterabortion.com/

Tuesday Night Bible Study– On Break

The St. James Tuesday Night Online Bible Study is currently taking a break for the month of September.

Please join us on **October 4th** when we **resume Acts Chapters 22:1–25:12: Paul Makes His Defense.**



Class will be held in Kavanagh Hall and begins at **7pm**. If you are not able to participate in person you can also join us using Zoom. Please contact **Donna Wilson: dwilson94@gmail.com**

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

Saint James LiveStream on YouTube

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can join us for Daily Mass every day at 8am and **Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:30pm**



Visit **SaintJames.Church** and click on this link:

We livestream the 8am daily Mass and 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass Click Here>

If you subscribe to our channel, you'll receive an email whenever we are broadcasting our Masses. Here's the link to our YouTube channel – Click here!

There are showing the priest celebrant on the calendar page. This is located at the View Masses button or top menu under Mass | Online Masses.

We welcome you to join us in person for Daily Mass and praying the **Rosary after each 8am Mass.**

Our church is open for quiet prayer **7am-7pm.**

Feed the Needy Ministry

We thank you for all your donations!

We continue this year of providing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Because of your generosity, we have continued to feed our homeless community throughout the months of the pandemic.

Our work continues and we once again ask for your assistance to ensure that we maintain the items needed for our homeless community members.



We always need the following items:

hamburger buns	cheese sticks
fruit	(oranges, bananas & grapes)
chips	granola bars
lunch meat & cheese	8 oz. water and juices

Some of these items can easily fit into their backpacks.

In addition to the food items we are in need of **toiletries and socks. The above items can be dropped off M,W,F from 11-2pm at Kavanagh Hall.**

Due to the pandemic and limited storage space we are unable to accept used clothing.

Again we thank you in advance for your generosity in allowing us to keep our homeless community fed and healthy.

If you have any questions regarding our ministry I can be reached at **310.488.9480.**

Linda Cabibbo, Ministry Coordinator

Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group

Join us!

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

We meet in **Kavanagh Hall every Monday at 7 pm.**

Experience inner peace.

All may offer their own intentions.
Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182



Family Movie Night

Join us for *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima* on **Monday, September 19th** in Kavanagh Hall.

This is the classic color version filmed in 1952. We will start the meeting at 7pm with the Rosary and follow with the movie that last just over 90 minutes.

Homeschool Teacher Wanted



Seeking a homeschool teacher or tutor for two kindergarten students, aged 5 years old. Ideal candidate is trustworthy, dependable, and openly communicates.

Looking for a commitment of at least one

year. We are looking for someone who is a fun, passionate educator who loves working with children.

Days and hours are **Wednesday through Friday** around **9:30 am - 12:30 pm**. The teacher will facilitate an already purchased traditional catholic curriculum and is welcome to bring her own projects and lesson ideas.

Location is in a private residence in the Torrance area.

Contact Lilsa - hashbrowns008008@gmail.com

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

Every **Thursday** night in Kavanagh Hall!

Doors open at 6pm.
Early bird game at 7pm



Join the Catholic Daughters of America

We donate generously to several charitable causes.



Members give their time, energy and support to help others in the service of Christ. CDA members enjoy each other's company at their **monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at Kavanagh Hall.**

At this time, **we are inviting all Catholic women** of all ages from all surrounding parishes who are dedicated to Church and country to join our Court. Before each meeting we start by saying the holy Rosary.

We have various functions throughout the year to help raise funds for the different charities we support.

If you are looking for a Catholic women's group to join, we are the one! Contact: **Kristal Trapani-Landry**
Email: Ktrapani.Landry.cda@gmail.com

Email courtourladyofvictory@gmail.com

Men's Retreat in Sierra Madre



Perhaps there has never been a more appropriate time for a retreat. Most of us are ready to break from the challenges we have faced in the past many months.

Men from our parish are invited to make their annual retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. The Center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team.

The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will help you Relax, Reflect, Rejuvenate spiritually.

The date is: September 16th, 17th, 18th

Reservations via Parish Captain:

Nick Tesi: 310.717.2937 nicktesi4@gmail.com



The Gathering Place

If your family has suffered the loss of a loved one, **The Gathering Place**, a nonprofit associated with Providence Little Company of Mary, offers support groups for children and adults.

www.providence.org/locations/gathering-place.

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION Closes 9/9!

Registration for the upcoming 2022-2023 Confirmation year is still open!

If you have a teen currently in high school and has yet to be Confirmed, now is your chance to sign up!

Sessions begin in less than a month so make sure to sign up before it's too late. Please visit our youth ministry website for more information on how to register.

As our ministry continues to grow, we are also looking to

recruit more adults to join our core team. Experience is not needed & training will be offered! For more information on how you can share your gifts & talents with the community, please contact us at one of the options below.

Gretchen Nobleza

Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Contact us:

Email: saintjamesym@gmail.com

Website: www.saintjamesym.weebly.com

Text: 424.265.8336



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2022-2023 Confirmation Registration Now Open



To register, visit
www.saintjamesym.weebly.com



SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,
 SJS Students just finished their first full week of classes for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

This week they dove into curriculum and had their first PE, Music, and Spanish classes (Specials). Students at St. James school begin their mornings with prayer and assembly, move into core curriculum and round out the day with “specials”.

The best part of the beginning of the school year is the joy on our students faces as they return to school, routines, and friends!

Registration is still open! We have a few spots still available to give your child an education in a Christ centered environment. Call the school and schedule your private tour and introduction to why Catholic School is an Advantage for Life!

Keep our students and staff in your prayers as we enter another year of challenges, success and growth academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

God Bless you,
Noreen Maricich, Principal



Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Religious Education classes begin in 2 weeks, so it’s time to register for Religious Education for the 2022 -2023 school year!

Our Parent Orientation Meeting will be on Zoom on **Monday, September 12th, at 7pm**, and **our classes will begin on September 20th and 21st**. Please to go www.saintjames.church/RE/ to register, and call the Office if you have any questions.

We are also still looking for Catechists to serve in Religious Education, especially in our Tuesday afternoon classes.

Catechist isn’t just a fancy word for teacher. A Catechist is someone who is a witness to our faith, a person who knows the love of God and who shares that love with others. Yes, a Catechist teaches children about our faith, but they first echo the love of God in their lives and in the lives of others.

If you feel called to share the love of God with others, please contact the Office of Religious Education at **310.379.3221** or email us at religiously@stjamesparish.org. The Religious Education Program has Catechists who serve in many areas, including in our Religious Education classes, our Sunday School program, and our Children’s Liturgy of the Word program.

Our community truly needs your gifts. Please consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve our parish during the coming school year.

God Bless!
Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

Preschool Registration Open!

Summer at St. James Preschool was fun, fun, fun! The children and teachers enjoyed water play, scavenger hunts and science experiments. We all left preschool each day happy and tired!

As our return to preschool approaches, we pause to give Thanks for the many fun experiences. This will be St. James Preschool’s thirtieth year! We have shared so much love with our St. James community. It will be exciting to have the children return with their laughter and curiosity.



St. James Preschool will open to the children on Sept. 8, 2022. There are still spots available. Please call the Preschool Office at **310.376.5550** to schedule a tour.

This Week's Topic: Humility

At the 8am Mass on Sunday August 28th, on the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Monsignor Mike spoke with clarity and insight about the kind of moral teaching that can help the faithful move toward more extraordinary levels of personal conduct.

First, from the Book of Sirach, (which history tells us was written in the early years of the second century B.C.), Monsignor spoke in accessible terms about the words of wisdom found in Sirach that were written first in Hebrew, then later translated to Greek, then Latin, and then in English, about how we should conduct ourselves with humility.

That theme was reinforced by the Gospel reading in Luke:14 in the banquet setting, wherein we heard about the kind of humility that exalts the humble. Monsignor reminded us that the focus is not to be on ourselves, but on others. That homily promoted additional spiritual inquiry.

Q: Jesus himself, along with the Mass and the Sacraments, as well as the Good News of the Gospel provide examples of humility. Where else do we find examples of the kind of humble nature being discussed?

A: *The Catechism Of The Catholic Church* casts illumination upon the role, function, and place of the Saints. The Index of the Catechism denotes Saints as:

- companions in prayer;
- examples of Christian holiness;
- intercessors and patrons of the faithful;
- and part of the Holy Spirit's activity in the Church.

In reading about the lives of the saints, we find that the lexicon of sainthood frequently includes terms such as: humility; virtue; perseverance; love of God; grace; discipline; fortitude; fidelity: constancy; and a focus on eternity.

One exemplary saintly companion in prayer and humility is Mary. We pray among the decades of the Rosary:

"Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope...by meditating upon these mysteries, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Catechism calls Mary, "...The Church's model of faith and charity..." She is one shining example for us of, as Monsignor preached, a life not focused on self.

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship?
Love.

Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened.

Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!
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**No sin is new to him.
No wrongdoing too great.
Come to Confession and
experience mercy and joy.**

**Confession is available
Saturday from 4-5 pm in Church
or by calling the office for an
appointment with a priest.**

Readings

Monday

Lead me in your justice, Lord.
1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

The Lord takes delight in his people.
1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.
1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

With delight I rejoice in the Lord.
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.
1 Cor 10:14-22 / Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

I will rise and go to my father.
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Prayer Requests

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

**Blesila Achacoso, Ferruccio Santini,
Cynthia Kear, Bishop Alex Aclan,
Evelyn Madela, Richard Casey,
Patti Joy Neal, Linda Tenney,
Jim Napora, Freddy Neff**

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

**Bob Soufl, Brian McLeavy,
Lupe Hernandez, Jessie Chavez,
Shawn Case**

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is open for your
gift and spiritual growth needs.

Tuesday— Friday 11-3pm

Peter Nobleza 310.374.1964
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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	September 3 Fr. Paul Msgr. Mike	Janine Wilson † Larry Wayne Catlett † Norm Smith †
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	September 4 Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Paul Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	David Franco † Nick Pecarich † Gloria Prado † Richard Castillon Frankie Albert † Peter Hai Nguyen † Fred & Pat Czarske † Bruce Buchanan Carmelita Sebastian † Lilia Solano †
Monday 8 am 12 noon	September 5 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Paul	Special Intention Enrequita Amarante †
Tues- day 8 am 12 noon	September 6 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Deanna Camano † Karen Nakamura
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	September 7 Fr. Paul Fr. Jim	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cayamanda † Carmen Davila †
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	September 8 Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus	Annabel Escondo † Mena Cayamanda †
Friday 8 am 12 noon	September 9 Fr. Paul Msgr. Mike	Vincent Cleetus † Nua Vukall †
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	September 10 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Jack Wilson † Margaret Broderick Maura Hurley
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	September 11 Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike Fr. Paul Fr. Paul	Bruce Walters † Valerie Adams † Douglas Harkins † Bob Soufl † Teri Cole † Patricia Duggan Sharon Wickens Phil Rini † Deirdre McQuade † Refugio Alfaro

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,
please call or visit the Parish Office **310.372.5228**

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



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Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



Msgr. Mike Meyers
Pastor
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Confessions
Saturday 4-5 pm
in the church.

"Lord, cleanse me of my guilt"

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



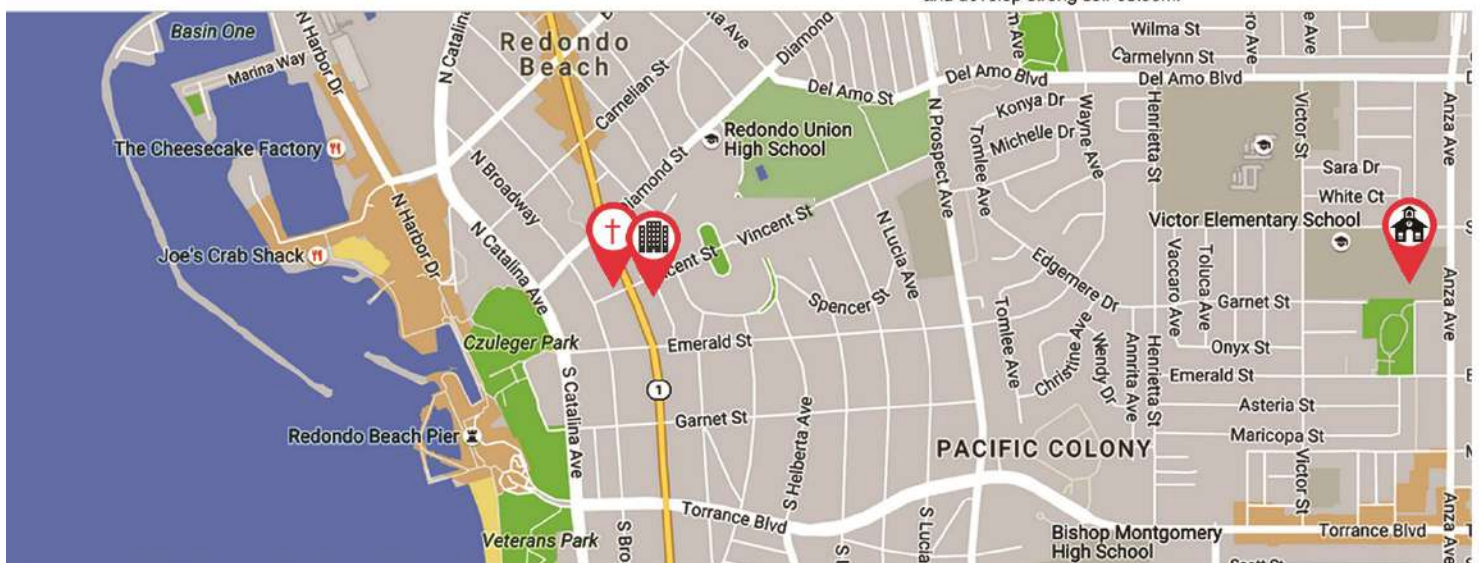
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Preschool & Toddler Time
Philosophy
We believe in creating a warm and
loving environment
where children can
learn about themselves,
gain an understanding of others
and develop strong self-esteem.



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