



St James  
Catholic Church

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**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!

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to  
condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,  
but whoever does not believe

has already been condemned,  
because he has not believed  
in the name of the only Son of God.”  
Jn. 3:16-18

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 St. James Community,

This has been a challenging time at St. James School following the recent administrative restructuring announcement.

While some parents have expressed their support, others have expressed concerns.

This letter is being offered to help address questions and clarify concerns that have been brought to my attention regarding our school.

Most importantly, our school philosophy statement reminds us that we are committed to excellence in Catholic education.

This has five distinct goals...

religious development,  
academic achievement,  
commitment to community service,  
personal and social development  
and physical and cultural developments.

**I want to assure you that there is no thought of closing the school.**

St. James School has strong operational vitality, ensuring its ability to fully staff each grade and to provide a quality education and formation for all of our students.

Still, I am saddened to hear that some of our teachers have expressed that they may choose not to return for the coming school year.

**I hope and pray that our teachers know that we value their experience and contributions and that they will consider continuing serving our students and school community at St. James.**

The renewal process at the end of each school year is used to determine our staffing needs and ensure that we are **fully staffed for the coming school year.**

We will continue to meet with our teachers to address their concerns and determine their annual contract renewals.

I pray that together we can take the best steps forward for our teachers, students and our school community.

As an update to the leadership search process that I previously shared in my letter of May 24<sup>th</sup>, our preliminary search committee for **school principal has already conducted initial interviews** with several candidates.

Once semifinalists are identified, additional members of the community including current parents and staff will assist in conducting interviews.

Ultimately, in keeping with Archdiocesan protocols, the expanded search committee will narrow down and recommend at least two candidates for my consideration.

**With the Holy Spirit's guidance I am confident that through this process we will be able to select a qualified principal to lead the school community forward.**

There have also been questions regarding the insurance settlement received in October 2022.

**The funds are in a restricted school account for the current and future needs of the school.**

As mentioned in the letter to the school community in October of 2022 when the settlement was reached, a **Settlement Fund Advisory Committee was established and has been meeting regularly since November 2022.**

The committee, which is comprised of **current and past teachers, current and past parents, past students, and members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils,** is working to provide recommendations that will serve as a guide for the best use of these funds for now and the future of the school.

By conducting a **survey among school families, staff, and parishioners the committee set out to understand the needs of the school (e.g. facilities, curriculum, staffing, technology and reparation).**

The responses varied but have helped to identify some initial opportunities. Thus far, **\$72,169 was allocated toward new lunch tables and umbrellas and termite abatement.**

Additionally, they have recommended utilizing funds for **upgrading the aging play structure.**

The committee will continue to meet and evaluate other short and long-term needs that will be addressed with the remaining balance.

While I understand that this is a challenging time, **I am hopeful that we can continue to work together to best serve the students of St. James School.**

**Our school has always been dedicated to forming our children and families in our Catholic faith and values while also providing excellence in education.**

I look forward to welcoming our families, new and old, and continuing to build upon the strong traditions of St. James School as we move into the 2023-24 school year.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Monsignor Michael Meyers*



WELCOME

Maybe you grew up Catholic.  
Maybe you think of yourself as Catholic.  
Maybe you haven't been to church in awhile.  
Or you are worried that you  
won't be welcomed here.  
And maybe it feels awkward and scary  
to take that first step.  
Questions. Doubts. Yearning.  
But not sure for what.  
We get it.  
We've been there.  
Now we are here.  
Maybe God is calling you, too.  
Just as you are.  
Welcome home.



### Celebrating Pentecost at Saint James

Prayer petitions were spoken in a second language at all Masses. In the photo of those participating at the noon Mass; (l to r) **Rick Finken—proclaiming the Word of God, and speaking in a second language: Brian and Lydia Nelson, Fr. Thaddeus, Judy Kendall, Vasanth Anto Charlee Arokiasamy**

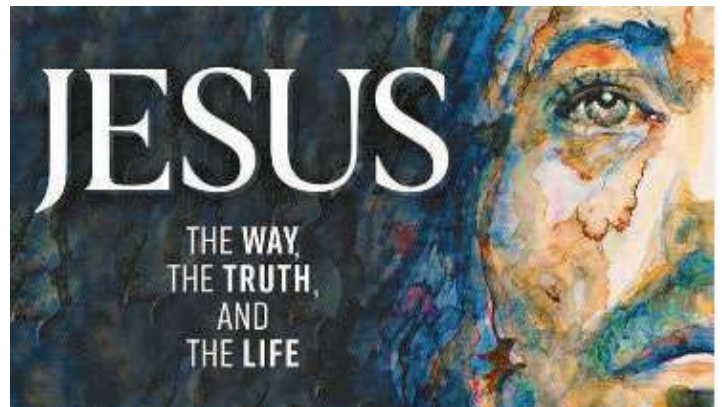
### Sorry, no coffee and donuts



after the 8 and 10am  
Masses  
in Kavanagh Hall.

## Tuesday Night Bible Study New Session Begins June 13<sup>th</sup>

The St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study  
will not have class on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.



Please join us on June 13<sup>th</sup> as we begin our new course  
**"Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life"**  
by Ascension.

### A Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith

—the Eucharist,

Mary,

the saints,

and the Creed

—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ.

Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure.  
He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God.

While many of us already know a lot about him, how well  
can we say we really know him?

### Filed on location in the Holy Land,

*Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a new and  
fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like,  
what he taught, and what he did for our salvation.

This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you  
to center your entire life on him as you come to know and  
love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way.

### 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.

Priests visit our study when their schedules permit.

Please contact **Donna Wilson:**  
**[dwilson94@gmail.com](mailto:dwilson94@gmail.com)**

Come, share and participate in our Church Community!



**Confirmation Nights**

Year 1: Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023!**

We were blessed to be able to attend Bishop Montgomery's graduation last Friday where several of our Teen Disciples attended, many of whom were part of the valedictorian class! We are so proud of these young adults embarking on this new stage in their lives. Congrats again to all of our graduates from BMHS & all of our local high schools!

This Confirmation year officially ends with this Sunday's Year 1 session. Time sure flies! Registration for the upcoming 2023-24 Confirmation year will open up in late June/early July. Follow us on social media or visit our youth ministry website for future updates, as well as upcoming summer events.

If you have any questions on joining our team or any future youth ministry events, please feel free to contact us at the information provided below.

*Gretchen Nobleza*

Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

**Contact us:**

Email: [saintjamesym@gmail.com](mailto:saintjamesym@gmail.com)

Website: [www.saintjamesym.weebly.com](http://www.saintjamesym.weebly.com)

Text: 424.265.8336

 [saintjamesym.rb](https://www.facebook.com/saintjamesym.rb)  [@saintjamesym](https://www.instagram.com/saintjamesym)

**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**



**Knights of Columbus**

To the men of our parish, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus, Council 1990.  
Sign up: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).

**Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!**

**Time for some fun!**



BINGO is every **Thursday** night in Kavanagh Hall! **Doors open at 6pm.**

**Early bird game at 7pm**

Play all night for \$15 One pack covers all games St. James School receives the profits.

Questions? Contact: Parish Office **310.372.5228**



## 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:

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## Holy Hour Adoration

**June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

## Benediction and Adoration

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
after the 8am Mass until  
12 noon

## Altar Server Training



The St James Altar Server Ministry will be holding training sessions for servers who will be in grades 5-12 in the fall. Contact **Karen Cuni** to join the schedule at [karen.cuni@gmail.com](mailto:karen.cuni@gmail.com) or via text at **626.318.8218**

## Avoid a Social Engineering Scam

Social engineering is a scam where a cybercriminal attempts to trick someone into taking an action against their own best interests.

Usually, the action results in the victim providing confidential information (like their login information) or installing malware on their computer.

Most social engineering attacks have four common traits, which signal a far higher likelihood of a scam if all are present.

Roger Grimes, KnowBe4's Data-Driven Defense Evangelist, advises asking yourself these four questions to help you avoid becoming a victim:

1. Did the message arrive unexpectedly?
2. Is it the first time the sender has asked you to perform the requested action?
3. Does the request include a stressor, such as "you need to do this now"?
4. Can performing the request harm your interests?

If you answer "yes" to all of them, you should go out of your way to confirm the request is legitimate. Use a trusted method like calling or texting the sender before taking any action.

Not every message with these four traits is absolutely a social engineering scam.

Our email inboxes, voicemail and postal mailboxes are full of unexpected requests; that is life.

But when these four traits are present, stop, look, and think before you act!



## 9 Day Novena of Masses for Fathers

Remembering our fathers and those who cared for us in this capacity. Cards are available in the vestibule. Please return the outer envelope to the Parish Office or put it in the collection baskets on Sunday. All the returned envelopes will be on the altar starting on Father's Day and will remain there for the duration of the nine day novena.



## Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

### Exciting things await in Religious Education this fall!

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opens in July, and families will have a choice between our **Traditional Faith Formation Program** and our **new and expanded Family Faith Formation Program**.

More details will come soon!

As we look to the year to come, we also seek parishioners who want to live out their baptismal call by serving in one of our Religious Education programs.

We can help you discern which program fits your gifts, so please contact the office so we can start you on the path to be prepared to minister with children this September.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration, and we hope that you find joy in your heart when you think about sharing your love for God with our children and their families!

Remember, there are many ways to help the families of the parish as they raise children of faith, and **our programs are open to all parish families, regardless of where your children attend school.**

Some activities will occur just once during the year.

Other activities occur monthly, twice a month, or weekly.

You can share your gifts with the community in the following programs for parish children and families:

- Traditional Faith Formation classes (Catechists, Aides, Yard Duty, Yard Monitors)
- Family Faith Formation (Catechists, Mentors, Aides)
- Sacramental Preparation (Catechists, Aides)
- Children's RCIA
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (twice a month at the 10am Mass)
- Family Day of Service Coordinators
- Family Field Trip Coordinators
- Family Faith Formation Experiences for Advent and Lent, like last year's Morning in Bethlehem (single day events)

Please call our office **310.379.3221** for more information about our programs or to learn more about how to get involved!

God Bless!

*Andrea Sullivan,*  
Director of Religious Education

## 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 year.

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:

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>hamburger buns</b>          | <b>cheese sticks</b>                   |
| <b>fruit</b>                   | <b>(oranges, bananas &amp; grapes)</b> |
| <b>chips</b>                   | <b>granola bars</b>                    |
| <b>lunch meat &amp; cheese</b> | <b>8 oz. water and juices</b>          |

In addition to the food items we are in need of **toiletries and socks**. 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

### Cookies for the Homeless

If you like to bake delicious cookies, consider making an extra batch once a month for our homeless neighbors.

Contact **Sandy: 310.542.4851**

Thank you!



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... [hopeafterabortion.com/](http://hopeafterabortion.com/)

### Preschool Toddler Time!

Toddler Time is a parent-and-child program designed especially for your busy toddler (1 & 2-year old.) This program will stimulate your toddler's sense of exploration in a safe and friendly environment.

Call for a tour: **310.376.5550**

### St James Moms Group!

The St James Moms Group meets every **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of the month during the school year, **10-11:30am**, at the Parish Center.

This year we will be doing a yearlong discussion on Edith Stein/St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Contact: [karen.cuni@gmail.com](mailto:karen.cuni@gmail.com) or text **626.318.8218**



# St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

May is a special month at St. James School as we honor our **Blessed Mother**.

Each morning at our prayer assembly we say a decade of the **Rosary**. May crowning was celebrated at our monthly school **Mass**.

We also celebrate our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class who received their **First Holy Communion** earlier that month. The students come dressed in their First Communion attire and receive for the first time with the school community.

**Registration for the 2023 – 2024 School Year is open. Applications are available at the school, the preschool, the parish office, and on our website [SJSCatholicSchool.org](http://SJSCatholicSchool.org).**

**St. James has a Transitional Kindergarten Program for students turning 5 after the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Full Day Program!**

**TK and Kindergarten families are invited to visit school with their child, visit the classroom and find out more about our program.**

**TK is a steppingstone and a bridge to begin your child's academic journey. Call or email to reserve a time.**

**Private tours are available by appointment for all grades.**

A Catholic School Education is a gift and a blessing!  
God Bless you,

*Noreen Maricich*, Principal



### Submit Prayer Intentions for a Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City

Archbishop Gomez will celebrate a live-streamed Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City on **Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. PDT**.

Submit your intentions and have them blessed and presented at this Mass:  
**[lacatholics.org/pilgrimage/](http://lacatholics.org/pilgrimage/)**

Intention deadline is June 20<sup>th</sup>.



### Human Trafficking Awareness

Adult predators groom victims making an emotional and psychological connection with a child laying the groundwork for future sexual abuse. Signs can include taking an undue interest in another's child or calling a child a "special friend".



**Get involved!**

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY of  
St. Lawrence Martyr and St. James.

**Contact: Rick Page [CandRpage2@gmail.com](mailto:CandRpage2@gmail.com)**



## Topic: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God...

Each Sunday, at the beginning of Mass we prepare ourselves to "...celebrate these sacred mysteries..."

**Q:** What is one area of preparation that we address?

**A:** We consider and meditate upon the Word of God.

To that end, in his homily last Sunday, Monsignor Mike was referencing the mysteries of the ascension. Monsignor also touched, in scriptural allusions, Paul's proclamation of the Good News to the Gentiles in Corinth, that isthmus area in ancient Greece.

He described not only the narrative of this section of the Acts of the Apostles and their evangelistic effort, but he also underscored the fact that sacred scripture is the inspired word of God, indeed;

*...the very voice of God.*

Pope John Paul II, in an Address given in the summer of 1995 on a World Day of Prayer spoke along the lines of Pastor Mike's insightful homily:

*"Sacred Scripture is a sure guide, when welcomed, and meditated upon in the church. Coming to know the events involving the major figures of the Bible, and above all, the reading of the gospels provide moments of unexpected insights."*

The Catechism has many entries about the dynamism of Sacred Scripture:

*"... the study of the sacred page should be the very soul of sacred theology."*

Sacred Scripture, then, features historicity, by virtue of its actuality of persons and events; Christian direction; spiritual insight; and divine inspiration.

The very voice of God...

St. Michael Prayer  
St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle;  
be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray; and do thou,  
O prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl throughout the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

## The Most Holy Trinity

In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence: "Looking good, buddy!" Ask a man. He'll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man's ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this "other." Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see. Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back. — Father John Muir

## Invite Someone to Mass

The church is again open for quiet prayer from 7am- 7pm daily.

Our **daily Mass is at 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday** with the rosary prayed immediately afterward.

Our **Saturday Mass is at 8am.** Help others attend Mass and receive the Eucharist; the true body and blood of Christ hidden in the form of a host.

## Saint James LiveStream

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can join us for Daily



Mass Mon-Fri at 8am

and **Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:30pm**

Visit **SaintJames.Church**. If you subscribe to our channel, you'll receive an email when streaming.

**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.**



## Readings

Monday

**Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 / Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

**The heart of the just one is firm, trusting in the Lord.**  
Tb 2:9-14 / Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**  
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**  
Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a / Mk 12:28-34

Friday

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**  
Tb 11:5-17 / Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

**Blessed be God, who lives for ever.**  
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

**Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Jn 6:51-58

## Prayer Requests

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

**Lisa Rice,  
Jean S. Heridan,  
Eric & Tony Satow,  
Marilyn Laue,  
Cameron Noble,  
Barbara Mullen,  
Gail Watanabe,  
Dympna Naughton**

For the souls of the recently departed,  
that through the mercy of God,  
May they rest in peace:

**Mary C. Morales, Christina Mattes, Skip Johnson,  
Luis Fabio**

## Gift Shop

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

**Open: Tues– Fri. 11am - 3pm**

**Peter Nobleza 310.374.1964**  
saintjamesgiftshop@gmail.com



## Weekly Mass Intentions

| <b>Sat.</b><br>8 am<br>5:30 pm                                  | <b>June 3</b><br>Msgr. Mike<br>Fr. Thaddeus  | Noriella Magbanua<br>Tom McConville †<br>Dympna Naughton   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Sun.</b><br>6:30 am<br>8 am<br>10 am<br>12 noon<br>5:30 pm   | <b>June 4</b><br>Msgr. Mike<br>Fr. Thaddeus<br>Msgr. Mike<br>Fr. Thaddeus<br>Msgr. Mike    | David Franco †<br>Robert Mietzner †<br>Jean Claude Persais<br>T.K. Lee †<br>Perfecto Delrosario †<br>Yolanda Delrosario Ocampo †<br>Minda M. Llavan †<br>Eileen Persais †<br>Martha Roderiguez †<br>Carol Peters † |
| <b>Mon.</b><br>8:00 am<br>12 noon                               | <b>June 5</b><br>Fr. Thaddeus<br>Msgr. Mike  | Patrick McKenna †<br>Beverly Gervig †  |
| <b>Tues.</b><br>8 am<br>12 noon                                 | <b>June 6</b><br>Msgr. Mike<br>Fr. Thaddeus  | Stella Vargas †<br>Nua Vukel †   |
| <b>Wed.</b><br>8 am<br>12 noon                                  | <b>June 7</b><br>Msgr. Mike<br>Msgr. Mike  | Daniel Gorosh<br>Gojcay Family †   |
| <b>Thurs.</b><br>8 am<br>12 noon                                | <b>June 8</b><br>Fr. Thaddeus<br>Fr. Thaddeus  | Magdalena Olvera †<br>June & Fred Togger †   |
| <b>Fri.</b><br>8 am<br>12 noon                                  | <b>June 9</b><br>Fr. Thaddeus<br>Msgr. Mike  | Fernando Villoria †<br>Tereza  |
| <b>Sat,</b><br>8 am<br>5:30 pm                                  | <b>June 10</b><br>Fr. Thaddeus<br>Msgr. Mike   | Bob Mietzner †<br>Deogarde Santos †<br>Mary Jo Newman †  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>6:30 am<br>8 am<br>10 am<br>12 noon<br>5:30 pm | <b>June 11</b><br>Fr. Thaddeus<br>Msgr. Mike<br>Fr. Thaddeus<br>Msgr. Mike<br>Fr. Thaddeus | Martha Rodriguez †<br>Susan Yano †<br>Paterno Luz †<br>Liana Notarnicola †<br>Esther Greenwell †<br>Fred Ronkowski †<br>Minda M Llavan †<br>Martha Rodriguez †<br>John Thomas Reidy †<br>Deogarde Santos †         |

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,  
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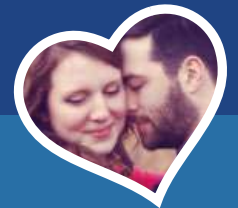
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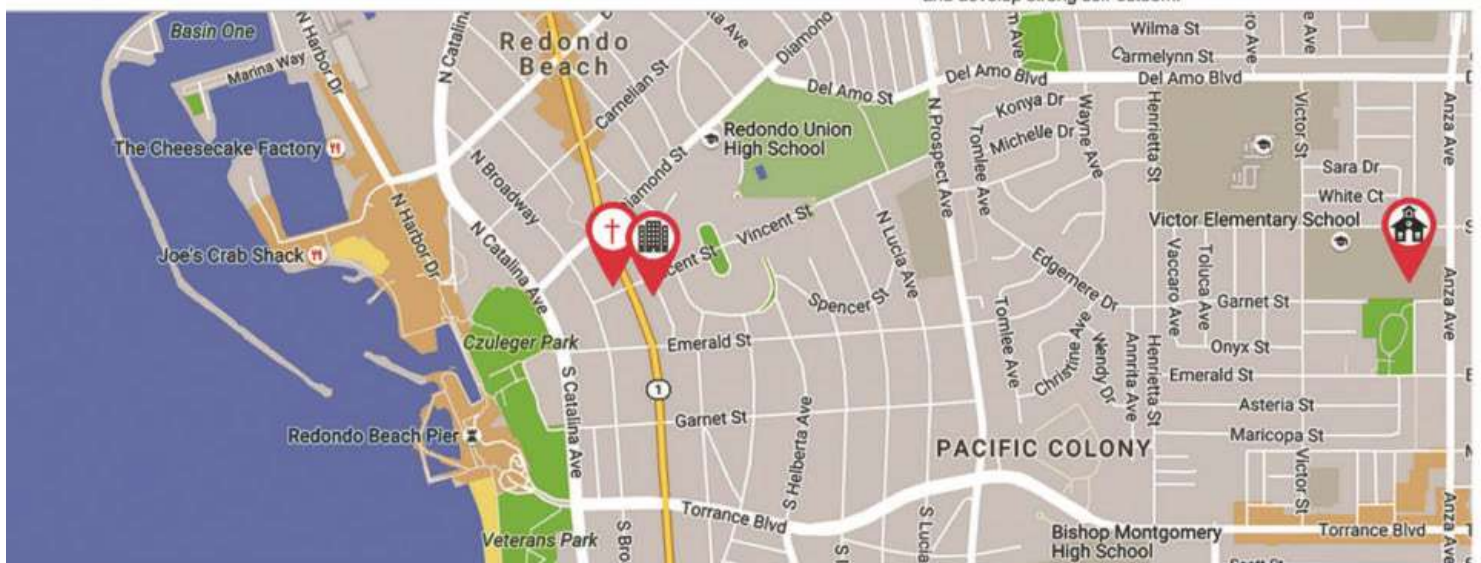
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