



St James  
Catholic Church

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

The Thirteenth 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!



“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water  
to one of these little ones to drink  
because the little one is a disciple—  
amen, I say to you,  
he will surely not lose his reward.”

Mt 10:42

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

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Includes Religious Freedom

In a Time Magazine article for July 4<sup>th</sup> in 2014, we were reminded of a speech by John F. Kennedy given at the City of Boston's Independence Day celebration on July 4, 1946, when he was 29.

Kennedy began by talking not about taxes, or about the British, or about the consent of the governed, but about religion.



*"The informing spirit of the American character has always been a deep religious sense.*

*Throughout the years, down to the present, a devotion to fundamental religious principles has characterized American thought and action,"* he said.

For anyone wondering what this had to do with Independence Day, Kennedy made the connection explicit.

*"Our government was founded on the essential religious idea of integrity of the individual. It was this religious sense which inspired the authors of the Declaration of Independence:*

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights."*

*Ira Stoll, Time Magazine, July 3, 2014*

Today we experience the reality that religious freedom has been set aside for individual freedoms.

As we celebrate the freedoms we value so much this July 4<sup>th</sup>, we are challenged to uphold the dignity and equality of each of us to live our faith to the fullest.

We, as Catholics, need to make sure our values stay focused on the truth of God's love for us.

Sunday remains a holy day and each of us should strive to open our hearts more fully to Christ and live as a witness to that reality.

This Tuesday, on July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate one community **Mass at 9 am.**

We will pray especially that the religious freedom we have here in this country will always be the foundation of our lives in Jesus.

*Mmgr. Mike and Fr. Thaddeus*

## Peter's Pence Collection this weekend



Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html)



## Bundle Sunday—July 23<sup>rd</sup>



The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be here on **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8-2pm.**

Please donate your **USABLE** discards of clothing, household goods, small appliances and miscellaneous items.

Please do not bring large items to the truck. Also, no baby seats, cribs or mattresses.

For large item pick up please call: **800.974.3571**

**Thank you!**



**Our parish office is closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
as we celebrate Independence Day

## 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.**

**We are inviting all Catholic women** of all ages to join us as pray the holy Rosary before each meeting.

Contact: **Kristal Trapani-Landry**

Email: [Ktrapani.Landry.cda@gmail.com](mailto:Ktrapani.Landry.cda@gmail.com)

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





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.

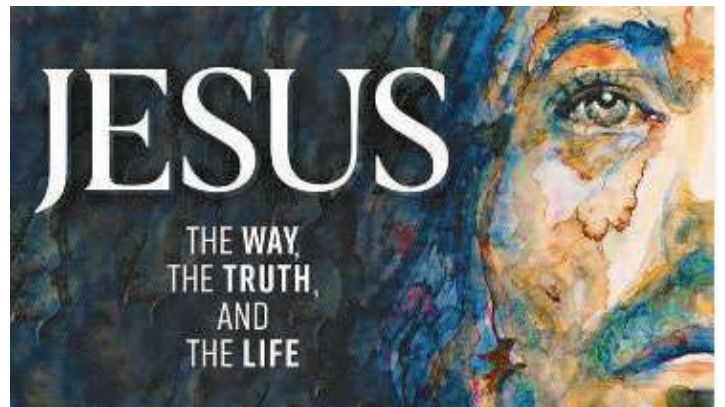
Maybe God is calling you, too.  
Just as you are.

Welcome home.

## Tuesday Night Bible Study

Next Session is  
Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

There is no class on July 4<sup>th</sup>



Please join us as we study  
**"Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life"**

Next class will be held in Kavanagh Hall Tuesday  
July 11<sup>th</sup> and begins at 7pm.

### 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?

### Filmed 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.

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!**

## Red Cross Blood Drive



Sunday, July 9  
7:30a. - 2p.

Sign-up: [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)  
and use sponsor code **StJamesParish**  
or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15  
minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to  
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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/)

**No  
Donuts  
and  
Coffee  
today.**



**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 Confirmation year is now open. If you have a teen that's currently in high school and has yet to begin their Confirmation preparation, now is the time to sign up! Visit our youth ministry website for more information on how to register.

We are also currently recruiting team members for the new youth ministry year ahead! All adults & Confirmed teens are invited to join as we journey alongside our teens who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. No experience in youth ministry is required & training will be provided. For more information on how you can share your gifts & talents with our young church, please contact the youth ministry office.

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**

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**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**



 **SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Confirmation Registration  
Now Open*

To register, visit  
[www.saintjamesym.weebly.com](http://www.saintjamesym.weebly.com)



## 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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**Thank you for your generous support!**

## Providence LA County and KidsCare Bereavement Services Healing Through Grief Support Group

July 12<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4 to 5p.

Healing Through Grief is a support group for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one at least three months past the death and up to two years.

Our purpose is to encourage healing and confidence in those experiencing a death of a loved one.

A phone assessment and registration forms are required before registration is complete. For more information about our groups or to register, please call **310.543.3437** or email [nancy.langevin@providence.org](mailto:nancy.langevin@providence.org) and please provide your call back number.

This seven week grief support group will provide participants:

- An opportunity to share their feelings
- Embrace memories
- Have compassionate support
- Relate to others who are also grieving
- Develop new methods of coping and problem solving

**Session are on Wednesday's:**  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>



## Benediction and Adoration

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
after the 8am Mass  
until 12 noon

## Holy Hour Adoration

**July 14<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**

## 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**

## 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!



## 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.

**Traditional Faith Formation** will take place on Tuesdays during the school year from 4-5:15pm at the Parish Center. Traditional classes are what Religious Education has always offered and will follow a curriculum from Saint Mary's Press.

Our new **Family Faith Formation** will have two components. The first will be family sessions held in person for the whole family about once a month for an hour and a half on a Sunday afternoon. The second will be family sessions held by each family in their home about twice a month with support from the Office of Religious Education and the great kits that we will provide each family.

We are adding the Family Faith Formation Program this year to provide another way for us to support our parish families who seek to raise children of faith. The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary educators in the faith—families are where children first experience God's love through the love given freely to them by their parents.

And all the research (and there really is research on this!) tells us that the key to effective Catholic parenting is to empower parents to authentically and intentionally communicate the faith to their children.

So why are we adding this program to the RE offerings for 2023-2024? Because Family Faith Formation works! It's a big change, but we invite all parish families to join us on this journey. We believe it will bear much fruit.

And of course, **we still need 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.

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 at **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



**Above photo is of a Religious Education Faith Formation kit**

### 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**



## Summer Family Day of Service!

On Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 2:30pm, we invite the families of Saint James Parish to our summertime Family Day of Service!

The families that gathered for our Lenten Family Day of Service this spring enjoyed helping the Feed the Needy Program so much that they asked us to bring it back for the summer.

This time, we will assist the Feed the Needy Program as they serve lunch. Signups are required because we can only accommodate **ten** people for this Family Day of Service.

Please register with the Office of Religious Education at [religioused@stjamesparish.org](mailto:religioused@stjamesparish.org).

Remember, this is a family event, so a parent should be with their child. Please call the Office at **310.379.3221** if you have questions.



## St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

**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,

*Danina Uy*, Principal



*I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.*  
— Romans 16:17-19

### 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 call to a Stephen Minister.

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

Contact: Didi Egnatuk 310.540.0329

### 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.

## Catholic Q&A Topic: Follow Me

At a 6:30 morning Mass, Monsignor Mike was discussing one of the readings from the Book Of Jeremiah.

That early morning homily touched upon historical events and the state of mind of one of the early prophets.

Against that backdrop, Monsignor offered thoughts about practicing our contemporary faith within a steady default spirit of hope and of calm, whatever may come.

The readings and annotated biblical material tell us that Jeremiah lived an arduous life with many physical and spiritual trials and difficult undertakings throughout his days until his death on the battlefield of Megiddo in 609 B.C.

Monsignor described the events of Jeremiah Chapter 20, and the external chaos of those days, along with the internal struggles of this prophet who was so often confronted by the proverbial stiff-necked people before him. Scholarship reveals that:

*"Deception, sorrow and terror  
have brought the prophet to the point of despair;  
nevertheless he maintains confidence in God."*

**Q:** How is it that Jeremiah was able to maintain confidence in God in the face of fear and uncertainty?

**A:** Thomas Aquinas said:

*"...confidence is a moral virtue  
by which we aspire  
to things worthy of great honor."*

One shining example of confidence of faith is, (as in so many instances), Mother Mary. To take just one of so many examples, there is the Holy Rosary.

Amid the decades of the Joyful Mysteries is the finding in the temple. Each of us can follow Our Lady's example of constancy of faith as we find Jesus in the temple of our Church and within our own searching hearts.

The Choir sings a song of trust called *Be Not Afraid*:

*"If you stand before the power of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.  
Be not afraid, I go before you always.  
You shall see the face of God and live..."*

A favorite Bible verse, Philippians 4, talks about confidence of faith in beautifully poetic terms:

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.  
Then the peace of God that surpasses  
all understanding will guard your  
hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*

**Be not afraid.**

As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders."

The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal.

That's life, isn't it?

At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward. But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back.

If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we **"surely will not lose our reward."**

The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

— *Father John Muir*

## Human Trafficking Awareness

Traveling this summer? Hotels provide complimentary shampoo, soap, etc. Remember to bring any unopened items to the collection barrel for trafficking victims located in the church vestibule. Our thanks to you.



### Get involved!

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

Contact: Rick Page  
CandRpage2@gmail.com

**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  
**Go out to all the world  
 and tell the Good News.**  
 Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday  
**O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes.**  
 Gn19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday  
**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
 Gn 21:5, 8-20a / Mt 8:28-34

Thursday  
**I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
 in the land of the living.**  
 Gn 22:1b-19 / Mt 9:1-8

Friday  
**Give thanks to the Lord,  
 for he is good.**  
 Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 / Mt 9:9-13

Saturday  
**Praise the Lord for the Lord is good!**  
 Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 / Mt 9:14-17

Sunday  
**I will praise your name for ever,  
 my king and my God.**  
 Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

## Prayer Requests

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

**Jim Scialabba,  
 Teresa Gratz,  
 Lee Boylan,  
 Linda Rich,  
 Regina Halt Ruth**

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

**William "Bill" Brandt,  
 Terence D' Sousa,  
 Barbara Stafford,  
 Clarissa Job,  
 James Kokalj**

## Gift Shop

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 gift and spiritual growth needs.

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 saintjamesgiftshop@gmail.com



## Weekly Mass Intentions

<b>Sat.</b> 8 am 5:30 pm	<b>July 1</b> Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Teresa Galvez Diego Avelar Brandan Reyes
<b>Sun.</b> 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	<b>July 2</b> Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	David Franco † Michael McGinty † Jocelyn Guevara-Hugo † Terrell Woods † Jean Sheridan † Magnito Verances † Ann Balderas † Robert Martins † Andrew Stefanski † Sue Stefanski
<b>Mon.</b> 8:00 am 12 noon	<b>July 3</b> Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	John Brennan Dennis Dolan †
<b>Tues.</b> 9 am	<b>July 4</b> Msgr. Mike	<b>Independence Day</b> Fortunato Lopez †
<b>Wed.</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>July 5</b> Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Mary Jane Jambor † Angela Forst Toyama †
<b>Thurs.</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>July 6</b> Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	John Brennan Maybelline Soriano †
<b>Fri.</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>July 7</b> Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Dympna Naughton Alexis G. Santos †
<b>Sat,</b> 8 am 5:30 pm	<b>July 8</b> Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	John Brennan Phil Earl † Samuel Ishida & Family
<b>Sunday</b> 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	<b>July 9</b> Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Terence D' Souza † Richard McKeane † John Brennan Camille Alcantara † Martin Byrne Joseph Resong † Barbara Stafford † The Concannon Family Barbara Stafford † Clarissa Job †

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,  
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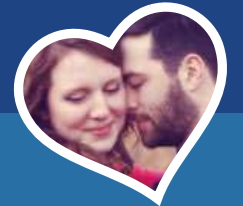
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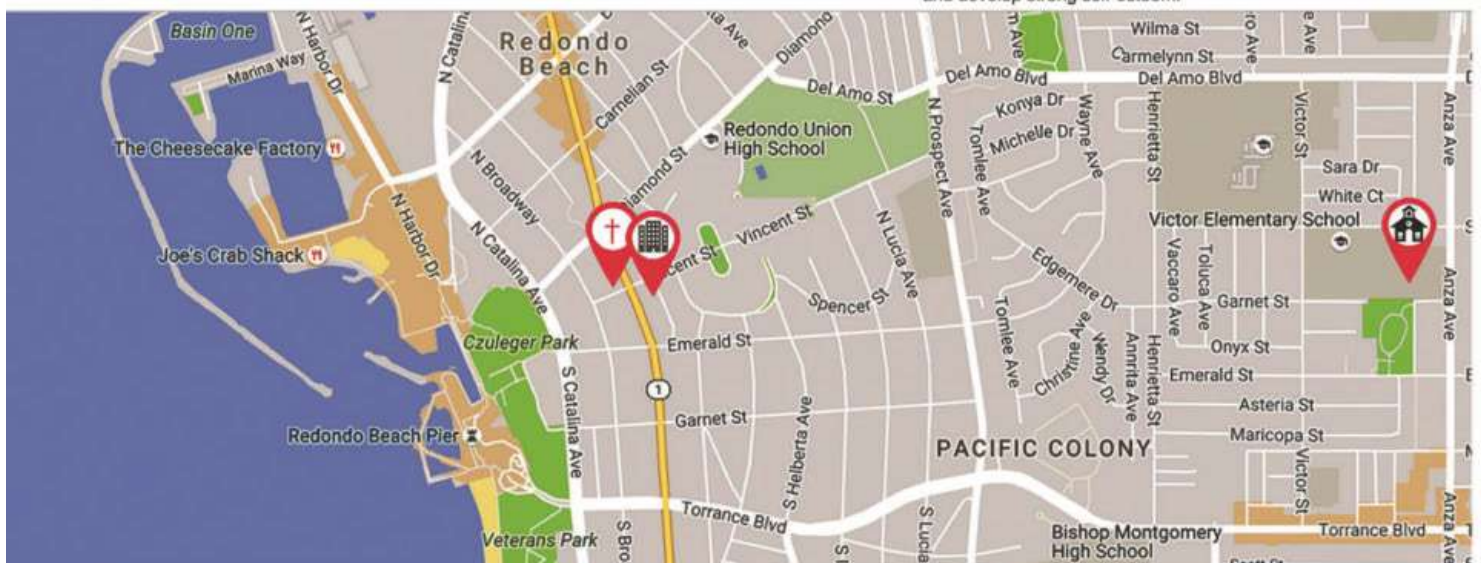
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