

Welcome!

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

“... repay to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar
and to God
what belongs to God.” Mt. 22:21



Pastor's Letter

World Mission Sunday

In 1820 Catholics were only 2% of the U.S. population. In the 1830's with crop failures in Europe and especially in Ireland, large numbers of Europeans, many of them Catholic, arrived and with them came priests to serve their needs. By 1850, Catholics made up the largest religious denomination in the country—and these were served by priests from Europe, especially Ireland.

The United States was a "Mission" church, receiving financial aid from Rome until 1908, and it continued to rely heavily on the service of foreign-born priests.

Today in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles over 50% of the 1,000 priests (active & retired) were born in other countries. Even if we are not a 'mission' church, we certainly depend on service of priests from around the world and our pews are filled with faithful from those countries.

Next weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday and from my ministry in the Mission Office and many trips to mission countries and Fr. Thaddeus' experience in Nigeria, we know that every parish in the world, no matter how poor, will still have a Mission Sunday collection reflecting the call EVERY Catholic has to be disciples of the Lord who live and share the message of God's love with others.

Envelopes are in the pews and this collection enables growing churches in the poorer countries of the world still considered "Mission" churches to have an opportunity to have the Gospel preached to them.

The Mission Sunday collection truly is the foundation on which these dioceses survive and your generosity is so important.

Blessings,

Msgr. Mike & Fr. Thaddeus

Advent Day of Recollection

"Lord, come to the manger of our hearts:

The dwelling place of Your Love"

November 18 from 8am-12 noon

8am Mass in church

After Mass, walk over to Kavanagh Hall

8:45 - Pancake Breakfast

9:30 - Presentation by our very own
Fr. Mark A. Strader



Cost is \$15

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4tym63bj>

For additional information contact:

Joanne Modic 310.528.6339

Bob Hernandez 310.738.7163 or

Ely Ronkowski 310.944.3355



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.

Grief Support Group



Providence Bereavement Services
**Tuesday, October 24th from 10:30 -
12pm In Kavanagh Hall**

The holiday season can be difficult to cope with when
you have experienced the death of a loved one.

Providence Bereavement Services is offering
Hope for the Holidays workshop
for adults who need grief support.

This workshop is for those who
have lost a loved one at least
three months past the date of
death and up to two years.

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

This workshop will provide:

- Practical tips for surviving the holiday season
- Techniques for coping with grief
- Managing your expectations with traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events

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





World Mission Sunday 2023

October 22nd

Hearts on fire, feet on the move.

Luke 24:13-35

 26M Children	 38,140 Seminarians	 8,750 Shelters	 12,000 Health Centers	 844,000 Catechists	 258,540 Religious sisters
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WWW.MISSIONSLA.ORG

BE THE SPARK THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES. GIVE NOW.

Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!

www.missionsla.org/worldmissionsunday

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Tuesday, October 24th at 7pm

Please join us in Kavanagh Hall as we study:
"The Bible Timeline - The Story of Salvation"
by Ascension Press. Please join us
this Tuesday as we cover
Session Two - Session Two – Early World, Part 1

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 if you are interested in joining this study.

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

Yes! Coffee and Donuts!

Served in Kavanagh Hall after the 8 and 10am Sunday Masses Thanks to our **Youth Ministry!**



The Corporal and Spiritual Acts of Mercy

Learn more about your Catholic Faith. How many of these 14 acts of mercy do you know?

<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10198d.htm>



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.

Our **monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm in 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
Email courtourladyofvictory@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates:

Confirmation Nights:

Year 2: Sunday, November 12th

Teen Night

Monday, October 30th

Year 1 Retreat

Saturday, November 18th

REGISTRATION INTO OUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF THE MONTH!

Our Confirmation year may have already kicked off but there's still some time to register! If you have a teen that has yet to begin their Confirmation preparation, sign up now before it's too late. Please visit our youth ministry website for more information.

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

Website: www.saintjamesym.weebly.com

Text: **424.265.8336**

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CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION STILL OPEN



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**

Dear Friends and families of St. James,

Mardi Gras Festival Is Coming!

This year the school festival is in February!



Meet Ms. Flores

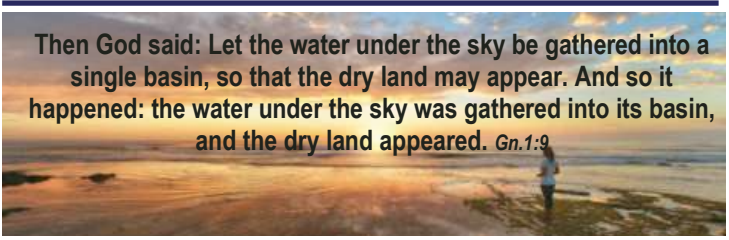
Greetings! I am Crystal Flores, currently serving as the 3rd Grade teacher at St. James. Recently, I earned my Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies-Education from California State University, Northridge, where I also participated in an integrated credential program. My academic journey has been enriched by

extensive in-class observations and invaluable student-teaching experiences in 2nd and 5th Grade classrooms. I have also worked for the Conservation Corps Summer Program over the past two summers. There, I had the opportunity to guide students of various age groups through different summer art projects and taking them on field trips. I truly enjoy working with children, in helping students grow in their learning. Away from the classroom, I cherish family time, often spent going to different beaches or hiking trails. As a soccer enthusiast, I enjoy watching matches and participating in the sport. I am truly thrilled to be a part of the St. James community. Go Pelicans!

A Catholic School Education is a gift and a blessing!

God Bless you,

Danina F. Uy, MA, M.Ed, Principal



Sunday Night Worship Aide

Please join our Sunday Night Youth band in worship during our 5:30pm Mass by scanning the QR code to our **virtual worship aide** where all are encouraged to worship with us during Mass. It will also take you to our parish website, our youth ministry website where many of our teens/ young adults are also active in & our Sunday Night Youth YouTube page.



We're excited to continue offering new ways to connect with the community!

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Children's Liturgy of the Word is today at the 10am Mass. This important ministry invites children to participate in Sunday worship and hear a reflection at an age appropriate level. We welcome all children from 4-12 to join us.

There are no classes for **Traditional Faith Formation** on October 24th and 31st. We will look forward to seeing everyone for **Mass on All Saints Day, November 1st**, at **4:15pm** and for class on Tuesday, November 7th.

For our families in **Family Faith Formation**, please **remember to join us for the All Saints Day Mass** at 4:15pm on November 1.

Finally, many of our parish children are preparing for their First Reconciliation at the end of November and the beginning of December.

We ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers.

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan,
Director of Religious Education

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
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Thank you for your generous support!



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:

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

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!



October is Respect Life Month!

This month let's deepen our understanding of why, as Catholics we must cherish and defend every human life from conception till natural death.

"Every child who is born, from the beginning of time to the end, is born from the loving thought of our Heavenly Father, who holds us in his gaze, looking upon each of us as one of his own, a beloved son, a beloved daughter."

-Archbishop José H. Gomez

Sending his own Son into the world, God fulfills the "Fatherly instruction" that he began from the moment of creation.

The Incarnation of Jesus Christ reveals once for all the sanctity, dignity, and great calling of the human person.

This is something we cannot reflect on enough. We worship a God who loves us so much that he enters the world as each one of us did, in the womb of a mother, and experiences all the humble realities of our human existence — birth, childhood, family, work, friendship.



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/

St. James Catholic Preschool is open!

The children, their parents, and the preschool staff are excited to begin a new school-year!

We have planned many fun activities and look forward to growing and learning with the children.

The children meet with Miss Darlene each week to learn about God, our world and music. Her lessons are interactive and fun.



It is an beautiful way to start each day.

St. James Catholic Preschool still has some **openings and is currently enrolling**. Please call us at the Preschool Office at **310.376.5550** to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!



Baby Bottle Fundraiser!



PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

The Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance provides free services, including ultrasound exams to women facing the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy.

Please support them by picking up a baby bottle after Mass. You can put in coins, bills or a check and **return your bottle before all Masses the weekend of October 28/29**. You can also donate online at supportphctorrance.org/contribute. Your support saves lives!

St James Moms Group!

Please join the St James Moms Group for our 9th year of events!

We have weekday morning meetings along with family and mom events on the weekends. Email karen.cuni@gmail.com for more information.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI), formerly the RCIA, is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith. It is the process for an unbaptized person to be baptized into the church and for those baptized by another Christian denomination to enter into the Catholic Church. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCI process involves the journey of faith, formation and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in learning more or starting the OCI process in September, please contact:

Ben Aranda at 310.427.5775 or email: Ben_Aranda@yahoo.com



Holy Hour Adoration

Oct. 27th, Nov. 10th at 7 pm

Benediction and Adoration

November 17th

after the 8am Mass until 12 noon

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is creature before his Creator.

It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil.

Adoration is the homage of the spirit to the King of Glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever greater God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives us assurance to our supplications.-CCC 2628

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



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.

Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182



Called To Eucharistic Ministry?

In this year we are trying to focus on the Eucharist and its foundation in the life of the Church and in each one of us. The ministry of assisting with the Eucharist is so important

As a community of faith we are in great need of more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist so that we might restore the reception of the Blood of Christ at our Sunday Masses.



To achieve this we ask those interested to participate in our Eucharistic Ministers Formation Program to be given at St. James by the Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship. It

is a time to reflect on the spirituality of ministry in the church that we have been called to and an opportunity to grow in our understanding of the Mass and Eucharist.

See the information and link (events.lacatholics.org/emhc-stjamesredondobeach) for the 3-session formation program to be given on the Tuesday evenings of October 10, 17 & 24.

The Archdiocese asks a registration fee of \$25 which the parish will refund to you on completion of the program. I ask you to prayerfully consider this ministry and make every effort to attend this formation program and I know that it will be a blessing for you and for the entire community of St. James.

For more information, please contact **Adrian Aralar 213.637.7547** or aaralar@la-archdiocese.org or contact the Parish office at **310.372.5228**

Blessings,

Msgr. Mike & Fr. Thaddeus

Adult Confirmation Program

Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If so, contact us about completing your Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation*). If you have not

received your First Holy Communion, this class will prepare you to do that as well. Our Fall, 2023 series of classes is has just begun. To receive further information and details on this process, please contact:

Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at dnbob99@gmail.com.

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



Anyone able to help?

Looking for a volunteer to repair or upgrade our candle and cross holder.

It's located in the back of the church near the Women's restroom. Please contact the parish office. Thank you!



Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

All interested children, ages 4 thru 12 are invited to join together and sing at the 4pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass on December 24.

Practices are on the following dates:

- Nov. 26th from 9-10am in parish center room 5
- Dec. 2nd at 5pm- Brooksdale Senior Living
- Dec. 3rd from 9-10am in parish center room 5
- Dec. 10th from 9-10am in parish center room 5
- Dec. 16th from 5:45-7:15pm -Caroling thru Sleepy Hollow
- Dec. 17th from 9-10am in parish center room 5
- Dec. 24th 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

This is a great opportunity for children to celebrate Jesus' birthday!

Questions/ Concerns/Suggestions

Robin Potchka **310.722.3573** Drpotchka@gmail.com

When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and stars that you established —

What is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than God,
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion
over the works of your hands,
you have put all things
under his feet ...

Psalms 8



Human Trafficking Awareness

Snapchats do not go away forever; any data IS forever. Anything online never truly goes away. Young people must be careful what they post.



Get involved!

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

Contact: Rick Page
CandRpage2@gmail.com

Catholic Q&A Topic: The Valley of Decision

Among scripture readings this week, the places and events of human activity serve to provide a continuum to the struggles of the people of antiquity with the tragic conflict scenarios within the Holy Land today.

In Jeremiah 23 we moved among the dusty roads and roiling currents of human activity in place settings that ring familiar again today. Our focus is drawn to the ancient lands of the Philistines, echoing now across the centuries: Ashkelon, Gaza, Ashdod, and Egypt are in the news.

We hear about Judah, Zion, Lebanon and that old Arabic term for a river valley, a *Wadi*, as part of the background of chaos, violence and strife. Here, regrettably, the long- ago etched words of scripture apply today:

*"The peaceful folds are devastated...
a great tempest is stirring."*

The Prophet Joel, among his speeches about the region's agriculture and warnings to the people to follow God's teachings, reminds the ancients and also speaks to those in residence today, that:

"The Lord dwells in Zion."

The other oracle whose words we read this week, Jeremiah, gives a prophecy about, "a nation in crisis." He was, scholars tell us, called to prophesy under the trying circumstances of the final days of the kingdom of Judah.

Q: During today's trying circumstances, what does the Catholic Church say?

A: Pope Francis invited both parties to restraint in hopes of reaching a solution to the war, and called for fraternity and dialogue.

"...we pray urgently for peace..."

The Catechism, in the applicable section called "Life In Christ" teaches that the fruits of charity, (much in need in this struggle), are joy, peace, and mercy.

In the face of complex, long-running, and seemingly irreconcilable dispute, the readings this week include a measure of essential, and quietly abiding guidance in 2 Thessalonians:

"Do not weary in doing what is right."

To the extent that prayer is truly an important part of the equation of the teachings of Christ, we may, in the face of the troubles of the Holy Land, do as the zealous Apostle Paul says in his Letter to the Thessalonians:

"...pray without ceasing."

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized.

Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve.

How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says,

**"Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's."**

This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question:

**what is the relationship between
political and divine authority?**

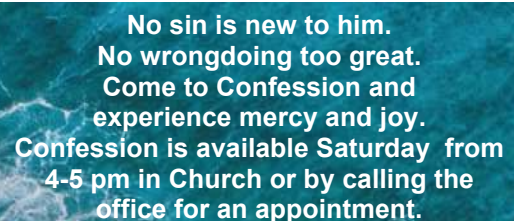
Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s.

It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority.

Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion.

We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.



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 be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people.**
Rom 4:20-25 / Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 / Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Rom 6:12-18 / Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
Rom 6:19-23 / Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Lord, teach me your statutes.
Rom 7:18-25a / Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Their message goes out through all the earth.
Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16

Sunday

I love you Lord, My Strength
Ex 22:20-26 / 1 Thes 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40

Prayer Requests

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

**Marilyn Amaya,
Loretta Palmer,
Sherry Stork,
Nancy Torsney,
Mike Cutuli,
Michael Timko,
Barbara McHugh,
Jane Nicholson,
Ryan Borguilla**

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

**John Mercer, Betty Zepeda,
Marilyn Babel, Darlene Evans,
Inkeri Spjut**

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	October 21 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Poor Souls in Purgatory † Danny & Michelle Clapps Terri & Jeff
Sun. 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	October 22 Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Theresia Griswold † Michael Drook † Betty Zepeda † The Ramirez Family Debra Kramer † Ben Amorelli † Roy Kuehn † Mary "Cookie" Tolin † Rodolfo Hernandez † Joseph Dela Cruz †
Mon. 8:00 am 12 noon	October 23 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Michael Ryan Guerin † The Hayner Family
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	October 24 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Fortunata Lopez † Rafael Sorjano †
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	October 25 Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim	Matt Hagan † Joseph Martelli †
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	October 26 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Catherine & Anthony Francis Menezes † Michael & Bruno Spitz †
Fri. 8 am 12 noon	October 27 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Darlene Evans † Ryan Borguilla
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	October 28 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Souls in Purgatory † Teresa Cox † Joseph Dela Cruz †
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	October 29 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Richard Bien † Helen Benza † John Hanley † Loretta Palmer Ron Czarske † Honorio Cunanan † Aquaviva Martins † Patsy Martins † Joseph & Julie Martelli † Virgilio Santiago †

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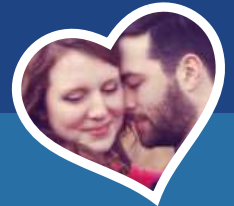
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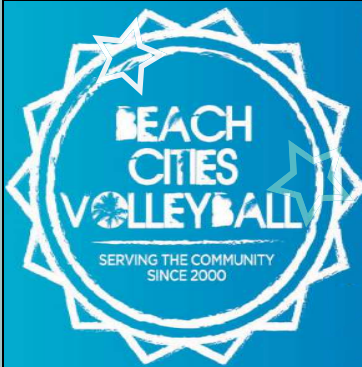


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