

Welcome!

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

“The greatest among you
must be your servant.”
Mt. 23:11



Pastor's Letter

A Spirituality of Stewardship

The Finance Council is an important part of the stewardship of St. James to wisely and effectively use the resources and facilities of the parish. Each one of us is also called to be good stewards of our own faith and blessings we have received. The Council has asked me to say something about the spirituality of stewardship.

A tithe is a portion of our income given to our local church. Because the custom of tithing is biblical, many Christians practice it as part of their faith.

An 'offering' is often something we give from what is left over after we have met all our expenses. A 'tithe' is a specific amount that we give first before anything else.

The Bible tells us that tithing is a way to show that we trust God with our lives *and* our finances. Tithing isn't for God's benefit. He doesn't *need* our money.

Instead, tithing is meant for *our* benefit because

sacrificing a portion of our income reminds us that all we have is a gift from God and is about living with the attitude that we've been blessed to be a blessing to others .

Giving encourages a grateful and generous spirit and can help steer us away from being greedy or loving money too much. We should always be giving in some way of both talent and treasure.

Tithing is more of a spiritual topic than a financial one. It's not about the money—it's about the heart.

I find that using Faith Direct is my best way to give first and generously, before my other expenses, and it makes sure that I stay true to that commitment each and every month. I also find that it keeps my relationship and commitment to St James strong.

Blessings,

Mmgr. Mike & Fr. Thaddeus

Message from the Finance Council

As you recall, we announced the financial results for last year in the bulletin a few weeks ago. Since then, we have received the results from the first quarter of this fiscal year (July through September). We have incurred a significant deficit. Here are the numbers for the last three years:

	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
Income	\$279,700	\$264,600	\$258,000
Expenses	\$300,500	\$338,500	\$327,700
Net	-\$20,800	-\$53,900	-\$69,700

Thank you to all who increased your regular weekly contributions after our last announcement. Our income for the quarter this year is 7.8% less than two years ago. Our expenses are 9.1% greater than two years ago. We are trying to control expenses without the need to reduce ministries or staff, so we need your help to increase our income.

Please once again we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your weekly contributions. This is a situation that requires the effort of many to resolve. If you can increase your contributions, please do so.

We also encourage you to enroll in **Faith Direct** (see separate announcement in this bulletin) to assure a more consistent income flow for the parish.

God bless you all for your generosity and support of St. James Church. Without your contributions we wouldn't be able to carry out the mission of our church, its various ministries and function as a healthy and vibrant church.

Tom Miller,
Finance Council Chair

Your Continued Support of St. James is Vital and a Blessing!

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:

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>
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Or

Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number

Simply text any dollar amount to **424.317.8878**

Thank you for your generous support!





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.



The parish office will be closed on Friday,
November 10th as we celebrate Veteran's Day

Yes! Coffee and Donuts!



Served in
Kavanagh Hall
after the 8 and
10am Sunday
Masses

Thanks to our
**Women's
Cornerstone
Ministry**

Keeping children safe in sports



Every adult has the responsibility to make sports a safe and enjoyable experience for children.

Playing sports helps children work on sportsmanship, goal setting, personal responsibility, and emotional control.

But sports also include some risks — the potential for physical injury, bullying, hazing, and even abuse. Because sports happen outside of “normal” school hours, there may be less safety checks than there are in school. Parents need to be vigilant in confirming that coaches and volunteers are vetted, and that their children are playing in safe environments. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Keeping Youth Safe in Sports” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Critical Need for Blood Donors
Blood donors of all blood types are needed now.

December 10th <https://www.redcross.org/>

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



Candles and Carols
The St. James Christmas Concerts
Featuring

**Sunday Night
Youth Choir**

**Resounding
Grace**

**St. James Adult
Choir**

**Thursday, December 7th
at 7pm**

**Friday, December 8th
at 7pm**



at the St. James Community Campus Chapel.

There is a \$5 per ticket offering for this concert.

There are limited tickets available for this concert. And
sells out quickly!

Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office front
desk or by stopping by the music ministry after Mass.



**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



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and families of St. James,

Meet Mrs. Hoffman

I'm Lila Hofmann, and I'm
the First Grade Teacher at
St. James Elementary
School. I grew up in NY
and Northern California. I
received my B.A. in Thea-
tre Arts from San Francis-
co State University. When
I lived in Chicago, I re-
ceived my M.A. in
Elementary Education
from Roosevelt University.
I began my second career
as a substitute teacher for



Chicago Public Schools, Latin School of Chicago, and
Francis W. Parker School. At Parker, I taught
kindergarten and then later moved to first grade. I spent
the last two years in third grade at The Buckley School in
Sherman Oaks. I am certified to teach grades K-5 in
Illinois and California. As an educator, my goal is to
exemplify and lead with a love for lifelong learning, build
an inclusive classroom atmosphere, encourage creativity
and critical thinking, and offer a sense of community. I
believe in making real world connections to spark
creativity. I aim to guide students to be mindful,
responsible citizens of the world, who will be our future
problem solvers. In my free time, I enjoy; yoga,
volleyball, the beach, reading, roller skating, dancing,
and spending time with family and friends.

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!



UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, November 12th

Year 1 Retreat

Saturday, November 18th

Our Youth Ministry team has been busy planning our Year 1 Retreat that will be taking place on Saturday, November 18th. We'll be utilizing the entire St. James Community Campus where our Year 1 Confirmation candidates will participate in team building activities, engage in interactive sessions & connect with God through different forms of prayer throughout the day. Please keep our teens in your prayers as they journey with one another in building their relationships with Christ.

Gretchen Nobleza

Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

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Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Our next **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be next Sunday, November 12th, 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.

Also, **Family Faith Formation** will meet next Sunday, November 12th, at St. James School.

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

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.

This past week we held our **Trunk or Treat** with the children dressed in costumes. It was spooktacular!

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!

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.

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 24th**.

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

Questions/ Concerns/Suggestions

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We've Missed you!

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

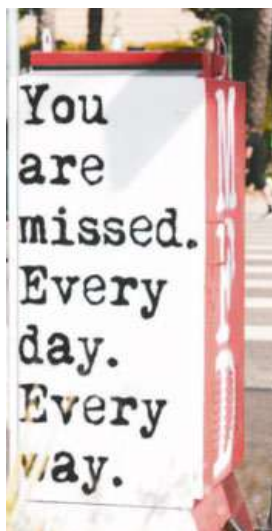
Our **daily Mass is at 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday** with the rosary prayed immediately afterward.

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

Find what you've been missing!

Take a moment to rediscover what's missing in your life!

We're not complete without you!



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**

Do You Need Someone to Hear 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**



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/

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!



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**



Human Trafficking Awareness

PLEASE, DON'T FORGET US.

We are still collecting personal care items for trafficking victims in our barrel in the vestibule. Items such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, facial wipes, etc., especially in travel size.

Get involved!

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Contact: **Rick Page** **CandRpage2@gmail.com**



Opportunities to Deepen your Faith

Why do we have to go to confession?

Lesser sins can still be forgiven by prayer, fasting, works of mercy, and participation in the Eucharist, and greater sins—mortal sins—still need more. Our sins still affect others, and through the ministry of the priest we ask forgiveness of God and reestablish our bond with the community. Available **Saturdays 4-5pm in church**. <https://uscatholic.org/articles/201205/why-do-we-go-to-confession/>

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.

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

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.



Tuesday Night Bible Study

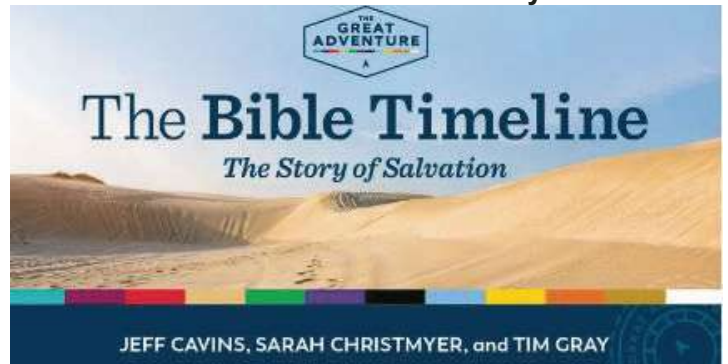
Join us at the St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study next meeting on **November 7th for**

Session Three – Early World, Part 2

Please join us in Kavanagh Hall as we study:
"The Bible Timeline - The Story of Salvation"
by Ascension Press.

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.**



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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.

Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182



Catholic Q&A Topic: Where Christ's Spirit Dwells

A man went out to do what he calls his daily "rosary walk," despite feeling a bit out of sorts and vaguely unworthy in general.

As to the Rosary, the Catholic Bishops teach that it is a Scripture-based prayer that summarizes the great mysteries of faith.

They describe the meditative ethos of the Rosary which leads one into restful, contemplative prayer. They describe the gentle repetition of these prayers which help us to enter, "into the silence of the heart, where Christ's spirit dwells."

The man looked forward to meditating on the Joyful Mysteries, or perhaps Glorious, or Luminous Mysteries, yet it was the day for the Sorrowful Mysteries. Nevertheless, he walked.

Q: What does the Church teach about the Rosary, which it describes as Marian in character, yet at heart a Christocentric prayer, which has "the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety".

Pope St. John Paul II wrote in a prescient way about a feature of the Rosary that applies acutely today:

"By its nature as an insistent choral petition... the Rosary allows us to hope that, even today, the difficult battle for peace can be won."

The Fathers and Brothers of Mary Knoll wrote:

"In prayer we bring everything to God, our struggles, our wounds, our fears, but also our joys, our gifts, our loved ones, all to God. By praying, we allow God to enter our time, to welcome and transfigure all that we experience.

Make use of this powerful instrument, the prayer of the Holy Rosary, because it brings peace to our hearts, to families, the Church and the World."

So it is then that among the guiding beads is that unworthy man on his personally transformative Rosary walk; there is a Church Magisterium that honors the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and there is a contemporary world on fire that yearns for the peace of Christ as reflected within the prayerful mysteries of messianic faith history.

The Pope characterized the Rosary as "an insistent choral petition." The St. James choir sings, by way of petition, the plaintive echoes of the Rosary with words harmonically aligned to the dynamics and tonal key of those Christocentric prayers of joyful, sorrowful, luminous, and ever-glorious mysteries:

"Transfigure us O, Lord."

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice:

"Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says,

'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?"

Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man.

The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense.

At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father."

Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you?

How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love.

It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

Sacramental Confession

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

Lord, in your great love, answer me.
Rom 11:29-36 / Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.
Rom 12:5-16b / Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

**Blessed the man who is gracious
and lends to those in need.**
Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

**The waters of the river gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High!**
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

Friday

**The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**
Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

I will praise your name for ever, Lord.
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 / Mt 25:1-13

Prayer Requests

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

**Patricia Wolf, Mary Pat Schuster,
Cameron Noble, Becka Ruebsamen,
Julie Pinella, Krissy Carlos**

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

**Robin LaCroix, Bess Konrad,
Patricia Robles,
Yvonne Carnes,
Cruzita Hernandez**

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Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	November 4 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Gwen Sun All Souls Novena
Sun. 6:30 am	November 5 Fr. Thaddeus	Robin LaCroix † David Franco †
8 am 10 am	Fr, Jim Msgr. Mike	All Souls Novena Bruce Szeles † Michael Warkentin †
12 noon 5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Dick Meng † Betty Zepeda † Charles & Stella Harn † Willy Tang †
Mon. 8 am 12 noon	November 6 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	All Souls Novena Mary Ann Wilson †
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	November 7 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Irma Villoria † All Souls Novena
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	November 8 Fr. Jim Fr. Jim	All Souls Novena Mary Barry
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	November 9 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Bruce Szeles † All Souls Novena
Fri. 8:00 am 12 noon	November 10 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Veteran's Day All Souls Novena Jim Gaynor †
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	November 11 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	The Kent Family All Souls Novena Paterno Luz †
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am	November 12 Msgr. Mike Fr, Thaddeus	All Souls Novena Araceli Silva † David Angeloni †
10 am	Msgr. Mike	Children of St. James Parish Peyton Yabes
12 noon	Fr. Thaddeus	Lindsay Pollack † Eileen Flanagan †
5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike	Virginia & Eduardo Acal † Julie & Joseph Martelli †

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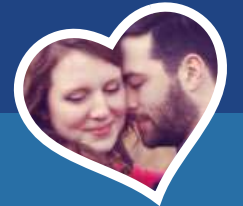
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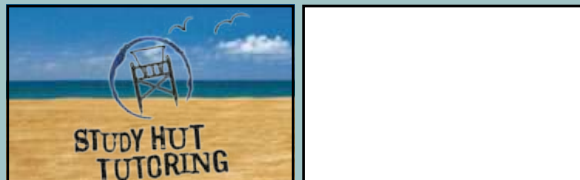
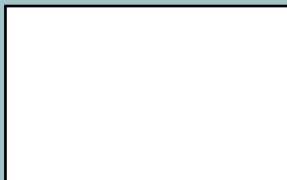
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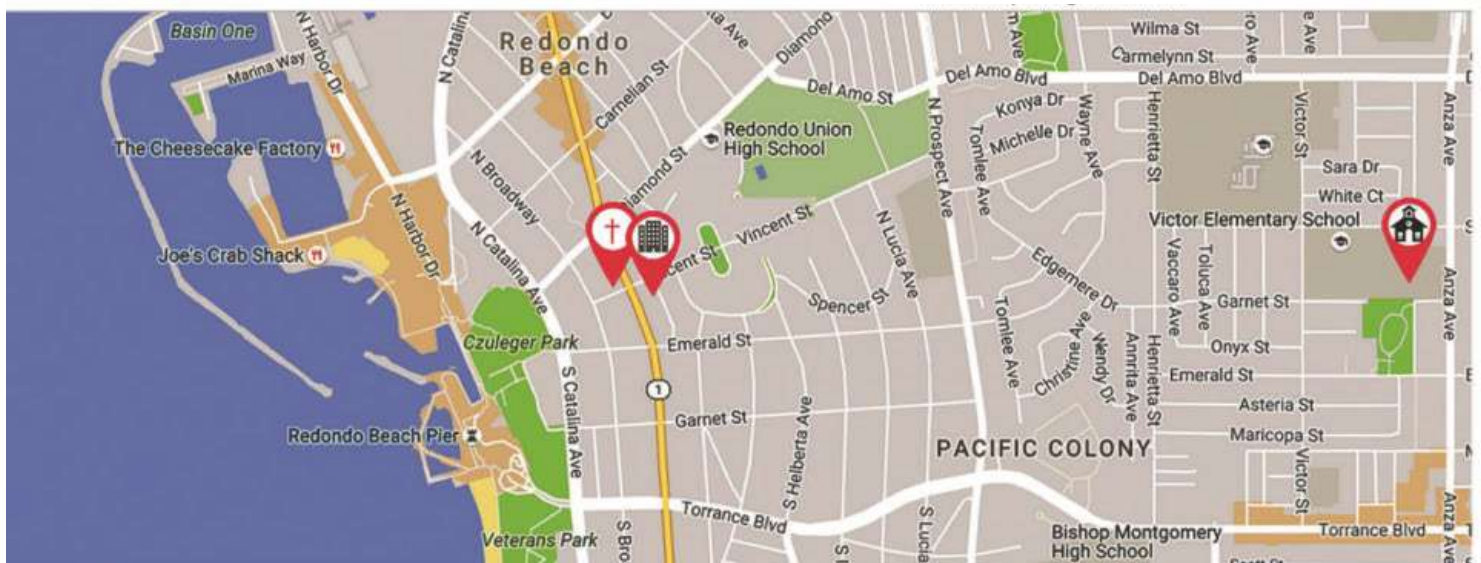
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