



St James
Catholic Church

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

November 19th, 2023
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

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

Welcome!

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

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
“A man going on a journey
called in his servants and entrusted his
possessions to them.
To one he gave five talents; to another,
two; to a third, one—
to each according to his ability.

Then he went away.
Immediately the one who received five
talents went and traded with them,
and made another five.
Likewise, the one who received two made
another two.
But the man who received one went off
and dug a hole in the ground
and buried his master's money.”

Mt. 25:14-18

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 Friends and Families of St. James,

More than anyone else in the world, we are a people of HOPE.

We trust in God's love for us and the plan that he has for our lives—a plan that is not hindered by the difficulties of life. Our faith gives us a resolve in the face of adversity to see beyond these momentary situations and know that God's saving work is still active in our lives and our world.

We, as children of God, have the opportunity and responsibility to continue that work of proclaiming the Gospel and evangelizing our community through that same faith, hope and love—working in our lives in each and every situation. Take the time this week as we celebrate Thanksgiving to recognize the peace and joy of God's blessings in your lives and to affirm the goodness in people around you.

Let your words and life be God's words and life for your family and friends to uplift them and heal them.

This Thanksgiving we give thanks to the Lord for you, the members of St. James, and the love of Christ living powerfully in your lives.

May the gift of his Spirit continue to strengthen you and inspire you to become a source of hope and faith for your families and our community.

Blessings,

Msgr. Mike & Fr. Thaddeus

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our Mass on **Thanksgiving Day will be at 9am**. We'll have a table for your food and wine to be blessed during this Mass. We are especially thankful to be able to celebrate with our community during this special time of the year. We thank the Lord for His gift of salvation and His many promises that bring us hope, peace, and joy.



The **Parish Office will be closed** on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 24th.

We wish blessings to you, your family and friends.

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/>

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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Thank you for your generous support!

*"Give, and it will be given to you.
Good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap.*

*For with the measure you use
it will be measured back to you." -Luke 6:38*

Catholic Campaign for Human Development is Next Weekend

*"Remember the time of hunger in the time of plenty,
poverty and want in the day of wealth." Sirach 18:25*

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

Next weekend envelopes will be in the pews.

Thank you for your generosity.

Visit www.usccb.org/cchd for more information.



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.

Benediction and Adoration



November 17th
after the 8am Mass
until 12 noon

Holy Hour Adoration
Nov. 24th At 7pm in church

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.

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



Sadly, there will be
no donuts
this Sunday
after the 8am and
10am Masses

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



Holiday Boutique

December
2nd-3rd

9am- 3pm



Astonishing! — Cub Scouts Food Drive

Almost **600 cans** of new food were gathered on Sunday, Nov. 12th during a 6 hour span by around 10 Cub Scouts from St. James Pack 863.



Plus they received **\$450** in cash donations. The can drive was held at Vons, only 3 blocks from St. James School.

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/>

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 will soon be available in the Parish Office front
desk, Gift Shop 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

Dear Friends and families of St. James,

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden
passing of James Mather- loving husband and father.

He died
unexpectedly
on
November 6th.

He was a
strong
supporter of St.
James School.

He leaves
behind his
beloved wife,
Jasmyne, and
daughters,
Emma and

Calisandra, second and third graders at St. James
School.



In this time of grief, the family appreciates your support
and respect for privacy.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this
time.

If you would like to make a donation to this family, the
GoFundMe link is:

<https://tinyurl.com/2thz6dwx>

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**Teen Nights**Tuesday, November 21st**Amplify Night**Saturday, December 2nd**Confirmation Nights**Year 1: Sunday, December 3rdYear 2: Sunday, December 10th

Youth Ministry will be hosting our next Amplify Night on Saturday, December 2nd as we enter into the Advent season and all are invited! It'll be an evening of praise & worship, a special speaker & will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration. Feel free to bring a friend!

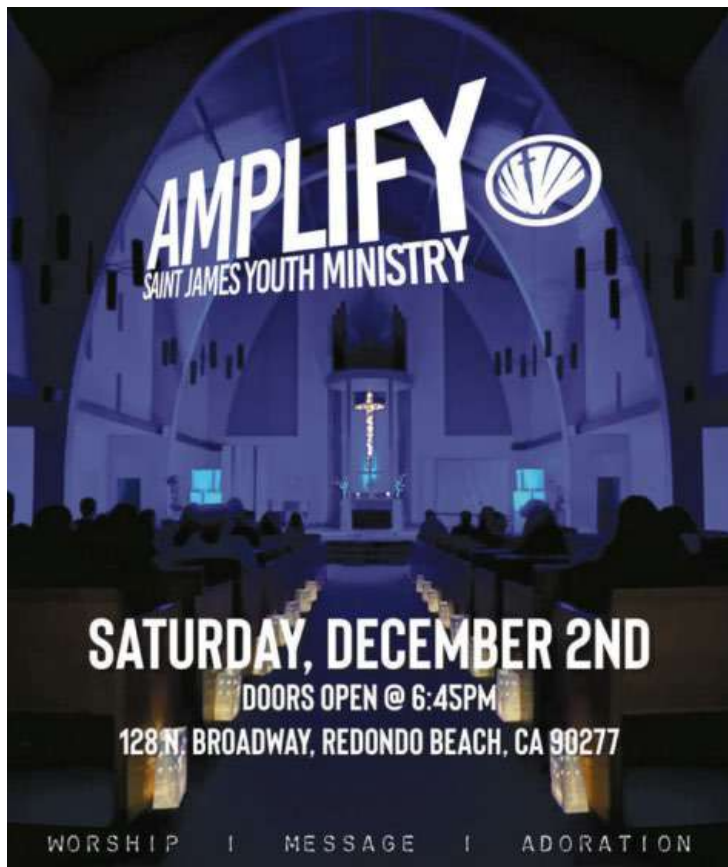
If you have any questions on joining our team or any future youth ministry events, please feel free to contact us at the information provided below

Gretchen Nobleza

Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Contact us:Email: saintjamesym@gmail.comWebsite: www.saintjamesym.weebly.com

Text: 424.265.8336

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

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Our next Family Day of Service is tomorrow, Monday, November 20th, from 12-2 when we help serve lunch with the Feed the Needy Program. As always, children must attend with their parents, and registration is required because our numbers are limited. Please call or email the Office of Religious Education to register.

In December, we will have two Family Day of Service opportunities. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2nd, at 5pm, when families are invited to carol at Brookdale Senior Living center on Torrance Blvd. We have a second caroling opportunity at our Feed the Needy program's Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 9th, at 1:15pm. For more information, please contact the Office of Religious Education or email Dr. Robin Potchka at Drpotchka@gmail.com.

We also invite all our families to bring the bread and wine they will share during their Thanksgiving meal to the parish for a blessing as we celebrate Mass at 9am on Thanksgiving Day.

Also, we hope our Traditional Faith Formation families enjoy the extra time off because we will have no classes this week! Remember, the Office of Religious Education will be open by appointment only on Monday and closed the rest of Thanksgiving week.

Finally, many of our parish children are preparing for their First Reconciliation. We ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers.

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education**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.

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 spooktakular!

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!

Community and Putting Your Faith in Action

Feed the Needy Ministry

As we approach the holidays, our ministry once again needs the assistance of our parishioners in several areas. This will ensure the homeless and needy community experience a joyous Christmas Season.

We are planning a **Christmas Party on Dec. 9th from 1-2:30pm in Kavanagh Hall.**

We will have food for everyone and Santa will be there with toys for the children. We are asking your generosity in the following areas:

- New, **unwrapped** toys and games for children ages 2-12.
- Warm clothing such as sweat shirts with hoods and pants Sizes L, XL and XXL,
- scarves, gloves, hats,
- sleeping bags, blankets,
- Gift Cards for Smart & Final, Target and Walmart.

Our **Traditional "Giving Tree"** is in the vestibule of the church. The Giving Tree is decorated with cards indicating the gender and age of the children who will receive Santa's gifts.



We will continue collecting unwrapped gifts through Dec. 5th.

Once you have selected a card, gifts can be dropped off at Kavanagh Hall Monday, Wednesday, or Fridays from 11– 2pm.

If this is inconvenient gifts may be dropped off at the church office.

We also need **volunteers on December 8th** in Kavanagh Hall, to wrap gifts. Gift wrapping will commence at 9am and end at noon. **Please bring scissors.**

We thank you in advance for your good will during the holiday season for our needy community.

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

Linda Cabibbo, Ministry Coordinator



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/

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



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

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!

Only 2 More dates this Year!

BINGO is **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. **Closed during December!**
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!

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY of

St. Lawrence Martyr and St. James.

Contact: **Rick Page**

CandRpage2@gmail.com



Opportunities to Deepen your Faith



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

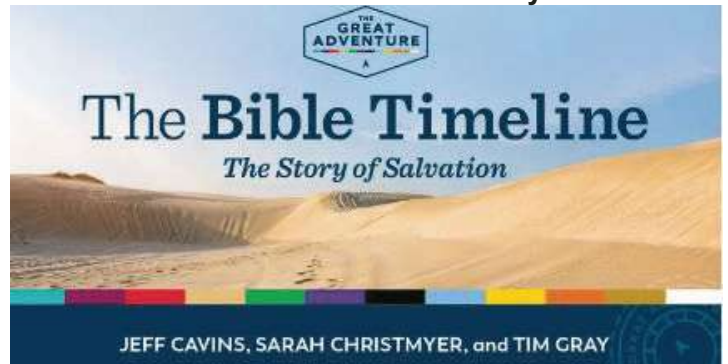
Join us at the St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study meeting on **November 21st** for

Session Five – Patriarchs, 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.**



An In-Depth Exploration of Salvation History
The Bible Timeline® study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books **tell the biblical story from beginning to end** and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, *The Bible Timeline* divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith. *The Bible Timeline* will teach you how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life!

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: Fidei Depositum: Deposit of Faith

The Catechism of the Catholic Church was prepared and written over a period of six years. The development of the catechism has been described as, "intense work...in a spirit of fervent zeal." Pope John Paul II characterized it as,

"... a means to fulfill the mission of the Church."

Q: What is that designated Mission, and by extension, our own personal mission as good Catholics?

A: In his preface to *The Catechism*, the Pope addressed not only the Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, but also directed the explanation and instruction of the faith to "all the People of God."

"Guarding the Deposit of Faith is the Mission which the Lord entrusted to His Church, and which she fulfills in every age."

That Deposit of Faith, a doctrine of the faith and pastoral norms, is set forth throughout *The Catechism*.

Here are just three broadly thematic mission-setting excerpts:

Paragraph # 2105 -Christians are called to be the light of the world. By evangelizing, the Church works toward the infusion of the Christian spirit into communities."

#1912-The common good is always oriented towards the progress of persons...founded on truth, built up in justice, and animated by love.

#1970-The Law of the Gospel requires us to put into practice the words of the Lord; to love one another as he has loved us.

Among this week's Bible readings is the Hebrew prophet Ezekiel whose emphasis on the spiritual aspects of his age lends itself to the mission that the Vatican Council refined in *The Catechism* and adheres as part of the teachings of Scripture which guides those striving to be good Catholics; for example:

Ezekiel 18.5 says that if a person, "...is righteous and does what is lawful and right,, follows my statutes and is careful to observe my ordinances acting faithfully...such a one shall surely live, says the Lord God."

Paul's long Letter to the Romans, Chapter 13, beautifully and poetically sums up a prescriptively clear and enduring doctrine for the faithful:

"Love is the fulfillment of the law."

Many of the those spiritual elements such as Church Mission, personal mission, and an abiding deposit of faith across the ages, along with other aspects of the

universal church are enconced in *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which describes itself as that which, "...draws on the Bible, the Mass, the Sacraments, Church tradition and teaching, and the lives of the saints."

Pope John Paul II reassuringly called *The Catechism*, "A sure norm for teaching the faith"

Armed accordingly, the spiritual journey continues. May our zeal be fervent.

Gospel Meditation— Father John Muir

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win.

But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess?

Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts.

We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure.

The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away.

Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away.

It won't double if you hold on to it.

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

Give me life, O Lord, and I will do your commands.

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

The Lord upholds me.

2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

**To the upright I will show
the saving power of God.**

1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

Friday

We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

I will rejoice in your salvation, O Lord.

1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 / Mt 25:31-46

Prayer Requests

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

**Cameron Noble, Thomas Frederick McCloud,
Irene Carloni**

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

**Matilda Campos Lujan, James Mather,
Thomas DuRoss**



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growth needs.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat.	November 18	8 am 5:30 pm Fr. Mark Msgr. Mike All Souls Novena Longin Kleniewski † Roland Jordan
Sun.	November 19	6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Laurie Koike † Bobbie Austin † Jaime D. Reyes † Loretta Palmer All Souls Novena Angel Paulo Lopez Darlene Evans † Erlinda Bernabe † Don Lawrence †
Mon.	November 20	8 am 12 noon Fr, Thaddeus All Saints Novena Communion Service
Tues.	November 21	8 am 12 noon Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Noel Magbanua † All Saints Novena
Wed.	November 22	8 am 12 noon Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim Richard Vasquez † All Saints Novena
Thurs.	November 23	9 am All Thanksgiving All Saints Novena Marcelino Guevarra
Fri.	November 24	8:00 am 12 noon Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike All Saints Novena Robert Sjodin †
Sat.	November 25	8 am 5:30 pm Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus All Saints Novina Ryan Borguilla Philip Fernando †
Sunday	November 26	6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike All Souls in Purgatory Avelina Arcenas † Mike & Corinne Celata † Raymond & Jeanette Sheridan † Edmundo Reyes † Children of St. James Parish All Saints Novena Harlyn Edelson † Angel Gabriel Lopez

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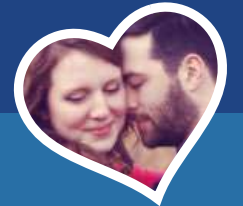
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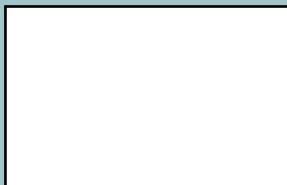
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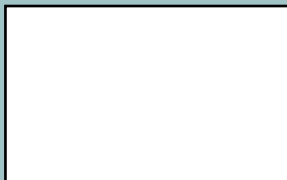
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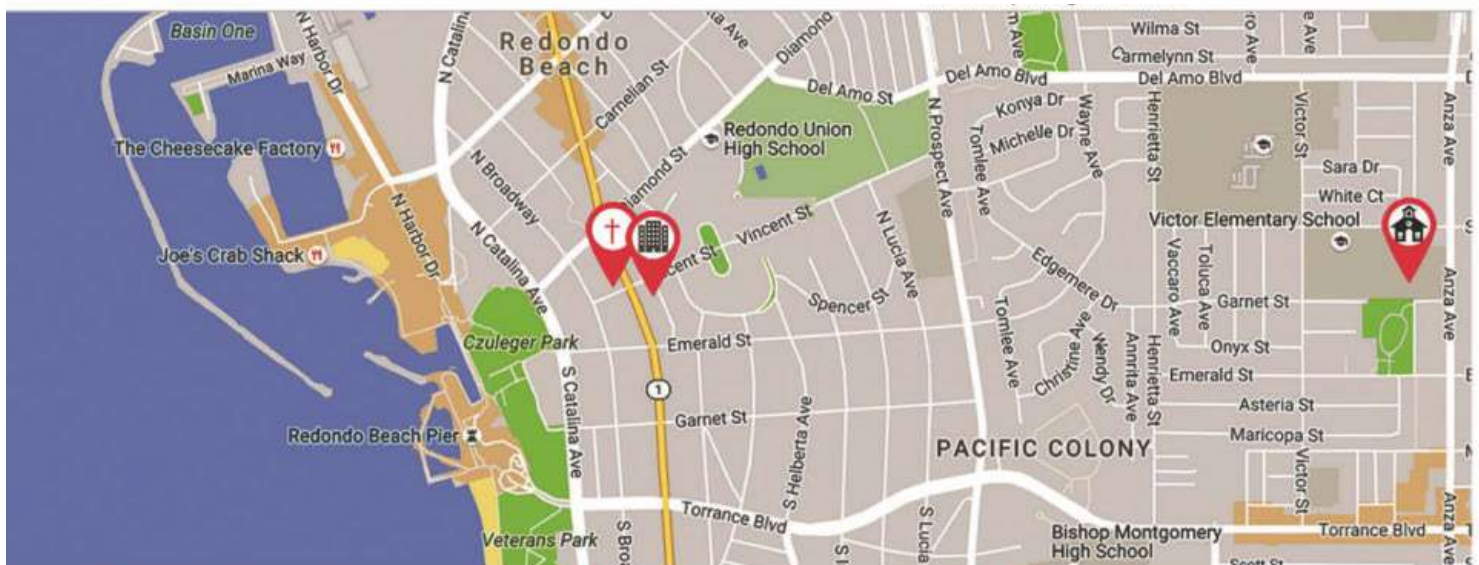
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