



St James
Catholic Church

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

November 26th, 2023

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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!



“Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.
For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.” *Mt. 25:34-36*

Photo of the tallest statue of Jesus in the world—
Świebodzin, Poland—172 ft. tall— base to crown

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 8 to 12, 1 to 8 pm | Friday 8 to 12, 1-4 pm | Saturday & Sunday Closed

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Feast of Christ the King

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

This feast day falls on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year, the Sunday before the beginning of **Advent**.

The feast is a relative newcomer to the liturgical calendar; it was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, when he wrote the encyclical *Quas Primas*.

Here, he lays out the different understandings of kingship that Jesus Christ possesses.

Pius XI also explains how Christians ought to live as a result of Christ's kingship:

*"He must reign in our **minds**, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ.*

*He must reign in our **wills**, which should obey the laws and precepts of God.*

*He must reign in our **hearts**, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone.*

*He must reign in our **bodies and in our members**, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God."*

As we end this church year we remember that each Sunday we have followed the Gospel of Matthew and followed Jesus as He calls each of us into that deeper relationship with Him. He calls us also to be his disciples to the world.

Blessings,

Mmgr. Mike & Fr. Thaddeus

**Holiday
Boutique**
Dec. 2nd-3rd
9am- 3pm
in Kavanagh Hall



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.

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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 This 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.

St. James Catholic Preschool is open!



We recently 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 the Preschool Office at **310.376.5550** to schedule a tour.



We look forward to hearing from you!

Community Penance Services

Monday, Dec. 11th at American Martyrs

Tuesday, Dec. 12th at St. James.

Both begin at 7:30 pm Priests from local parishes will be there to hear your confession. Why Wait?

Confession every Saturday 4-5pm in church

Please remember these children in your prayers as they prepare for First Reconciliation:

Adlyn A.
Elena A.
Logan B.
Gabin B.
Nova B.
Christina B.
Savannah C.
Craig E.
Alessandra C.
Jazleen D.
Willow D.
Cianna F.
Jonathan F.
Evalei G.
Milaena G.
Marcel G.
Brandon H.
Dashiell J.
Kayden J.
Cleo J.
Kyla K.
Evelyn L.
Giuliana L.

Logan M.
Charlotte M.
Kinley M.
Franco M.
Calisandra M.
Abigail M.
Ava M.
Vivienne M.
Lucas N.
Gabriel P.
Alessandro P.
Raya S.
Matthew S.
Santiago S.
John S.
Brayden S.
Naveli S.
Charly S.
Drew S.
Grace T.
Sebastian T.
Sabine W.

Why go to confession?

Jesus entered this world to forgive sins. Recall the words of our Lord: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life." (Jn 3:16)

During His public ministry, Jesus preached about the forgiveness of sins: remember the parables of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11ff) or the Lost Sheep (Lk 15:1ff), and His teaching that "There will likewise be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over 96 righteous people who have no need to repent." (Lk 15:7)

Jesus Himself forgave sins: remember the story of the woman caught in adultery (Jn 8:1ff) or the woman who washed His feet with her tears. (Lk 7:36ff) He also taught us to pray for forgiveness in the "Our Father:" "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

His mission of reconciliation would climax in His passion, death and resurrection: Jesus suffered, died and rose to free us from sin and death. However, in His divine mercy, Jesus called the sinner to realize the sin, to repent of it, and to be reconciled with God and neighbor. Jesus wanted this ministry of reconciliation to continue. On the first Easter Sunday evening, Jesus appeared to His Apostles, "breathed on them," and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." (Jn 20:21-23)
From: www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/why-go-to-confession-1028



Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Thank you to the families who attended our Family Day of Service this past Monday. It's a blessing to watch our children see what it means to love their neighbor in new and profound ways.

In December, we will have two more 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, Dec. 9th, at 1:15pm. For more information and to sign up, please contact the Office of Religious Education or email Dr. Robin Potchka at Drpotchka@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing all of our Traditional Faith Formation children this Tuesday at 4:15 for class. Next Sunday, our Family Faith Formation families will gather at St. James School for our next session.

Finally, our parish children who have been preparing for their First Reconciliation will receive the Sacrament this coming week. We ask you to keep all these children and their families in your prayers.

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan,
Director of Religious Education



Dear Friends and families of St. James,

These are pictures from All Saints Day and All Souls day. The staff and students honored their favorite Saints!

God Bless you,

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



Above (l-r): Stella, Andrea, Rob, Jeannie, Gretchen and Danina. Below: Msgr. Mike with Ashley Eberhardt and the 4th Grade Saints



Candles and Carols The St. James Christmas Concerts

Featuring:
Sunday Night Youth Choir
Resounding Grace
St. James Adult Choir

**Thursday, Dec. 7th and Friday, Dec. 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 it sells out quickly! Tickets are 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

Saturday, December 9, 1:15-1:45, Kavanagh Hall

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 Moms Group!

Please join the St James Moms Group!

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

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!

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING DATES

Amplify Night

Saturday, December 2nd

Confirmation Nights

Year 1: Sunday, December 3rd

Year 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:

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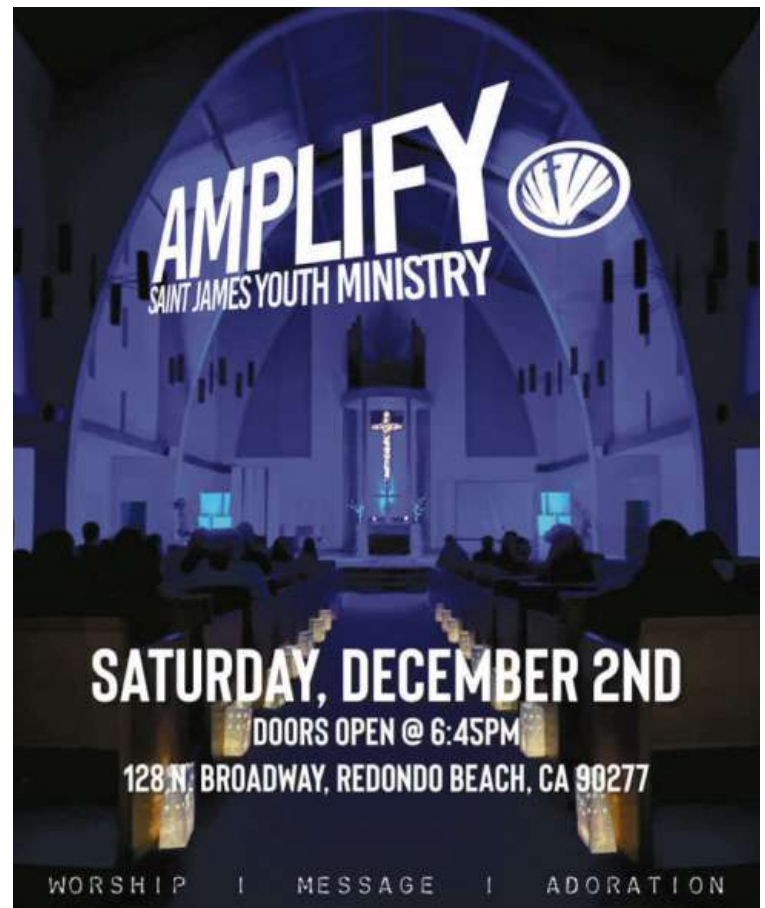
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Community and Putting Your Faith in Action

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 1 More date 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

Would You Like to Complete Your Sacraments?

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

If so, contact us about becoming a candidate to complete 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 Winter, 2024 series of classes is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 4th, 2024.

To receive further information and details on this process, please contact Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at **dnbob99@gmail.com** or call us at **310.386.2930**. If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to pass this information along to them.



Volunteers Wanted!

Many hands make light work!

Volunteers are needed at the next Pregnancy Help Center Baby Boutique, where donated used baby items are distributed to our clients.

Saturday, Dec. 9th

South Bay Church of the Nazarene
700 Maple Ave, Torrance.

We need help with setting up from 9-12:00 and clean up from 3-4pm. Also, anyone with a pickup truck to move items from our storage unit to the church would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Jeanine Gallagher at **310.415.0876**.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

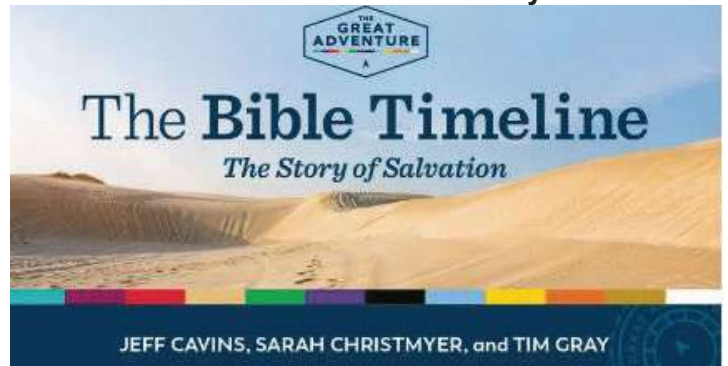
Join us at the St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study meeting on **November 28th** for

Session Six – Egypt and Exodus Part 1

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: Where Angels Sing

In his 10am homily, Monsignor Mike was offering the lessons of Matthew's parable of The Ten Virgins with its moral messaging about being spiritually awake and ready, internally and externally in faith, as we become actualized as "co-heirs of eternal life," as we hear in the Eucharistic Prayer.

Q: What does *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teach about this religious process and ethos of preparation?

A: *The Catechism* reflects the scriptural writings of Matthew about being "ready" and "staying awake." There are the pages about judgment and inheritance of the kingdom, "...for the least brothers of mine...you did for me."

What follows is the unfolding of the plan of preparation in subsequent readings such as: The Passion and Resurrection; The Conspiracy Against Jesus; The Betrayal by Judas; Preparations for the Passover; The Agony In the Garden; The Arrest of Jesus; Jesus Before the Sanhedrin; Peter's Denial of Jesus; Jesus Before Pilate; The Sorrowful Mysteries; The Resurrection; and the Commissioning of the Disciples.

We, as disciples, also read in the Catechism about further preparation:

"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming."

So we are awake and ready for the dawn of Advent in continuing preparation of self and of our neighbor. We await and will honor and observe the O Antiphons, these prayerful anthems which precede and succeed the Psalms and songs of the season which the Catechism describes as, Advent or "ad venire", Latin for "to come."

The O Antiphons call attention to what is coming. The Church teaches that we be ready and awake to the wonders of the divine plan of God amid the purple and the rose vestments of our Priests and the purple of the first candle, symbolizing the Prophecy; the second purple candle called the Bethlehem Candle, representing faith; the third candle in pink, a liturgical color of joy called the Shepherd's Candle; and the fourth candle of purple called the Christ Candle representing the life of Christ.

As we prepare for Christmas by way of the events and liturgy of Advent, one Antiphon says:

"Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you. Hear the prayers of your servant..."
We are ready.

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are *one in him*. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.



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
Glory and praise for ever!
 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday
Give glory and eternal praise to him.
 Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday
Give glory and eternal praise to him.
 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Lk 21:12-19

Thursday
**The judgments of the Lord are true,
 and all of them are just.**
 Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

Friday
Give glory and eternal praise to him!
 Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

Saturday
Give glory and eternal praise to him.
 Dn 7:15-27 / Lk 21:34-36

Sunday
**Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
 your face and we shall be saved.**
 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

Prayer Requests

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

**Maria & Hector Madril, Tere Cayamanda,
 Patricia Wolf, Thomas Frederick McCloud,
 Mary Jo Carlos**

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

**James Mather, Helen Mandzak,
 James & Angel O Callaghan,
 Thomas DuRoss, Julie Tan**



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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	November 25 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	All Saints Novena Ryan Borguilla Philip Fernando †
Sun. 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	November 26 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
Mon. 8:00 am 12 noon	November 27 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Alvina Mand † All Saints Novena
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	November 28 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	All Saints Novena Maria Kleniewski †
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	November 29 Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Philip Kern † All Saints Novena
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	November 30 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Aida Rosa Maria Samanez † All Saints Novena
Fri. 8 am 12 noon	December 1 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Rheinart Behren Fredirico Arcenas †
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	December 2 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Francisco Silvino † All Souls in Purgatory Patti Drager †
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	December 3 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	1st Sunday of Advent David Franco † Agnes De Souza Emma Becerra † Loretta Palmer Children of St. James Parish James Mather † Lourdes Mercado Bondoe † All Souls in Purgatory Jolie & Joseph Martelli † Anna Marie Meyer †

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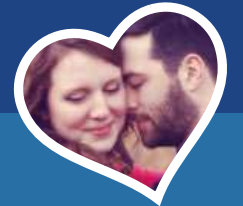
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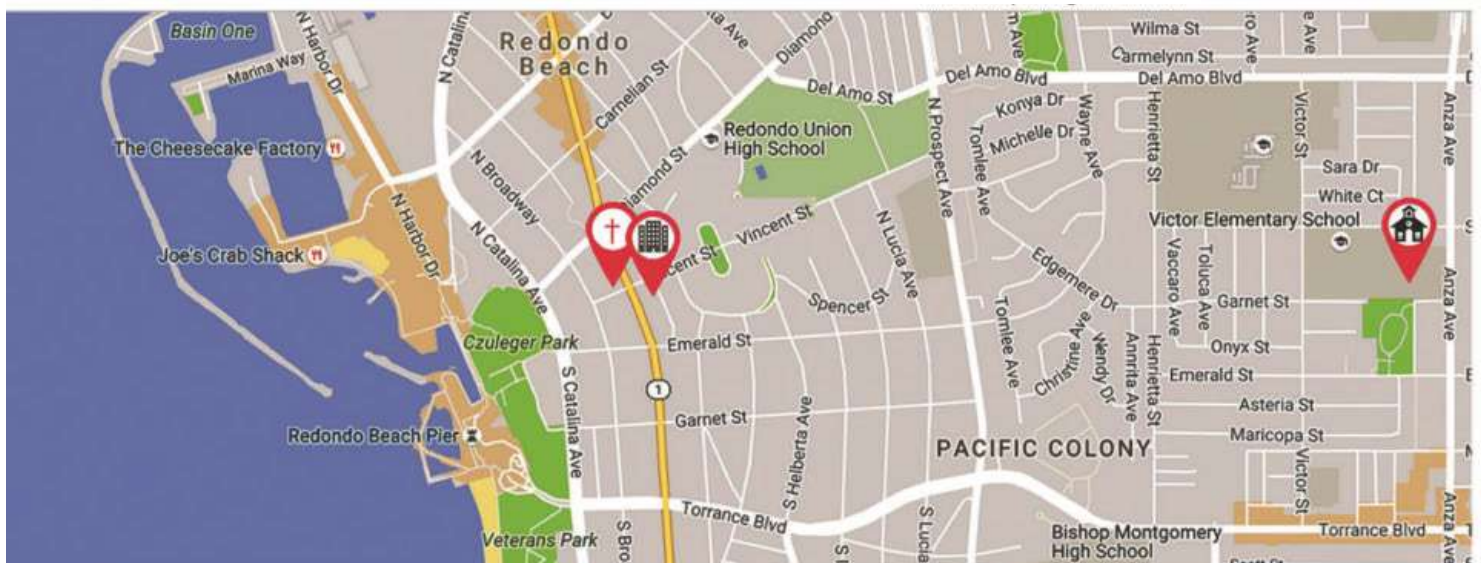
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