



St. James
Catholic Church

March 10th 2024
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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!

But whoever lives the truth
comes to the light,
so that his works may be clearly seen
as done in God. Jn. 3:21



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

Confirmation Retreat

This weekend one hundred thirty-three of our 2nd year Confirmation students, Teen Disciples (who have been Confirmed in the last 2 years) and adults leaders, will be heading up to the Santa Monica Mountains for their Retreat before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on May 17th.

Under the amazing leadership of our youth minister, Gretchen Nobleza, the retreat promises to be a very powerful transforming weekend for everyone as the teens are allowed to be face-to-face with the real presence of Jesus and to be present to each other as Eucharistic people.

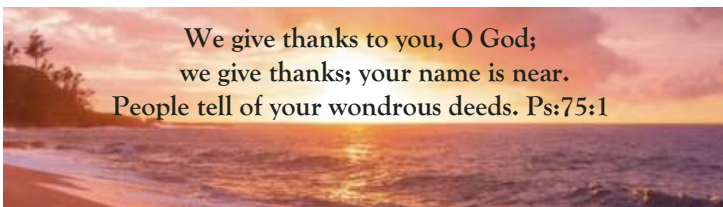
Just before Christmas I was with 20 of my own high school classmates from St. Anthony High School in Long Beach and part of the discussion turned to our own class retreat 55 years ago and how powerful it was for us.

We hold these retreatants in our hearts and prayers this weekend and look forward to their arrival back to St. James in time for the 5:30 Mass on Sunday. As in past years, we expect them to come in a bit tired, but on fire with enthusiasm and a joy for the Lord and the love of God in their hearts. I know they will be ready for the arrival of Bishop Marc Trudeau on May 17th to pray over them and anoint them with the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Blessings,

Msgr. Mike and Fr. Thaddeus



A Lenten Family Reflection

Holy Pause

Sun., March 10th
9 - 12 Noon
Kavanagh Hall
 St. James
 Office of Religious Education

This Event Includes:

+A path of creative prayer stations created for families to lift up their own needs and the needs of others

+A make and take prayer bowl project

+A small service opportunity

RSVP
to religiously@stjamesparish.org

Lenten Penance Services

All services are at 7:30pm

Monday, March 18th - American Martyrs
Tuesday, March 19th - St. James
Wednesday, March 20th - Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, March 21th - St. Lawrence

Holy Week Schedule – No Daily Masses

Holy Thursday - Mar. 28th 8am Morning Prayer 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 11pm Night Prayer	Easter Sunday - Mar. 31st Masses in Church 6:30am Sunrise Mass 8am, 10 and 12 noon
Good Friday - Mar. 29th 8am Morning Prayer 12 noon & 7:30pm Solemn Liturgies 1:15 pm Stations of the Cross	Mass at O'Gorman Center 9:30am Mass at Community Campus 10:15am
Holy Saturday - Mar. 30th 8am Morning Prayer 7:30pm Easter Vigil	No 5:30pm Mass

“Called to Serve”

An evening of reflection

Wed., March 20th, from 6:30-8:30pm.

Come and reflect upon the gifts God has given you and how you can best use them here at St. James within the ministry of catechesis, which means “to echo.” Discover how you can echo the love of God with the children, teens, and adults of our parish.

For more information or to register, please contact the Office of Religious Education at religiously@stjamesparish.org.

The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation

The Tuesday Night Online Bible Study meets Mar. 12th at 7pm in Kavanagh Hall

Session Sixteen - Return

If you are not able to participate in person you can also join us using Zoom. Priests visit our study when their schedules permit. Contact Donna Wilson (dwilson94@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining our class.

Coffee and Donuts!

Join us in Kavanagh Hall for delicious coffee and sweet donuts **after the 8 and 10am Masses on Sunday. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus**



Maybe you grew up Catholic.
 Maybe you think of yourself as Catholic.
 Maybe you haven't been to church in a while.
 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.

Shining Stars in Christ Honorees: Ben and ✠ Laura Aranda

Laura was born just outside of Chicago in Joliet, Illinois.



Her early life was spent in the quiet suburb with her parents Marshall and Cheryl and older sister Diane. When Laura was five the family moved to California and settled in the South Bay. After her parents divorced, she briefly lived in

Pittsburgh where she picked up her lifelong love of the Steelers. She returned to Torrance and lived with her mother in Torrance. She attended Hickory Elementary School and in 1982 she enrolled at St. James School where she met Ben for the first time, and Bishop Montgomery High School.

Benjamin Aranda IV was born in Torrance to long time parishioners Judge Benjamin Aranda and his wife Emma. The Aranda family has been at St. James since the late 1960's. The eleven siblings meant that if you were around the parish in the 70's, 80's or 90's you probably went to school with or played sports with an Aranda. And if you did not attend St. James School you most definitely attended CCD at the Aranda house for eighth grade Confirmation preparation which Judge Aranda taught for over 30 years. Service to the parish and community were values always on display in the

Aranda house. Ben attended St. James School, Bishop Montgomery High School and St. Joseph's College. Ben and Laura first met at St. James School, where Laura was friends with Ben's older sister Ruth. Every day after school Laura would get a ride home with the Aranda's and a shy Ben never said a word to Laura. Years later when they met through mutual friends, Ben was not going to let another opportunity pass and the two began dating and were married at St. James Church in 2006. Two beautiful daughters soon followed, Sara in 2008 and Elena in 2011.

Laura's professional career was spent as the calendar manager at a law firm to a State Farm Agent to a successful Real Estate Agent with several brokers. Service to others was an industry that she thrived in. Ben is an Army veteran and has worked for UPS for the last 28 years.

Ben and Laura have been involved in several different ministries over the last fifteen years at St. James. Laura served the parish as a Eucharistic Minister both in the church and to the homebound, and as a Sacristan at Sunday Mass. She was involved with the Cornerstone for Women retreat and gave a powerful witness to the women who attend. Ben is involved in the Knights of Columbus, and has served in several officer positions including Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree, as well as State District Deputy. He has been an usher at Mass, a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, and a Sacristan. Together they led the Sunday Sacristan ministry for over seven years. Ben is currently following in his father's footsteps teaching Religious Education as well as preparing adults to receive their sacraments of initiation by serving as the parish director of OCIA (formerly RCIA).

Laura lived her life committed to God in service to others. She had a deep devotion to our Blessed Mother and would pray the rosary often. She was committed to her family and always supportive of Ben and the girls. She continues to inspire others by the way she lived, always letting her faith be bigger than her fear.

Shining Stars in Christ

April 13th at 6:30pm Sonesta Redondo Beach

Honorees: Ben Aranda, Laura Aranda (Memorium)
Kevin Babuder, Delia & Patrick Cunningham
De Giebler, Msgr. Michael Meyers
Jeanne & Tom Miller

Tickets \$110 Per Person Adults Only Event
 Register and pay by **April 3rd** with cash/check at
 Parish Office/Gift Shop or with credit card at
SaintJames.Church/shining-stars

Questions: Joanne: 310.528.6339
 Ely 310.944.3355 Robin 310.408.9690

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, March 10th

Y2 Weekend Retreat

March 15th-17th

We are officially less than 1 week away from our Y2 Confirmation weekend retreat! We have a group of One hundred thirty-three people that consist of Y2 Confirmation candidates, Teen Disciples & our adult team that will be away to encounter Christ.

We will return next Sunday, March 17th in time to attend the 5:30pm Mass. We can't wait for you to witness the joy that illuminates from our teens after such a powerful weekend together! Please keep our teens in your prayers.

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

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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.

As we approach Easter, we focus our daily activities on growing closer to Christ through an increase in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May this extend into our lives beyond this liturgical season. Signing up with *Faith Direct* is a great way to focus on almsgiving throughout the year. It is a secure and convenient way to make a conscious decision about your financial support of our many wonderful ministries.

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Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Thanks to all of those who attended the Lenten Family Day of Service last weekend. What a joyful experience of loving and serving God by loving and serving our neighbor!

Remember, today, March 10th, the Office of Religious Education is hosting **Holy Pause**, and all parish families are invited to stop by Kavanagh Hall anytime between 9am and Noon. Along with Coffee and Donuts, we have experiential stations where you can pray, create a small craft project to take home, and complete a service opportunity at your own pace. We hope you will join us for a fun, hands-on, and meaningful event to help deepen your family's Lenten journey. Remember, all parish families are welcome!

Finally, we welcome adults from around the parish to join us for Called to Serve, an evening of reflection on **March 20th from 6:30-8:30**. We invite you to pause during Lent and consider if God is calling you to the ministry of catechesis with the children, teens, or adults of our parish. For more information or to register, please contact the Office of Religious Education at religioused@stjamesparish.org.

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education



Virtual Open House March 13th, 2024 4-5pm.

For those interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Theology or Pastoral Theology at LMU.
Contact Jennifer.Scott@LMU.edu

St. James School Sees Fundraiser

It's almost Spring time and almost time for Easter!

It's also a great time to order See's Candies for



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2024 Lenten Family Day of Service

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. <https://linktr.ee/saintjames.sny>

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.

Save the Date for St. James VBS Camp!



VBS is a week-long program for children entering Pre-K to grade 5 and student volunteers entering grade 6 and up.

Limited spaces available for 3 year old campers.

June 24th-28th 9:30 - 12:30 pm
\$40 per camper

Register April 15th - May 31st
Contact:

karen.cuni@gmail.com

Community and Putting Your Faith in Action

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 Leader

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!



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**



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Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the mission to spread the Good News of Salvation to members of our poorer communities in LA. **www.TogetherInMission.org/ways-to-give**

Invite Someone to Mass

The church is open daily for quiet prayer from 7am-7pm. **Daily Mass is at 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday** with the rosary prayed immediately afterward. **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.



The Pregnancy Help Center's Walk for Life South Bay is coming, and we need YOU!

Join us for a Team Captain kickoff celebration, **Thurs., Mar. 21st, 6:30-8p.m.**

at 22930 Crenshaw Blvd., Ste. M,

Torrance. You'll get tips and tools for

rallying team members. Walk proceeds provide free services for women with an unplanned pregnancy.

RSVP by March 18th at 424.263.4855.

Refreshments will be served. The Walk is Sat., May 18th



Pilgrimage to Switzerland and Austria!

12 days - June 17th to 28th with Bishop Albert Bahhuth as Spiritual Director.

Visit Vienna, Salsburg, Mariazerll, Einsiedeln, Bern, Basel, Zurich.

Includes: Round trip airfare, First class hotels, Daily breakfast and dinner, Air conditioned motorcoach transportation,

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Call or text **Ely Ronkowski**

424.398.9987

Human Trafficking Awareness

Looking for someone to volunteer roughly one hour per week to the Human Trafficking Ministry.

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

Will explain what is involved

F.A.I.T.H Ministry of St. James and

St. Lawrence Martyr



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive Results

Registered donors: 32

Total units collected: 34 *Potentially save more than 34 lives! Thank you for the gift of Life!*

Opportunities to Grow 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

Invite Mother Mary to Your Home

The South Bay Rosary Cenacle is circulating the statue of Our Lady of Fatima every Saturday throughout the year. Invite Mother Mary into your home for one week and pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy with your family and friends.

Contact:

Lydia Nelson 424.358.7197
Carmelita Silvino 310.975.4070

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 Fall series of classes is scheduled to begin in early September, 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.



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/

Moments from Women's Cornerstone Retreat 2024

A gathering of ordinary women for an extraordinary experience. Cornerstone is a **26-hour retreat** which provides women with the opportunity to reflect, renew and strengthen their faith while meeting other women and sharing their stories in our Christian community.



Topic: Elements of the Author of Creation

A Saint James parishioner noticed that his jasmine plant, which had always done poorly, was now fully in bloom amid this season of stormy days, atmospheric rivers; the orographic lift effect of air masses flowing over higher topography; a few cut-off lows; El Nino and La Nina forecasting; along with notably elevated rainfall totals.

As we come in, out of the weather, (never mind the earthquakes,) all this meteorology may prompt thoughts about the many greater spiritual thematic settings of creation, nature, cultivation, growth and God's harvest.

Among these themes we find the Garden of Eden; the Mount of Olives; the parable of the sower of the seeds along the garden path; the planting of vineyards; the barren fig tree; the Garden of Gethsemane; the calming of a storm; and the lilies of the field, whose naturally beatific splendor Solomon could not match.

St. Francis and Pope Benedict XVI wrote about the ecology of nature, in concert with a spiritual, social, human ecology, that incorporates protection and appreciation of nature and acknowledgement of God's plan of creation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

"From the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their creator.

God reveals himself through the universal language of creation..."

Reverend Alban Butler in his *Lives of the Saints* speaks cogently and beautifully on these themes:

"The garden affords a beautiful emblem of a Christian's continual progress in the path of virtue.

Plants always mount upwards, and never stop in their growth until they have attained to that maturity which the author of nature has prescribed.

In a Christian, everything ought to carry him toward that perfection."

We can see the glory of God in the beauty of that jasmine plant. Pope Francis wrote:

"May your life become a garden of opportunities."

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

Looking to make new friends in our community?

Thursday night in Kavanagh Hall!

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Our national pastime isn't baseball.

It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world."

We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil.

Don't believe me?

Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it.

It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce:

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17).

He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*.

How hard it is to accept this!

Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge:

This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names.

Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.



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

Readings

Monday
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
 Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
**The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold
 is the God of Jacob.**
 Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
The Lord is gracious and merciful.
 Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.
 Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday
O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.
 Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
Create a clean heart in me, O God.
 Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

Prayer Requests

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

**Luna Enriquez, Yolanda Nobleza, Lynn Bien,
 Tanny Bawson, Raymond Castro Giovanni,
 Lucy Flores, Angel Dawson, Napora Family,
 Eugene Harrison, Pauline Vaughn, Fernando Corral,
 Krissy Carlos, Michael Cutuli**

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

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.**



Gift Shop Hours:

Tuesday–Friday 11am - 3pm
Peter Nobleza 310.374.1964
 saintjamesgiftshop@gmail.com



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat.	March 9	8 am Bp. Trudeau 5:30 pm Fr. Jim Fred Ronkowski † Bob Rumer † Ylda Ochoa Salazar †
Sun.	March 10	6:30 am Msgr. Mike 8 am Fr. Chibuike 10 am Msgr. Mike 12 noon Fr. Thaddeus 5:30 pm Fr. Jim Donald O’Sullivan † Martins Family Winnie Ho Michael Cutuli Children of St. James Parish Luigi Guadagni † Alma Veneble † Luana Higuera † Joe McDonagh Ahedo Family
Mon.	March 11	8 am Msgr. Mike 12 noon Msgr. Mike Mimi & Carmelita Silvino Nerissa Sykes
Tues.	March 12	8 am Fr. Thaddeus 12 noon Msgr. Mike Joseph Vazquez † Marilyn Boussait
Wed.	March 13	8 am Msgr. Mike 12 noon Fr. Jim Barbara Mullen Major Frank
Thurs.	March 14	8 am Fr. Chibuike 12 noon Fr. Thaddeus Loretta Palmer † John Claiborne
Fri.	March 15	8 am Msgr. Mike 12 noon Msgr. Mike Ethelualdo Olave † Lilia Seno †
Sat.	March 16	8 am TBD 5:30 pm TBD Helen MacGilfrey † Lance Martin Brendan Stork
Sunday	March 17	6:30 am TBD 8 am TBD 10 am TBD 12 noon TBD 5:30 pm TBD Lillian Pawsey † Thomas Faneuff † Robert Holverson † Max O’Dea † Amber Yabes Aida Rosa Marie Semanes † Cameron Noble † Patrick Stork Jim Napora & Family Gary Seno

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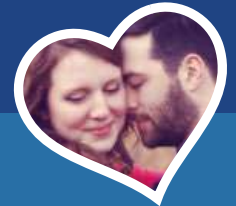
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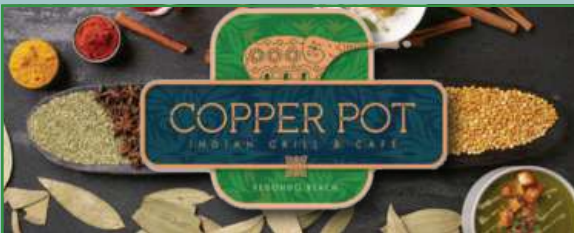
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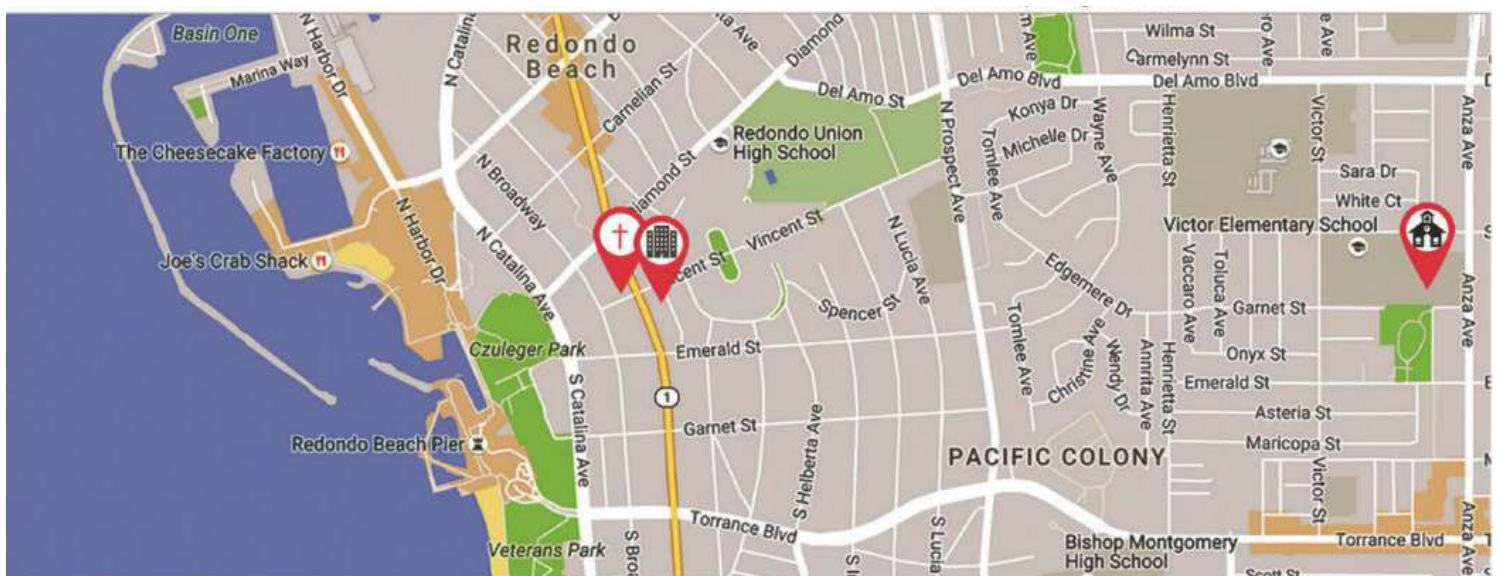
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