



St. James
Catholic Church

March 17th 2024
The Fifth 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!

Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Jn. 20:24

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

Penance Services and Palm Sunday

Sometimes it gets confusing trying to make the bulletin deadline for printing while looking ahead for future events. That happened last week when I wrote about our Confirmation students on retreat in preparation for their Confirmation with Bishop Marc Trudeau in May—they are actually on retreat this weekend, not last weekend—and so we continue to pray for them.



Our Confession services are this week at our surrounding parishes. Please check the bulletin for places and times. Our Penance Service will be this **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm**. We will have about 12 priests here for Confessions. These will be the last Confessions we have before Easter, so please plan to be at one of these services.

We begin our Holy Week celebration next Sunday on Palm Sunday and we will begin each of our Masses with the **Blessing of Palms**. We will again have the large palms as part of the celebration and procession. Each year it takes about 125 volunteers to carry the palms during our Palm Sunday Masses. Over the last 13 years we have had over 1,600 people carrying the large palms. Thank You. Again this year we need about 25 volunteers at each Mass. If you are willing to carry a palm branch next Sunday, please be in the church 10-15 minutes early so we can get organized.

Stay focused on these last few days of Lent. Blessings!

Mmgr. Mike and Fr. Thaddeus

"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 religioused@stjamesparish.org.



Our Goal \$124,455
Pledge Campaign
Envelopes are in the pews
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



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.

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

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 Guild.**



Monsignor Michael Meyers Honoree at the Shining Stars Gala



Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1951, his family moved to Long Beach in 1953. One of four children, he has an older brother Greg (Candy), and a younger sister Carrie Kistner (John, d.) and brother, David (d.) His father, R. James Meyers passed in 2018 and his mother continues to reside in Leisure World, Seal Beach, CA.

He grew up in Long Beach at St. Cornelius Church and graduated from St. Anthony High School in 1969. He then entered the seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, and was ordained in 1977.

His first assignment, 1977-81 was at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Camarillo. In 1981 he taught at Bishop Amat High School, La Puente and in 1983, he was assigned to the Mission Office of the Archdiocese where he served 16 years, while residing at Holy Spirit Church, Los Angeles.

As Director of the Mission Office, he was in charge of the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association and the Lay Mission-Helpers Association, taking care of all the mission activities of the Archdiocese around the world. In his work he visited Africa 12 times, visiting most every English speaking country of Africa. His work with the Lay Mission-Helpers regularly took him to Thailand, Papua New Guinea, American and Western Samoa, the Mariana Islands, including

Guam, the Caroline and Marshall Islands and Panama. He served as a Board member of the National Council of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1991 to 1999. In 1992, he was appointed an Honorary Chaplain by Pope John Paul II with the title of Monsignor.

In 1999, he returned to parish ministry and was the pastor of St. Dorothy Church, Glendora from 1999 to 2006. He has served on the Council of Priests since 2001-2006. In 2003, he was assigned as Dean of Deanery 11 in the East San Gabriel Valley, a member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council and a member of the Board of Consultors to the Cardinal.

He served in the Vicar for Clergy Office for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from 2006 to 2011, having served as the Associate Vicar for Clergy from 2006 to 2009 and the Vicar for Clergy from 2009 to 2011. In this capacity he assisted Cardinal Mahony in all matters pertaining to the priests in ministry in the Archdiocese. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI conferred upon him the title of Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, which also carries with it the title of Monsignor. During his assignment as Vicar for Clergy, he resided at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Altadena.

He also served as Administrator, pro tem at Nativity, El Monte (1984), St. Martha, Valinda (1984), St. Agatha, Los Angeles (1985) and St. Genevieve, Panorama City (1999).

Archbishop José Gomez assigned Monsignor Michael Meyers as Pastor of St. James Church, effective July 1, 2011. In 2018 he was appointed as Dean of Deanery 19 and served on the Council of Priests until 2023.

Now completing 47 years of priesthood, Archbishop Gomez has accepted his retirement from administrative duties and he will be continuing in pastoral ministry in the San Pedro Pastoral Region.

Shining Stars in Christ

April 13th at 6:30pm
Sonesta Redondo Beach

Honorees:

**Ben Aranda,
Laura Aranda
(Memorium)**



**Kevin
Babuder**



De Giebler





**Delia & Patrick
Cunningham**



**Jeanne &
Tom Miller**



**Msgr. Mike
Meyers**

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 424.398.9987 Robin: 310.408.9690

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, April 7th

Year 1: Sunday, April 14th

Y2 Weekend Retreat

March 15th-17th

This weekend, our Year 2 Confirmation candidates have embarked on a weekend long retreat. We had a group of 133 people that consist of our candidates, Teen Disciples & our adult team. We will return in time to attend the Sunday 5:30pm Mass & we can't wait for our parish community to witness the joy that illuminates from our teens after such a powerful weekend together! Please continue praying for our teens, especially as they approach their Confirmation date on May 17th.

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

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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. Your eGiving donations allows our ministry to continue to provide gifts to the community and demonstrate in a tangible way, Christ's love for us.

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Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Thanks to all of those who attended Holy Pause last weekend. We enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces and hope that the experience enhanced your family's Lenten journey.



Next, we invite adults from around the parish to join us for **Called to Serve**, an evening of reflection Wednesday, Mar. 20th, 6:30-8:30pm in the St. James Community Campus Chapel. 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.

Finally, we will **not** have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** next week on Palm Sunday, but we will be **back on Sunday, April 14th, at the 10am Mass!**

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education



The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation

The Tuesday Night Online Bible Study will not be holding class on Tuesday, March 19th and will resume on March 26th. 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.



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

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.

Virtus®

Fingerprinting will be held at the Parish Center on **Wednesday, April 10th** for those in ministry who are required to be fingerprinted with the Archdiocese. Registration is required.



Please call the Parish Office at **310.372.5228** to register.

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**



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

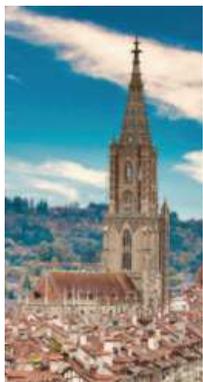
Join us for a Team Captain kickoff celebration, **Thurs., Mar. 21st, 6:30-8p.m.** at 22930 Crenshaw Blvd., Ste. M,

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, Mariazell, 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



Looking for Ushers



We are looking for a few good men and women who would be interested in becoming an Usher for our Masses.

Ushers must be active parishioners who are willing to act as cheerful and engaged ambassadors for St. James.

Their primary responsibility is to provide a welcoming, friendly and comfortable atmosphere for worship. Their duties include warmly greeting parishioners, collecting the offerings, assisting with the presentation of the gifts, directing the orderly reception of Holy Communion, and providing other assistance if needed. So many of our Parishioners have just these qualities. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry.

For more information contact: **Jorge Rodriguez jorgerodriguez597@gmail.com or 310.567.0933**



St. James Catholic School

St. James School Open Enrollment

Student registration has begun for the 2024-25 School Year!

Families with students in grades TK-8th grade are **welcome to schedule a private tour, meet with the principal and visit the classrooms.**

Visit our website www.sjscatholicsschool.org for more

information or scan the QR code to begin the online application process.

Contact the school office **310.371.0416** with any questions.

We look forward to meeting you and your family!
A catholic education is a lifelong blessing to your children.



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

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.

Topic: The Light of the World

In a recent homily Father Chibuike reminded the faithful that they are **"children of the light."**

Ephesians 5 reflects that wonderfully evocative spirit: "...you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light." As we approach the Easter Triduum, what the USCCB calls, "the summit of the liturgical year," we are once again bathed in the renewing light of the shining glory of the resurrection.

Q: What did Pope Francis say as part of a recent Easter message about that illuminative spirit?

A: "Easter joy illumines the darkness and gloom in which all too often our world finds itself enveloped. This is the way of the Cross. We can sing, full of joy together...choirs of angels...rejoice O Earth."

That joyful, wondrous singing includes the Exsultet, "the prayerful Easter Proclamation; an ancient hymn sung at the blessing of the paschal candle on Easter eve." Here is a line from the Exsultet:

"Christ ...who coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity..."

Pope Francis reminds us that, "the Easter sacraments renew our life and our relationships...we are a people of hope. Easter is the feast of tombstones rolled away...when even the hardest stones such as death, sin, fear, and worldliness... are rolled away." May we live as children of that hopeful, peaceful light.

Lenten Day of Recollection

With over 120 in attendance, Bishop Marc Trudeau led a Lenten Day of Recollection on Mar. 9th in Kavanagh Hall. His theme was **"Lord, open our hearts to your love."** The event was organized and managed by the St. James Guild.

Following Mass at 8am, all attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the Hall, prepared and served by The Guild. Bishop Marc explained the last 7 words (phrases) Jesus spoke during His passion and death taken from the Lenten Gospels. All attendees listened intently, some

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays,

"Father, glorify your name!"

John then writes:

**Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."**

Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words:

"Father, glorify Your name in all these things!"

Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

took notes, and everyone walked away enlightened. There were lively questions and discussions on topics of reflection and prayer.

The Guild's next event will be on the **Life of St. Padre Pio**. The presenter is a Capuchin Priest himself, Fr. Fr. Eric Forbes, OFM Cap. The event will be on October. 19th, 2024 at the O'Gorman Center.



Readings

Monday

**Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

The son of David will live for ever.

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt
1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Glory and praise for ever!

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Friday

**In my distress I called upon the Lord,
and he heard my voice.**

Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

**The Lord will guard us, as a shepherd
guards his flock.**

Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-
11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Prayer Requests

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

**Sr. Jane Bonner, Agnes Gainey, Norma Alvarado,
Bill Bryan, Fernando Corral, Barbara Mullen,
Nancy Cebra, Krissy Carlos, Michael Cutuli**

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

**German Blanco, Sara Barach, Beth Hilleman,
Mary Enos, Marie Chavez, Cameron Noble,
Fred Ronkowski, Paul Guichard**

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.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	March 16 Fr. Chibuike Msgr. Mike	Helen MacGilfrey † Lance Martin Brendan Stork
Sun. 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	March 17 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Lillian Pawsey † Thomas Faneuff † Robert Holverson † Max O'Dea † Ambra Yabes Aida Rosa Marie Semanes † Cameron Noble † Patrick Stork Jim Napora & Family Gary Seno
Mon. 8 am 12 noon	March 18 Fr. Thaddeus	Miguel Gonzalez Communion Service
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	March 19 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Martha Olvera & Fr. Paul Kuunuba Peter Gonzalez
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	March 20 Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Aida Rosa Marie Semanes † Ursula Walkert †
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	March 21 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Jim	Rosario Consuelo P. Laman † Cynthia Perez
Fri. 8 am 12 noon	March 22 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus	Tom Nguyen Ylda Salazar †
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	March 23 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Poor Souls in Purgatory † Thai Tran Nguyen † Mary Enos †
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	March 24 Msgr. Mike Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus	Palm Sunday Willfred Mejia Barbara Mullen Mattea Zcarske Jackie Campbell † Cameron Noble † Kathy Benson † Paciano Desierto † Ron LaGro † Donald G. Fernandez † Angeles Calvara †

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,
please call or visit the Parish Office **310.372.5228**
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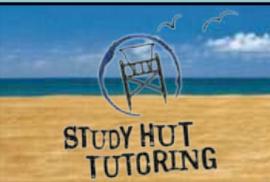
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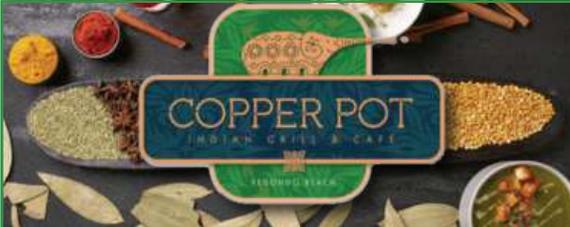
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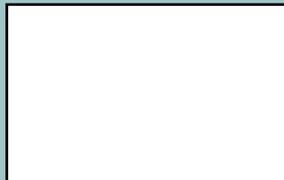
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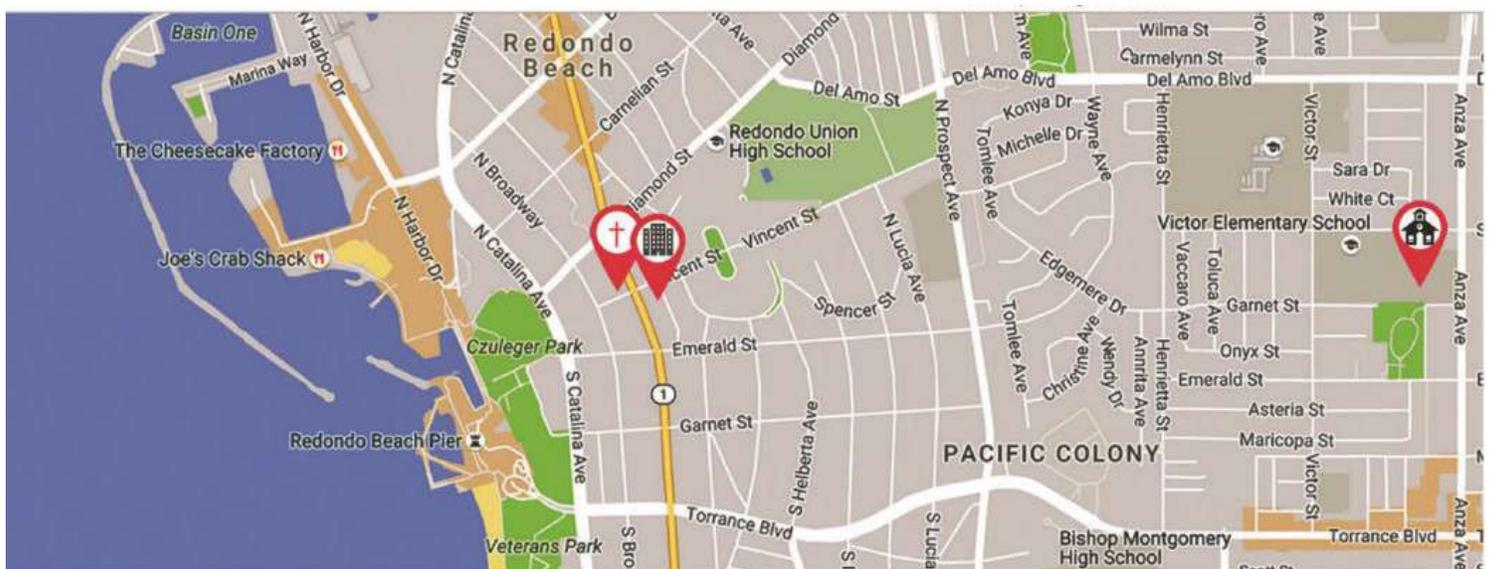
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