



St James
Catholic Church

November 24th, 2024
The Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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!

Jesus answered,
"My kingdom does not belong to this world.
For this I was born and for this
I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth
listens to my voice."
Jn. 18:36-37

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

Hello Beautiful Children of God!

As we come to the end of the Liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King, I thought it would be appropriate to share with you an excerpt from Chris Stefanick's series, *The Search*. Stefanick is one of the more prominent voices in Catholicism today, and the transcript I share with you is a video that spoke to my soul:

"Christ the King—we trust in you. Jesus Christ is a King.

The Jews weren't waiting for some Hippie to come along, or somebody who would be their buddy or homeboy. They were waiting for a king to come and rule the nations and establish peace and justice on the earth.

When he was born the three Magi - the wise men - came looking for him, they were looking for the King of the Jews. When he stood before Pontius Pilate he said you're right in saying I am a king. When he started his ministry he announced the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. He talked about the final judgment where he would sit over all the world over all the nations and judge them as king. When he hung on the cross "King of the Jews" hung over his head. And the Good thief next to him said "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." And he said I promise you today you will be with me in paradise.

But this wasn't like any other king. He wasn't born in a palace, he was born in a manger. He lived his whole life in poverty. Instead of trying to acquire more and more wealth and power he renounced it every chance that he got. He didn't wear a crown of gold, he wore a crown made of thorns. He was lifted high above the world but it was in a cross, blessing and forgiving those who killed him.

But make no mistake about it, he is a king. And a king has a kingdom and a kingdom has boundaries. He invites us to accept his reign over our minds and hearts and wills and lives.

See having a king means you're not the king, I'm not the king. It means we don't do religion on our terms but on his. We can't be cafeteria Catholics picking and choosing the doctrines that we follow...picking and choosing our commandments that we want - chucking out the rest. We don't set the terms of our faith, we receive it.

Jesus Christ is the king. The fact that he's a king means he reigns over our hearts and minds which means that our faith has implications in our lives that stretch way beyond what happens in Church on the pew every Sunday. The fact that he's my king means I'm called to serve. He washed his apostle's feet and he told them "you call me lord and master". Look what I'm doing.

If you call me Lord and Master, this is how you're supposed to serve other people.

Look I know it might be scary this whole idea of having a king. In fact, kingdoms of this world have gone out style because a lot of kings have violated people's freedom in establishing their kingdoms and their power. But Jesus is unlike any other king. He's a king who guarantees our freedom. Here's a king who makes us free from sin, free from self-centeredness, free even from death, free from the reign of this world. This is a king who invites us not just to be subjects, but who raises us up and makes us heirs, heirs of far more than kingdoms of brick and mortar.

Jesus Christ is a king. Is he YOUR king?"

God bless,

Fr. Matt

Feed the Needy Giving Tree

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. 14th 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 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, and sleeping bags, Gift Cards for Smart & Final, Target and Walmart.

We also need volunteers on Dec. 13th in Kavanagh Hall, to wrap gifts. Gift wrapping will be from 9—noon. Please bring scissors.

The Giving Tree is decorated with cards indicating the gender and age of the children who will receive Santa's gifts. We will begin collecting the gifts and gift cards through December 10th. Gifts can be dropped off at Kavanagh Hall Monday, Wednesday, or Fridays from 11– 2pm or at the church office.

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

If you have any questions please contact:
Linda Cabibbo, Feed The Needy Ministry Coordinator, at 310. 488.9480.

Join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass—9am

Bring your food and wine to be blessed at this Mass. This is the only Mass this day and the **Parish office will be closed**. We give thanks for the many blessings we've received throughout the year. Be assured of our prayers for you! Happy Thanksgiving!



WELCOME

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.

**Join us for
Coffee and Donuts**
in Kavanagh Hall after
the 8 and 10am Masses

prepared by members of
St. James Bible Study



**Everything
25% Off
in the Gift shop!**
Get your
Christmas gifts
now!



The St James music
ministry presents
"A Celtic Christmas Carol"
on **Friday, Dec. 6th at 7pm**
in the church.

There will be a free will
offering- no tickets
necessary to attend. Come
kick off the Christmas
season with our amazing
music ministry!



**Legion of Mary—Next Meeting —
Saturday, November 23rd at 9:30am
in Room 6 of the Parish Center**

I encourage you, my dear
brothers and sisters in Christ,
to deepen your devotion to our
blessed Mother Mary as
Legionaries.

We hope you consider
becoming a member and
**join us! We Meet every
Saturday at 9:30am in room
6 of the Parish Center
Mary Mother of Mercy –
Intercede for us.**

*Fr. Thaddeus Agbasonu
(SMMM)*

www.legionofmary.ie

www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/legion-of-mary-12802



Movie Night!

Monday, Nov 25th,
7 pm in Kavanagh Hall
**Join us! Foundress of
the Sister Servants of
Mary starring
Laura Contreras**



Tuesday Night Bible Study

The St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study group is
currently studying "The Creed" by Ascension. Please
join us this **Tuesday at 7pm in Kavanagh Hall**
as we cover **Session 11/26 - Session Eleven – The
Church's Four Marks (CCC 811-945)**

If you are not able to participate in person you can also
join us using Zoom. Donna Wilson
dwilson94@gmail.com if you are interested in joining
this study.

**Come, share and participate
in our Church Community.**



Hope for the Holidays Grief Support Workshop

Tues. Dec 3rd, 10:30-noon
in Kavanagh Hall Call **310.543.3437** or email
nancy.langevin@providence.org to register

**Christmas Boutique—
Dec. 8th in Kavanagh Hall**
St. James Cub Scouts will be selling
Christmas Wreaths after morning
Masses. \$35 for 1 or \$60 for 2



Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will not have a regular monthly December meeting, instead we are celebrating December with a Christmas party!

Sunday, Dec 15 at Kavanagh Hall after the noon Mass. This occasion is being catered and there is a \$15 charge.

If you want to join - please contact Ely at **424-398-9987** by Monday, Dec 9th



Friendship Club visiting Getty Center Museum on Nov 12th

Bundle Sunday is December 1st

The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be in the church parking lot on Sun., Dec. 1st from 8-2pm. Please donate your **USABLE** discards of clothing, household goods, small appliances and miscellaneous items. Please do not bring large items to the truck. Also, no baby seats, cribs or mattresses.

For large item pick up please call: 800.974.3571
Thank you!



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.

All may offer their own intentions.

Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182



Eucharistic Adoration

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that
you are God.

Holy Hour Adoration
Friday, Nov. 22nd at 7pm

Benediction and Adoration
Friday, Dec. 20th after the 8am Mass until Noon

Human Trafficking Awareness



Traveling over the Holidays? Remember to bring back those hotel amenities (Shampoo, soap, Hand lotion, etc.) and place them in the barrel in the church vestibule for our Trafficking victims.

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

Get Involved!

Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.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, 2025 series of classes is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 9th, 2025.

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.

UPCOMING DATES

Amplify Night

Saturday, December 7th

Confirmation Nights

Year 1: Sunday, December 8th

Year 2: Sunday, December 15th

Youth Ministry will be hosting our next Amplify Night on Saturday, December 7th in the chapel of our Community Campus! It'll be an evening of praise & worship, a speaker & will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration. We're excited to have Fr. Matt as our speaker as he prepares us for the season of Advent. This event is open to all so please feel free to join us & 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:

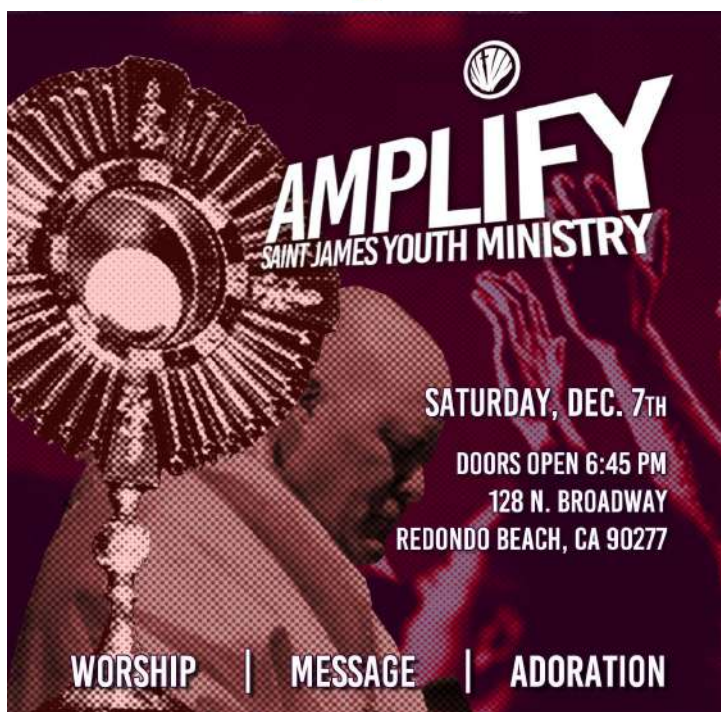
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Sunday Night Worship Aid

Please join our Sunday Night Youth band in worship during our 5:30pm Sunday Mass.

Scan our **virtual worship aid**

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



Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Advent begins on December 1st, and we have some exciting opportunities to help you celebrate the season.

First, we will host our Advent Family Days of Service on Saturday, December 7th, and on Saturday, December 14. On December 7th, we will gather at Brookdale Senior Living to carol with other St. James families during the residents' dinner at 5pm. On December 14th, we will carol during the Feed the Needy Luncheon in Kavanagh Hall. Please email religiously@stjamesparish.org to sign up.

Also, our **Children's Christmas Choir** returns this year under the direction of Robin Potchka. The Children's Christmas Choir leads our community in song during the 4pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass. Practices will begin on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 9-10am in Room 5 of the Parish Center. For more information contact **Ms. Potchka 310.722.3573 or drpotchka@gmail.com**.

Inspired by the Lenten Family 40 from earlier this year, we have created an **Advent Family 20** to help your family celebrate the season of Advent. Registration is required so that we can ensure we have enough of the ornaments for those who participate. Just email religiously@stjamesparish.org to register by December 2nd. Copies of the Advent Family 20 are in the vestibule, or they can be found on the parish website.

Over 30 of our parish children recently received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time. We invite you to stop in the vestibule of church to see artwork created by them after a family faith formation experience on the Gospel of the Lost Sheep.

Finally, **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will not be held again until December 22nd due to Thanksgiving and the **Christmas Boutique on December 8th**.

God bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

Christmas Children's Choir

Children ages 5-12 are welcome!

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, at 4pm in church

Practice dates are: Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 9-10am, Room 5 parish center

Dec. 7th, 5-6pm - Brookdale home on Torrance Blvd.

Dec. 14th - Feed the Needy Christmas Luncheon
1-2:30pm - Kavanagh hall

Dec. 21st - 5:30-6:30pm - Caroling practice thru
Sleepy Hollow

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Mass - 4pm

For more information contact **Robin Potchka 310.722.3573 or drpotchka@gmail.com**

Congratulations to our Big Red Opportunity Winners!

Mica Miamoto: \$3,000
Henry Austin : \$1,000
Sandy Alprecht: \$ 500
Spaeth Family: \$ 500
Bouman Family: \$ 500
Brittany Plunkett: \$ 500
O'Hara Family: \$ 250

Scott Wilhelm: \$ 250
Freddy Rubio: \$100
Leslie Mejia: \$100

The Bouman Family
generously donated their \$500
winning back to SJS.

Harvest Festival



al Moments!



Order Out of Chaos

Working in the home garden, frustrated by geraniums which were doing poorly and wondering about soil amending while fighting the grasshoppers, scripture came to mind:

"The Lord God planted a garden in Eden..."

Q: What can be said about garden settings in the Bible as metaphors of God's plan, as practical settings, as tests of faith, and as lessons of hierarchical order, spiritual direction, death and renewal?

A: "And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day."

Biblical scholars describe approximately 60 scriptural entries about gardens. Among them is John 15:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener."

We, as followers of Christ, are indeed the branches, pruned and cultivated among the gardens and vineyards of faith across the ages, from Eden to the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane.

St. Francis, Patron Saint of the environment nurtured and valued the fruits of the earth. The mystical Catherine of Siena, spoke about faith as a sort of 'tree of virtue.'

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops spoke on this theme of gardens and the foundational aspects of cultivating harvests of faith:

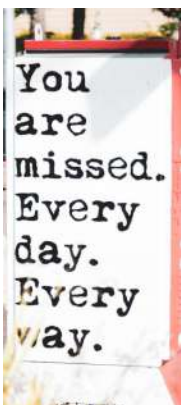
"We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation."

Back to the geraniums, we're working on our faith amid the gardens of this life. We read in *The Catechism*:

*"...God places him in the garden.
There he lives to till it and keep it."*

We've Missed you!

Your church is open for prayer from **7am– 6pm** daily.



Daily Masses are 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday with the rosary prayed immediately afterward. Our **Saturday daily Mass is at 8am and Sunday Vigil is at 5:30pm.**

Receive the Eucharist; the true body and blood of Christ hidden in the form of a host.

Call us if you are unable to attend so an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist can bring it to you.

We're not complete without you!

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? *That's* Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of *everything* in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweat suit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth.

"Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice," Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

8-Day Tour/Pilgrimage to New Mexico and Arizona with Msgr. Mike Meyers April 21st-28th, 2025

Visiting Albuquerque (El Santuario, Santo Nino de Atocha), Chimayo (the Lourdes of America), Santa Fe (Loretto Chapel Museum, St. Francis Cathedral Basilica), Flagstaff, Williams, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Tucson (Mission San Xavier del Bac), etc.

\$2,999 based on double occupancy, roundtrip air from LAX, 4-star hotels, breakfast daily, 6 dinners, all sightseeing with tour escort/guides, & A/C bus transportation.

Single supplement \$800. For more information contact **Ely: 424.398.9987.**



Readings

Monday

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Rv 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!

Rv 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a / Lk 21:20-28

Friday

Here God lives among his people.

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 / Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.

Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-3

Prayer Requests

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

Bob Hilgemann, Eliva Lugo, Eugene Cook, Yolanda Nobleza, Sherry Stork, Patrick Stork, Nancy Cebra, Baby John Caleb Sotelo

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

Shawn Costantino, Karl Simon, Martha Des Roche, Ernesto Chavez, Rose Mary Dominguez, William Schell, Jesus "Chuey" Hernandez, Susie LaGro

Sacramental Confession

No sin is new to him.

No wrongdoing too great.

**Come to Confession and experience the
cleansing power of God's love.**

**Saturday from 4-5 pm in Church or by calling the
office for an appointment.**

*"Lord, wash away my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin."*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov 23 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt	All Souls Novena Joan & Bryan Adams Bob Hilgemann
Sun., Nov 24 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus	Baluyot Family Paul Guichard † Robert Sjodin † Joseph Hong † Krissy Carlos † Marlene Guerrero Presentacion Navarro † Poor Souls in Purgatory All Souls Novena
Mon., Nov 25 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Jim	All Souls Novena Catalina Castillon †
Tues., Nov 26 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus	Poor Souls in Purgatory All Souls Novena
Wed., Nov 27 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Hee Gon Lee † All Souls Novena
Thurs., Nov 28 9 am	Fr. Matt	Thanksgiving Edmundo Reyes † All Souls Novena
Fri., Nov 29 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus	All Souls Novena Fr. Jim Kavanagh
Sat., Nov 30 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus	All Souls Novena Maria Kleniewski † Bob Hilgemann
Sun., Dec 1 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt Fr. Matt Fr. Jim	David Franco † Cathian Reavis Celedonio Nebrida † Dolores Nebrida † Jon Highlander † Tom & Doreen Ward † Emily Guzman † Joseph Hong † Bridget Nogle † Bill Dowling †

Priest celebrant subject to change. For prayer requests
or to request a Mass intention, please call or visit the
Parish Office **310.372.5228**

We're here to help you become the holy, healthy, vibrant person that God has created you to be.



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Helping Children Grow in Faith

“Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, They will not swerve from it.”
Proverbs 22:6



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Helping Adults Grow in Faith

Confessions
Saturday 4-5 pm
in church
“Lord, cleanse me of my guilt”

Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound
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310.372.5228

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Miki Finken
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Bible Study
Tuesday night at 7pm
in Kavanagh Hall or
online via Zoom
Donna Wilson
DWilson94@gmail.com
Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

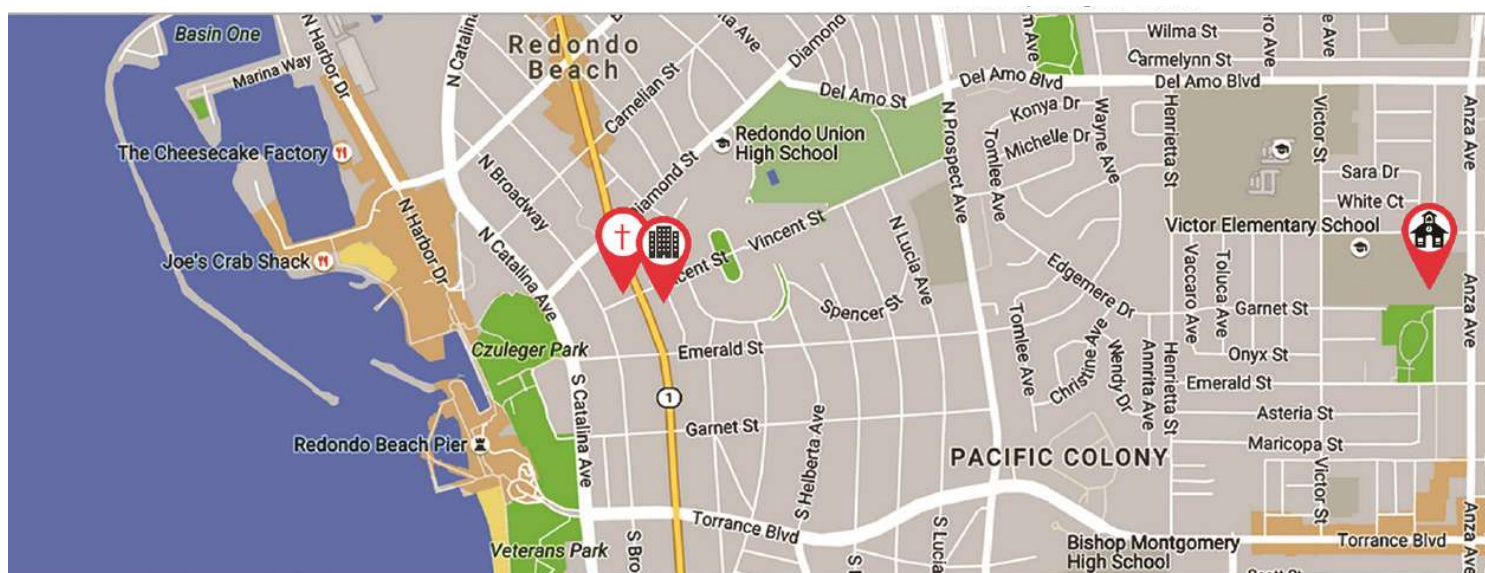
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