



St James
Catholic Church

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

August 25th, 2024
The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

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

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us!

We are not complete without you!

Jesus then said to the Twelve,
“Do you also want to leave?”
Simon Peter answered him,
“Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and are convinced
that you are the Holy One of God.” *Jn. 6:67-69*

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

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

We are at the end of our five-week journey through John 6, the Bread of Life Discourse, which provides the Church with the foundation for its understanding of the Eucharist.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church claims that “in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.” (CCC 1324). Jesus reveals this truth plainly throughout the Bread of Life Discourse and is met with grumbling and disbelief.

How can He command that the disciples eat his flesh and drink his blood when this practice goes against all purity laws of the Jews? Unfortunately, many decide that this teaching is “too difficult” and choose to walk away from discipleship (John 6:66). This verse is the most heartbreaking in all of Sacred Scripture because the disbelief of these disciples separated them from the Source of Life, Jesus.

How many people in our lives have made that same choice because they can't bring themselves to believe that ordinary bread and ordinary wine can be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus?

Don't trust me?

Don't trust the Church?

Well then trust the words of our Savior himself. Jesus does not soften his teaching when the disciples groan, He goes even deeper!

If the Bread of Life that He offered in this discourse were simply a symbol or nice gesture, he would have called the disciples back to explain this reality. Instead, He allowed them to make the choice to walk away because what he said was truth, that the Eucharist truly is His flesh and blood for the life of the world.

In a conversation with a friend who said that the Eucharist was a “pretty good symbol,” the famous Catholic novelist Flannery O'Connor replied,

“If it's just a symbol, the hell with it.”

Flannery knew full well what Jesus claimed in John 6. His Divine Life, His grace is on offer through the Eucharist.

God bless,
Fr. Matt

Delicious Family Pasta Dinner!

The Knights of Columbus are having a family pasta dinner on **August 23rd from 5 to 9pm at the Knights Event Center, 214 Ave I, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.**

Come for a family night out and enjoy pasta (marinara or bolognese sauces), salad, and garlic bread.

Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. A wide variety of beverages are available at the cash bar. The proceeds will go to various local charities.



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, Aug. 23rd at 7pm
Friday, Sept. 13th at 7pm

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



Saint James LiveStream

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can join us for
Daily Mass Mon-Fri at 8am
and **Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:30pm**
Visit **SaintJames.Church**. If you subscribe to our channel, you'll receive an email when streaming.



No Coffee and Donuts
This weekend



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.

First Communion Preparation

Parents and Guardians, if you have a child who is finishing Kindergarten, now is the time to plan for beginning their preparation for First Communion.

Typically, children and families begin preparation in First Grade, and children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist in Second Grade.

For families with older children, it is not too late to begin the process.

Please contact the Office of Religious Education at **310.379.3221** or at religioused@stjamesparish.org so that we can answer any questions you may have.



Tuesday Night Online Bible Study

We are currently studying
"First Corinthians - The Church and the Christian Community" by Ascension. Please join us this Tuesday as we cover **Session Session Nine – 1 Cor 15: Resurrection**

Class will be held in Kavanagh Hall and begins at 7pm.

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist.

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 once, come often, or come always.

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



Enroll in Faith Direct's E-Giving by calling toll free **1-866-507-8757** or visit <https://www.faithdirect.net>

Use the code **CA560** for St. James Parish. Thank you!

Men's Retreat in Sierra Madre—Sept. 20th - 22nd

Are you ready for a little change of pace from your busy day to day life?



Experience a weekend of the monastic life at Mater Dolorosa in Sierra Madre to relax, reflect and rejuvenate your relationship with Christ. You will be provided a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team.

Reservations via parish captains:
 Matthew Staal: **310.498.7966**,
staalsurfer@gmail.com
 David Frappier: **310.621.2642**,
bigbeardrums@yahoo.com

Virtus® Certification Class

There will be an **original** Virtus® class offered for those new to ministry, volunteering or those whose certification has expired. This class will be on



Saturday, September 7th at 1pm to 4pm
in Kavanagh Hall.

If you are not sure of your Virtus® certification expiration date, please call the Parish Office.

Friendship Club

Our next meeting will be held
on September 1st
at 1:30pm in Kavanagh Hall

If you are single, divorced, or widowed (ages 45+) and you are looking for new friends to "hang around with" in a safe environment, then join us in forming our own



St. James Singles Club! Please call **Ely** at **424.398.9987** with your ideas or for more information.

Human Trafficking Awareness



Parents and their children can go online at **KidSmartz.org** to learn to protect themselves from being victimized.

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

Get Involved!

Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

Catholic Daughter's Tea



Saturday, September 28th
St. James School—
O' Gorman Center
4625 Garnet St., Torrance

\$25 Donation includes
Tea, Sandwiches, Scones,
Deserts, Attendance Raffle
Additional Raffle tickets at
the door are \$1 each

Wear your favorite Tea Party Hat!
Proceeds go to the CDA court Our Lady of Victory
General Fund. A part of this fund goes to the charity
recognized this year: **Retirement fund for Religious**

Contact:
Jeanette Campos 310.371.1022
djancam@gmail.com

Mary Costello 310.316.0768
Mmcostello1@verizon.net



Welcome Ministry is Coming!

St. James is blessed to be located in a vacation
destination: Redondo Beach!

We have vacationers, business travelers and family
members from out of the area as well as members
of our parish at our Masses. We are actively
recruiting **Greeters** to welcome them into our
church before Weekend Masses.

Please visit SaintJames.church to Join up!



The Story of Padre Pio

Presented by
Capuchin Father Eric Forbes,
who knew people who knew Padre Pio.
Sponsored by Saint James Guild

October 19th, St. James School - O'Gorman Center

8:30am Mass and Veneration of Padre Pio Relic
Breakfast: after Mass
10:30 to Noon Presentation / Q&A

contact:

Joanne Modic 310.528.6339
Ely Ronkowski 424.398.9987

Cost is \$25

Pre-Registration is required:
www.tinyurl.com/p352j97z



Knights of Columbus

To the men of our parish, please
consider joining the Knights of
Columbus, Council 1990.
Sign up: www.kofc.org/joinus.



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/

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

Opportunities to Grow your Faith—Office of Religious Education

Dear Friends, Families, Godparents, and Grandparents of Saint James,

Registration for the 2024-2025 year of Faith Formation closes this Saturday, August 31!

Please visit our page on the parish website for more information about our two programs, **Family Faith Formation and Traditional Faith Formation**, www.saintjames.church/re/. Then, give us a call so we can answer any questions you may have.

But before you head to the website, we wanted to share two things we hear from parents in Family Faith Formation, which meets in person on about 8 Sundays over the course of the school year.

One thing we hear all the time is that being a part of the program has helped families have conversations about faith at home that they haven't had in the past.

Another comment from parents is that they have also enjoyed getting to know other parents!

While the children are off in age-level classes, parents gather at tables and have time to talk together about their lives, parenting, and faith. If the idea of Family Faith Formation sparks something in your heart, even if it also scares you a bit, give us a call so we can share with you the joy to be found in this program!

Regular registration closes on August 31, so please register soon so our Catechists and all materials can be prepared for September.



be prepared for September.

There will be a late fee of \$20 per child on registrations after August 31st.

Detailed information about Orientation Meetings will be shared with

those who register, but they will be held on **September 7th, 8th, or 9th**, depending upon the program you choose for your child.

We look forward to walking with your family this year as you raise children of faith!

God bless!

Andrea Sullivan,
Director of Religious Education

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 on Thursday evening, September 12, 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.

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

We've Missed you!

The church is open for quiet prayer from 7am- 7pm daily.



Our **daily Mass is at 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday** with the rosary prayed immediately afterward.

Our **Saturday Mass is at 8am**. Receive the Eucharist; the true body and blood of Christ hidden in the form of a host.

Take a moment to rediscover what's missing in your life!

Come back! We're not complete without you!



Registration into our high school Confirmation program is still open!

If you have a teen that will be in high school in the fall and has yet to begin their Confirmation preparation, now is the time to sign up. Sessions are scheduled to begin in less than a month so register now before it's too late!

Visit our youth ministry website for more information.

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: youthministry@stjamesparish.org

Website: www.saintjamesym.org

Text: 424.265.8336

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

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Sunday Night Worship Aid

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>



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



To register, visit www.saintjamesym.org

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 Coordinator

Cookies for the Homeless

If you like to bake delicious cookies, consider making an extra batch once a month for our homeless neighbors. Call **Sandy: 310.542.4851** Thank you!



Fabric Wanted for Baptism Quilts



A newly baptized infant at St. James receives a beautiful handmade quilt by one of our parishioners.

Please donate any excess fabric from a sewing project and bring it to the office to support this ministry.

If you'd prefer to make a donation to help defray the cost of fabric, these can be made at the office also.

Thank you!



St. James Catholic 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.



God Bless you,
Danina Uy, Principal

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!



Play every **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. Contact: Parish Office **310.372.5228**



Isn't anyone listening to 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**

Courageous wisdom

Our visiting Priest presided over a 10 am Sunday Hawaiian Mass. Amid the celebration of the Supper of the Lord infused with the spirit of Aloha, Father presented food for thought as he spoke about wisdom.

The National Catholic Register writes:
"Wisdom is the first and greatest gift of the Holy Spirit in confirmation, because it perfects faith by bringing it to fruition in concrete acts..."

The search for wisdom is timeless. Thomas Aquinas College refers to the Book of Job:

"The wisdom Job seeks is to understand the plan of God."

The literary and spiritual masterpiece that is the Book of Job speaks to the mysteries present across the vastness of God's universe. Job offers lessons on the search for wisdom and the primacy of faith in action.

And we have no better example of wisdom, concrete acts of faith, and absolutely amazing fortitude and courage than the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. At this year's recent celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Father Thaddeus spoke about the many remarkable actions of St. Mary; she, ever-humble, obedient, and true.

We, as witnesses to the faith, can marvel at the exemplary wisdom of Mary to carry on in the midst of uncertain, dangerous times. Imagine the courage and the wisdom required to live out the Joyful Mysteries: Hearing and accepting the Annunciation; making the dangerous travel of the visitation; enduring the difficult setting at the birth of Jesus; bravely adhering to God's plan at the Presentation at the Temple; and then the stress amid the Finding In the Temple.

In The Lives of the Saints, writing about Mary, Reverend Butler wrote:

"We walk in her steps...no other way is open to us...we shall be partners in her reward if we copy her virtues." May we have the courage and the wisdom to do so."

9-Day Tour/Pilgrimage to New Mexico and Arizona with Msgr. Mike Meyers April 21st-29st, 2025

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

\$3,300 includes 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**.

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said,
"Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing."

In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "**This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?**" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "**Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him**" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved.

It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us.

Our response?

Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either

"Grief and Self Care"

Wed., September 18th, 7-8:30 pm

Free Zoom Presentation presented by
Joe Sikorra, LMFT.

Grief is a natural response to loss. It's the emotional suffering you feel when something or someone you love is taken away.

You naturally want to understand what happened and, more importantly, how to move forward with joy, purpose, and meaning. You can!

This workshop explores Godly and psychologically sound principles for taking those steps toward healing.

Contact:

Julie Auzenne
jmonell@la-archdiocese.org
213.637.7249

Register: tinyurl.com/4yr7wb85



Readings

Monday

**Proclaim God's marvelous deeds
to all the nations.**

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

The Lord comes to judge the earth.

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mk 6:17-29

Friday

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

**Blessed the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.**

1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

**The one who does justice will live in the presence
of the Lord.**

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Jas 2:1-5 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mk
7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayer Requests

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

Mary Barry, Krissy Carlos, Warren Shogan

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

**Jeannie Quang Nguyen, Bill & Lila Evans,
Leticia Soria, Shirley Krumpe,
Maggie Silva, Barbara Mullen,
Rod Baton**

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., August 24 8 am 5:30 pm	Tom Costales † Lance Martin † Barbara Harkins †
Sun., August 25 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Roger Peden Bryan Velez † Castor & Magdalena Cabebe † Philip Rodriguez Deacon Richard Shinkle † Megan & Whitney Sun Carol Pettyjohn † Romar Abitria † Tilt O'Brien Richard Gainey †
Mon., August 26 8 am 12 noon	Michael Wilhelmi & Family Veronica & Fernando Corral
Tues., August 27 8 am 12 noon	Cameron Noble † Edward & Molly Black †
Wed., August 28 8 am 12 noon	Mary Vollmer † Donald & Jayne Siverts †
Thurs., August 29 8 am 12 noon	Pino Marzocchi † Jim Napora †
Fri., August 30 8 am 12 noon	Florencia Matias † Phyllis de Crescenzo
Sat., August 31 8 am 5:30 pm	Carolyn Mitchell † Barbara Mullen † Ramon Pascual †
Sun., September 1 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	David Franco † Jesse Aguinaga † Jean Kreide Iris Ruiz Anna Lorena Solano † Irene Sanchez † Susan Cuevas Alain Le Coz † Lilia Mora † Leticia Soria †

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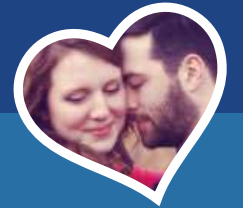
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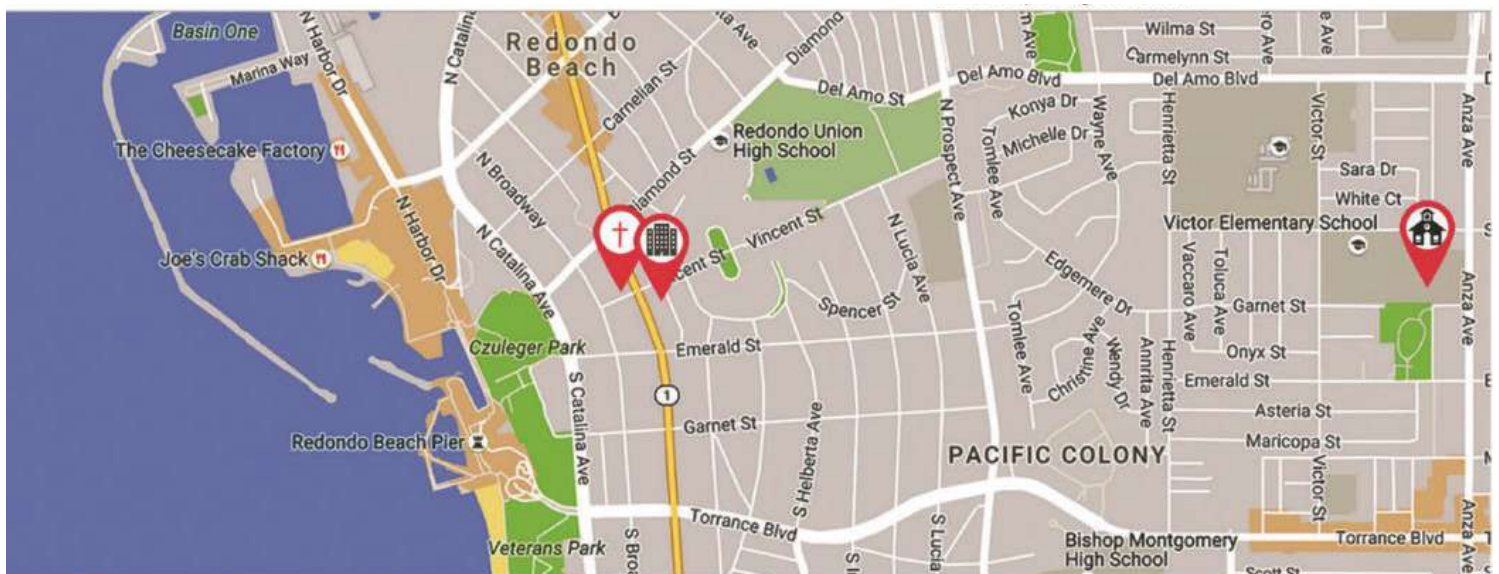
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