



St James
Catholic Church

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

September 8th, 2024
The Twenty-third 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!

*He put his finger into the man's ears
and, spitting, touched his tongue;
then he looked up to heaven and
groaned, and said to him,
"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —
And immediately the
man's ears were opened,
his speech impediment was removed,
and he spoke plainly. Mt. 7:33-35*



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,

This week, I would like to provide the transcript from a reflection given by Dr. Sean Dalton on FORMED.org (Augustine Institute) because I think it has incredible importance in guiding our modern culture:

Today we will reflect on the Gospel reading from Mark, where Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. It is yet another occasion where Jesus demonstrates that he is the Divine Physician.

According to a poll by the Princeton Religious Research Center, the number of Americans who adhere to New Age practices is alarmingly high, even among professing Christians. Why is this alarming? The New Age movement rejects a personal God, therefore rejecting Christianity, and believes that all of reality is identical with divinity. In other words, God is everything. There is no distinction between Creator and creation.

So how is this errant way impacting the Church?

Nearly half of Catholics say they believe in psychic healing. And one in four Catholics believe the movement of the stars, Astrology, can help govern their affairs.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches

“consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm-reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings. As well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone.”

Brothers and sisters, why would we look to anyone or anything other than Jesus and His Church?

Do we not believe He is who He says He is, God in the flesh?

As our Gospel reading today say,

“they were exceedingly astonished and they said he has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the muter speak.”

I am confident of this, we can recapture our astonishment in Him who does all things well by availing ourselves more and more to His healing touch. We have two sacraments of healing in the Church: **Penance and Anointing of the Sick**. While Jesus can bring about a physical healing through these sacraments, it is the spiritual healing that is most important.

One of the most powerful prayers in the universe is this – **God, please bring some good out of this bad situation**. God will answer that prayer because that is what God does, brings good out of the bad. God is concerned with our ultimate good – eternal salvation.

So, if being physically healed will most assist our ultimate good, God will heal. However, if not being physically healed will most assist our ultimate good, then God will not heal.

Spiritual healing, however, is another matter.

Every time we receive grace and are forgiven of our sins, we are spiritually healed. Sin wounds and grace heals because grace is God's own life living within us. And no one or thing can give us grace; not the stars, not some energy, not a psychic - but Jesus Christ, in and through His one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

So the question is, do you look to Jesus, and to Him alone, for the truth by which to live your life?

And do you look to Jesus, and to Him alone, for the grace, the strength to be able to life that truth?

God bless,

Fr. Matt

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, Sept. 13th at 7pm

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



Installation Mass for Fr. Matt

Bishop Marc Trudeau will be here at St. James to preside at

The Installation Mass for our new pastor, Fr. Matt on Sept. 29th at the Noon Mass.

To make this Mass even more special, we will also be celebrating **Fr. Jim's 60th anniversary** of his priestly ordination! This is such a momentous occasion for St. James and we invite you to please come and celebrate with us!



Smokin' Hot Coffee and Donuts after the 8 and 10am Masses in Kavanagh Hall.
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Saturday, September 21, 2024
O'Gorman Center
7 pm - 11 pm



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St. James Catholic School

Open Enrollment



Register now 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

Catechetical Sunday is Sept. 15th

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops designates a day to celebrate the gifts that catechists bring to the faith formation of children and adults. This year, on Sunday, September 15th, at the 10am Mass we will celebrate the men and women who serve as catechists in our parish family. Our theme this year is:

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?" Mt. 25:37

Our theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As Pope St. John Paul II reminded us:

"The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission.

Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission.

We are called to be Eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ."

Catechetical Sunday is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

It is also an opportunity for all parishioners to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

We hope you will join us next Sunday, September 15th, at the 10am Mass to celebrate our Catechists!

Also, prayerfully consider if you are being called to this ministry.

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 1st Grade, and children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist in 2nd 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 email religiously@stjamesparish.org with any questions ..

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 October 6th
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



Prepare children to act when you are not with them. They should know their full names, home addresses and phone numbers, and how to dial 911.

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
At Noon

**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!

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 parish 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.

"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



Opportunities to Grow your Faith—Office of Religious Education

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

Orientation Meetings for all Faith Formation programs, including Family Faith Formation, Traditional Faith Formation, and Sacramental Preparation, for children through 8th grade are being held this weekend.

For those who have registered, we have shared the Orientation/First Sessions information for your family via email.

For those families who have not yet registered, regular registration for the 2024-2025 year of Faith Formation is closed. But, we will accept late registrations this week with a late fee.

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.

Next Sunday, September 15th, we will celebrate all our parish Catechists at the 10am Mass when we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday**. We hope that everyone will come together to celebrate the start of this school year and to commission the women and men who serve as Catechists with the children and adults of the parish.

Finally, we ask parents, grandparents, and godparents to please mark your calendars for two evenings of reflection. On October 2nd, we will host the original **Raising Children of Faith evening of reflection**.

Then, on October 9th, we will host **Raising Children of Faith: the Bible at Home**.

Both evenings will provide parents the opportunity to reflect upon the essential role they play in rooting their children in our faith, while helping grandparents, aunts, uncles, and godparents understand how they can support the children and parents in their lives.

Both events will be held at **7pm in the O’Gorman Center at St. James School**. If you have questions, please call the Office of Religious Education at **310.379.3221**.

Because these evenings of reflection are a special time for those who raise children of faith, we ask that you make arrangements for childcare.

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.

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!



Play every **Thursday** night in Kavanagh Hall! **Doors open at 6pm. Early bird game at 7pm**

Play all night for \$15.

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St. James School receives the

profits. Contact: Parish Office **310.372.5228**



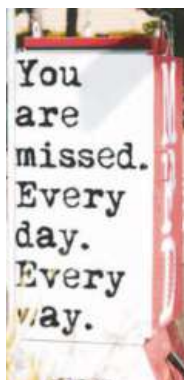
Isn't anyone listening to you?

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**

We've Missed you!

Your church is open for prayer from 7am- 7pm 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!

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!



UPCOMING DATES

Churchella - Confirmation Kick-Off
Sunday, September 8th

Confirmation Nights

Year 1: Sunday, September 15th

Year 2: Sunday, September 22nd

Registration into our high school Confirmation program is still open! If you have a teen in high school that has yet to begin their Confirmation preparation, now is the time to sign up.

Sessions are scheduled to begin in 2 weeks so register now before it's too late! Visit our youth ministry website for more information.

All teens are also invited to Churchella - our Confirmation Kick-Off. Join us for live music, games & the opportunity to pie our Youth Ministry team to

fundraise for the year ahead. Burgers & hot dogs will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. We hope to see you there!

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)

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 STILL OPEN



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

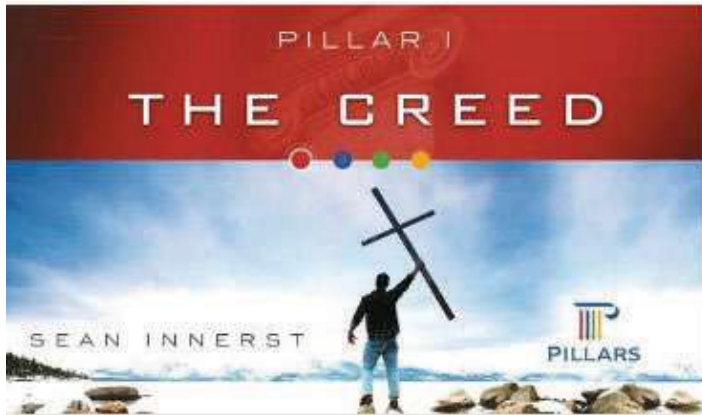
In addition to the food items we are in need of **toiletries and socks**. Due to the pandemic and limited storage space we are unable to accept used clothing.

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

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The St James Bible Study Group is taking a short break.



Please join us on **September 17th** when we begin our next course "The Creed" by Ascension Press.

The Creed opens up the structure of the *Catechism* and shows how it is far more than a list of "faith facts," but instead a sure map for the journey of faith. Sean Innerst teaches how what we believe emerges from the living story of salvation history.

Please contact Donna Wilson dwilson94@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this study.

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

The Story of Padre Pio

**Presented by
Capuchin Father Eric Forbes,**
who knew people who knew Padre Pio.

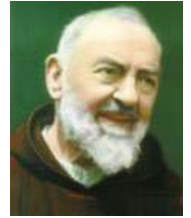
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October 19th, 2024

St. James School - O'Gorman Center
4625 Garnet St. Torrance, CA 90503

8:30am Mass and Veneration of Padre
Pio Relic Breakfast: after Mass

10:30 to Noon Presentation / Q&A



Be inspired by the life of this priest and Capuchin Friar who for fifty years carried in his own body the Five Wounds of Jesus. He lived a supernatural life with miracles, bilocation and mystical gifts.

He spent fifteen hours a day hearing confessions and touched the lives of thousands of people. He died only in 1968 so we have an abundance of personal testimonies, photographic and medical evidence for his life. To this day he answers prayers with the scent of roses.

Breakfast : Catered by Danny Maricich
(scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon,
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For more information contact:
Joanne Modic 310.528.6339
Ely Ronkowski 424.398.9987

Cost is \$25 Pre-Registration is



**Capuchin
Father
Eric Forbes**

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 310.427.5775
or email:
Ben_Aranda@yahoo.com



Songs of Lamentation, Joy, Worship, and Praise

Liturgy and pastoral care have recently guided us through the Bread of Life Discourse. We heard the sadly familiar words in John 6, "*many of his disciples returned to their former way.*" These are words, scholars say, which were recorded in the 90's of the first century.

The Church describes the Gospel of John as starting out with a magnificent prologue of themes and motifs, "not unlike an overture does for a musical work." Jesus says in this discourse:

"The words I have spoken to you are *spirit and life.*"

Simon Peter offers a first century statement of faith, "*Master...you have the words of eternal life...*"

Q: What other set of familiar liturgical discourses ring out as the divine music of the scriptures?

A: *The Book Of Psalms.*

In the *Choral Praise* songbook there is a selection in the Psalms and Canticles section called "Your Words are Spirit and Life" which evokes the perfect laws and decrees of the Lord. These are lyrical words of a solidly foundational faith, in harmony with Simon Peter and the Apostles who remained true in faith.

In a General Audience, Pope Francis encouraged today's faithful to

"...engage in a symphony of prayer by praying the Psalms, as Jesus did. The Psalms are prayers for all seasons...the best words to be transformed into prayer. The Psalms help us open ourselves to a prayer that is less focused on ourselves: a prayer of praise, of blessing, of thanksgiving... a voice to all creation."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2589, quotes St. Ambrose on the Psalms:

"A psalm is ...praise of God, the assembly's homage...the voice of the Church... a confession of faith in song."

John's lyrical description of faith continues to resonate across the ages and sacred pages:

Master, you have the words of eternal life... to whom shall we go?

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



Knights of Columbus

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

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "**Ephphata!**" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's

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. Francis Cathedral Basilica), Flagstaff, Williams, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Tucson (Mission San Xavier del Bac), etc.

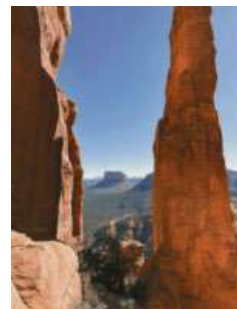


\$3,299 includes double occupancy, roundtrip air from LAX, 4-star hotels, breakfast daily, 6 dinners, all sightseeing with tour escort/guides, & A/C bus transportation.



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For more information contact **Ely: 424.398.9987.**



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/

Readings

Monday

Lead me in your justice, Lord.
1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

The Lord takes delight in his people.
1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.
1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Lk 6:27-38

Friday

**How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, mighty God!**
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

Do not forget the works of the Lord!
Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

Sunday

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Is 50:4c-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

Prayer Requests

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

**Fernando Corral, Elizabeth Gordan,
Maurice Niclay, Marvin Niclay,
Mary Frank, Mark Tranckino,
Ruben Ambris, Rosa Savedra**

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

**Olga Pietrantonio, Beverly Borton,
Michael Suello, Rich Bernes**

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

Saturday, September 7 8 am 5:30 pm	Rod Baton † Steve & Julie Conklin Carolyn Mitchell †
Sunday, September 8 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Barbara Mullen † Krissy Carlos † Martin Murphy † Margaret Mary Silva † The Pietrantonio Family Nicole Sun Paul Croshaw † Donna Abitria Reynaldo Tay † Maria Elena J. Hilado †
Monday, September 9 8 am 12 noon	Martin de Souza † Vincent Cleetus †
Tuesday, September 10 8 am 12 noon	Clara Ines Castro † Jack Wilson †
Wednesday, September 11 8 am 12 noon	Brian Nelson † Bruce Walters, Sr. †
Thursday, September 12 8 am 12 noon	Katherine Ventura Suzi La Gro
Friday, September 13 8 am 12 noon	Mary Assunta Kenneth Conklin †
Saturday, September 14 8 am 5:30 pm	Karen Miller Claire Sterritt † Mary Ruth Vollmer †
Sunday, September 15 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Michael Suello † Baluyot Family Rosa Savedra Shirley Krumpe † Gilbert Yabes Noel Magbanua † Maggie Silva † Mike Hoffman Patrick & Emily Hiller Yvonne Buckley Brogan †

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,
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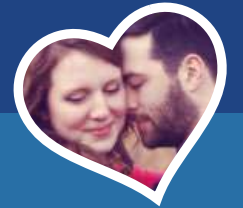
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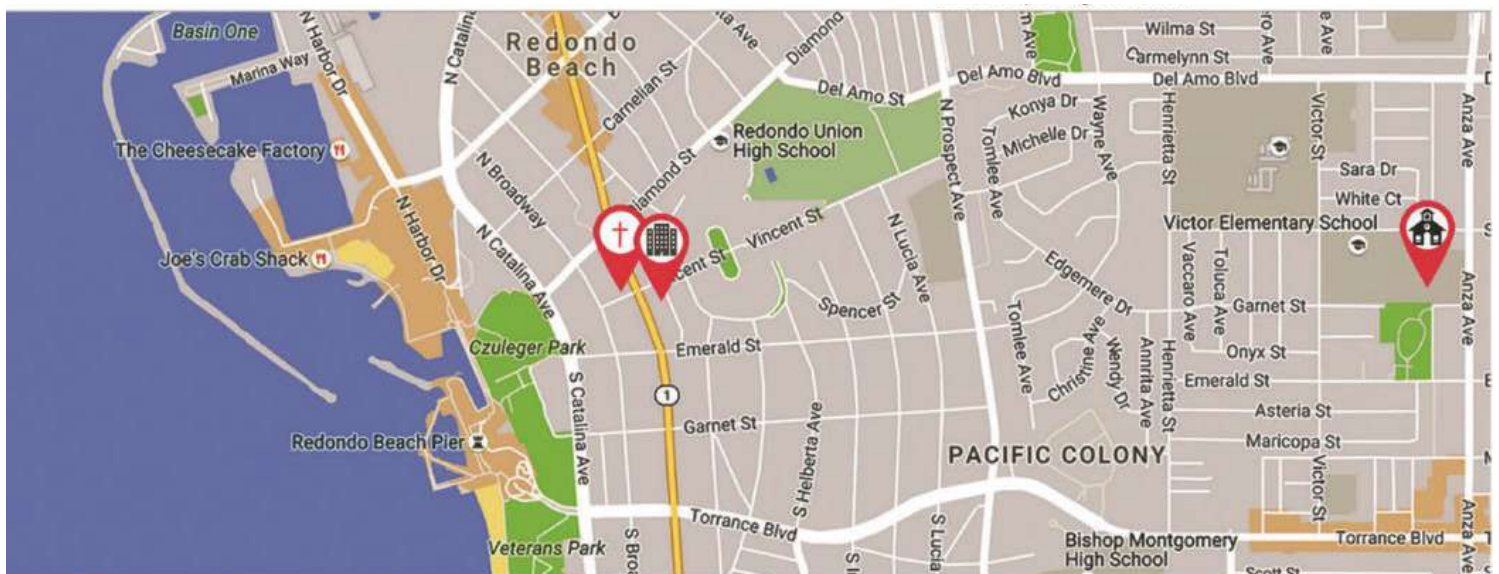
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