

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

“Whoever receives one child
such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Welcome!
Thank you for worshipping with us!
We are not complete without you!



Pastor's Letter

Dear friends,

In our reading from the Gospel of Mark this week, Jesus predicts his passion for the second time. His teaching is quite clear that he will be

“handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death, he will rise.” (Mark 9:31)

So what is the disciples' response to this troubling news about their master and friend?

They begin to argue about who is greatest among them on the way to Capernaum. They have completely missed the point.

The disciples desired places of honor and worldly titles, but Jesus reminded them that they would be servants, not kings, princes, or emperors. Their lives would be lived in service to others, rather than the other way around. Jesus will continue to emphasize this command as we move forward in the Gospel of Mark (spoiler alert).

Pope St John Paul II, in his Angelus address on August 22nd, 1999, reminded the faithful that the pope serves as the “servant of the servants of God.”

Imagine that!

The most influential office of the Catholic Church is understood as the humblest of servants. In the same address, JP II reminded the faithful that the Christian sense of royalty is different from a worldly understanding of royalty.

Christian royalty is reflected in a life of service that

“passes through the Cross before becoming radiant in the Resurrection.”

We are called to live a life of sacrificial love in service toward one another, especially to the most vulnerable among us.

It is in humble service to those who can never repay us that we find our joy.

God bless,

Fr. Matt

Calling all Bakers!

The St. James Harvest Festival Dessert Table needs your help. We are accepting donations of baked goods, individually wrapped, and labeled.

Please drop off all donations at St. James School at 4625 Garnet St. Torrance, CA 90503 at **1pm** on **Fri., Nov. 8th, Sat., Nov 9th, or Sun, Nov 10th**
Ask for Kim or Eileen. Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I extend to you an **invitation to embark on a journey of faith and discovery** in the sacred mystery of Christ's Church.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCI) offers a path of encounter with the living God, who calls each of us to communion with Him through the sacraments and the fullness of truth found in the Catholic Church.

In these times, when many **seek answers to life's deepest questions**, the Church stands as a beacon of light, offering the eternal wisdom of Christ's Gospel and the rich heritage of faith handed down through the ages.

To those who are drawn to know Christ more fully and to enter into the life of the Church, the OCI is a **place of grace** where you will be accompanied by fellow parishioners who have already answered the call to discipleship.

Here, you will be **nourished** by the Word of God, encounter the **profound reality of the sacraments**, and be guided by the **teachings of Holy Mother Church**.

This is not merely a program of instruction but a **spiritual pilgrimage** into the heart of the Church, where the saving love of Christ is made present. I encourage you, dear friends, to respond to this call with **open hearts**.

Whether you are **discerning** your place within the Church or have already begun to sense **God's gentle invitation**, the OCI offers a space of prayerful reflection and growth in faith.

What starts as a spark of **curiosity** may grow into the flame of a life lived in Christ.

May the Lord guide you as you seek to know Him more deeply, and may you find in the Church the **true home** of your soul.



For more information, please contact the parish office or me directly at **OCI@Stjamesparish.org**

Together, let us walk this sacred path toward Christ, the source of all truth and life.

Yours In Christ,
Ben Aranda, Director of OCI

Cleaning Day! Calling all Parishioners!

Saturday, October 5th from 9am to Noon, we need your help in cleaning the pews and the sanctuary. We will have the supplies, you just bring your smiling faces!

Please call the Parish Office to sign up. We are looking forward to seeing **you** there to help make St. James sparkle!



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.sjscatholicschool.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

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!



Coffee and Donuts after the 8 and 10am Mass in Kavanagh Hall served by **Medjugorje Prayer Group**

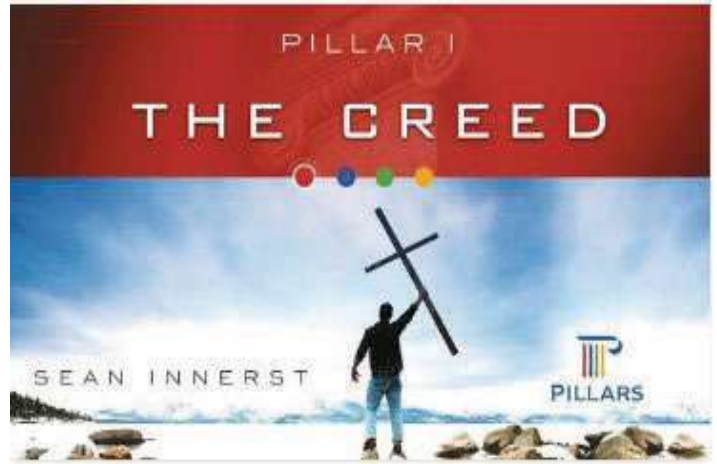
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Tuesday Night Bible Study



The St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study group is currently studying "The Creed" by Ascension. Please join us this **Tuesday, Sept. 24th** as we cover **Session Two – The Journey Begins (CCC 1-100)**

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

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.

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.

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

Additional forms are available at St. James School or parish office, church vestibule, Gift Shop or parish and school websites.

Drop off completed tickets during school hours (8-3:30pm M-F) or mail entry tickets and checks payable to:

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You need not be present to win, but you won't want to miss the excitement of the **Festival on Nov. 8th, 9th, 10th!**

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

Human Trafficking Awareness



People in developed countries and in more affluent neighborhoods are often shocked to find how prevalent trafficking is in their communities.

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

Get Involved!

Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

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, 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, fresh fruit salad & freshly baked scones).

For more information contact:

Joanne Modic 310.528.6339

Ely Ronkowski 424.398.9987

Cost is \$25 Pre-Registration is required: www.tinyurl.com/p352j97z



Capuchin Father Eric Forbes

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!



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/

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**

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

Play every **Thursday** night in
Kavanagh Hall! **Doors open at 6pm.**

Early bird game at 7pm

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St. James School receives the profits. Contact: Parish Office
310.372.5228



Opportunities to Grow your Faith and Religious Education

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

Thank you to all who came to celebrate Catechetical Sunday with us last weekend at the 10am Mass, and thank you to all who serve the parish as Catechists. We are blessed!

Both our **Traditional Faith Formation** classes and **Family Faith Formation** programs are underway now. If you did not register your child but would like to join us this year, please contact the office right away.

To help support our parents in their essential role in rooting children in our faith, we invite parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, 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**, which was first presented in early 2023. Then, on **October 9th**, we will host **Raising Children of Faith: the Bible at Home**.

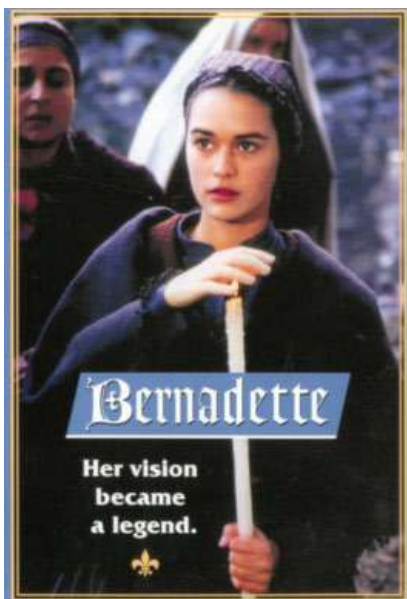
Both evenings will provide parents the opportunity to reflect upon the essential role they play in rooting their children in our faith, while helping grandparents, aunts, uncles, and godparents understand how they can support the children and parents in their lives.

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



Movie Night **Bernadette** Sept. 30th 7pm in Kavanagh Hall

presented by
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Group

This is the newer version of the movie starring Sydney Penny. It is the one shown daily at the shrine of Lourdes. Movie begins after praying the rosary.




*Raising Children
of Faith*
An Evening of Reflection

WED., OCT. 2ND
7:00PM
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
O'GORMAN CENTER
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Presented by
ANDREA R. SULLIVAN, M.DIV.
Director of Religious Education

JOIN US TO REFLECT ON PRACTICAL IDEAS TO
EFFECTIVELY ROOT YOUR CHILDREN IN FAITH



*Raising Children
of Faith*
Bible at Home

WED., OCT. 9TH
7:00PM
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
O'GORMAN CENTER
4625 GARNET ST.
TORRANCE, CA 90503

Presented by
ANDREA R. SULLIVAN, M.DIV.
Director of Religious Education

JOIN US TO REFLECT ON PRACTICAL IDEAS TO
EFFECTIVELY ROOT YOUR CHILDREN IN FAITH

UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, Sept. 22nd

Year 1 (makeup): Tuesday, October 8th

We kicked off the official start of our Confirmation year last Sunday with our very first Year 1 session. It was wonderful seeing so many new faces gathered in the courtyard of our Community Campus! This Sunday, we welcome back our teens who will begin the second half of their Confirmation preparation - a total of 104 candidates. Please keep the teens of our parish in your prayers.

Although sessions have begun, we are still taking registrations into our high school Confirmation program. If you have a teen in high school that has yet to begin their Confirmation preparation, now is the time to

sign up. 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

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



Thank You! Catechists





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.

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 9, 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.

of Saint James Parish!



Freedom: A Passport To God

A United States Passport represents freedom to pass without hindrance: freedom of movement personified.

The latest version passports feature clever security enhancements set with artistic flair along with patriotic text. There is a quotation on the inside back cover by Educator, Author, Activist and Sociologist Anna Julia Cooper. Anna Cooper rose from slavery to earn her PhD. She wrote:

"The cause of freedom is not the cause of a race or a sect, a party or a class- it is the cause of humankind, the very birthright of humanity."

Q: We believe in God, the author of humanity. What does his Church say about freedom?

A:

* Pope Francis: "Freedom comes from serving others."

*The USCCB: "...Freedom is a fundamental human right, which follows on the duty of all people to seek the truth about God."

**The Catechism* says: "For freedom Christ has set us free. On him we have communion with the truth that makes us free."

*Pope Benedict XVI wrote,

"Freedom, coupled with consciousness and love, comprise the essence of being."

*From the Vatican:

"Only by following God's will can humanity find true freedom..."

*Pope Benedict adds critical insight about realizing and holding on to freedom:

"The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline... sacrifice for the common good..."

Freedom. A gift.

The very essence of being.

Part of a "passport" to God.

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.



When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind,

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37).

I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice:

"Jesus, are you there?"

Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

8-Day Tour/Pilgrimage to New Mexico and Arizona with Msgr. Mike Meyers April 21st-28st, 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
**The just one shall live on your holy mountain,
 O Lord.**
 Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday
Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.
 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday
Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.
 Prv 30:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6

Thursday
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.
 Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9

Friday
Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!
 Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22

Saturday
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.
 Eccl 11:9—12:8 / Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
 Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Prayer Requests

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

**Teresa Hurtado,
 Norma Alvarado,
 Carlos Olmos,
 Michael Barrios**

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

**Steven Sunshine,
 Krissy Carlos**

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., Sept. 21st 8 am 5:30 pm	The Meiners Family Gene Campos † Jaime D. Reyes †
Sun., Sept. 22nd 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Josephine Wagner † Mark Charles Harwell Pino Marzocchi † Naipo Family Philip Fernando † Avelina Arcenas † Dale McHugh † Theresa M. Jagosz † Bobby & Savannah Keller Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
Mon., Sept. 23rd 8 am 12 noon	Joseph Hong Mary Pat Schuster †
Tues., Sept. 24th 8 am 12 noon	David Sun Altagracia Rodriguez †
Wed., Sept. 25th 8 am 12 noon	Barbara Mullen † Terry Lines †
Thurs., Sept. 26th 8 am 12 noon	Maria Vasquez † Catalina Tana & Maria Martinez
Fri., Sept. 27th 8 am 12 noon	Donovan Boniol † Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Sept. 28th 8 am 5:30 pm	Martin Murphy † Poor Souls in Purgatory Frank Campis, Sr. †
Sun., Sept. 29th 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Larry Nowak † Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers Scott & Jeannie Haworth Macario Rivera † Patricia Jean Butler † Fredirico Arcenas † Angel Nobleza † Laura Daly Bridgette Quinn † Arthur Couvillon †

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,
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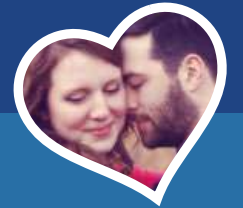
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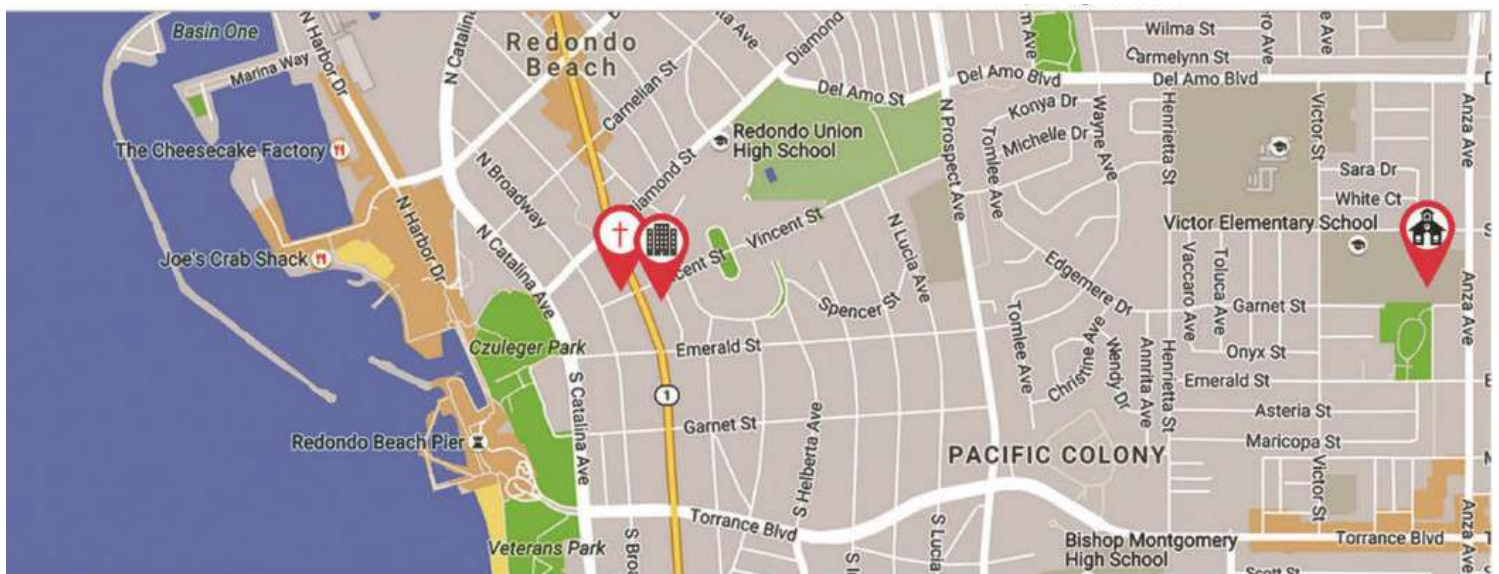
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