

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!

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink
because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you,
will surely not lose his reward.”

Mk. 9:41



Legion of Mary is Coming to St. James

My Dearest Friends in Christ,

Fr. Matt encourages St. James parishioners to embrace and actively participate in Marian devotions. In addition to Medjugorje Rosary prayer group, he has approved the formation of **The Legion of Mary Association** here to help deepen our devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary.

Drawing his inspiration from the words of our lord Jesus Christ in John 19:26-27 – “*Woman behold your son*” and turning to his beloved disciple he says “*Behold your mother*”, St. Pope John Paul II in his General audience of Wednesday, May 7, 1997 states that

“The Church’s devotion to the Virgin Mary is not only the fruit of a spontaneous response to the exceptional value of her person and the importance of her role in the work of salvation, but is based on Christ will”.

In other words, we honor our blessed mother as the **mother of Christ** our savior, we honor her as **our mother**, and we equally honor her because Christ has mandated us to do so by handing her over to us through John.

Therefore, the Legion of Mary association stands as one of the channels of spreading Christ’s will to honor His mother and our Mother also.

The Legion of Mary association is an International Catholic Organization of practicing Catholic men and women of all ages founded in 1921 in Dublin, Ireland by Frank Duff. Like a mustard seed, this Marian association has grown and expanded to different parts of the World. It operates in over 170 countries.

The growth and expansion of the association began after Pope Pius XI recognized it in 1931. Presently, the Legion of Mary has over **three million active members and over ten million auxiliary members worldwide**.

Moreover, the spirituality of the Legionaries is centered on “*prayer and actions performed for Jesus through Mary in accordance with the will of God the Father*” (John Paul II *Overview of Legion Spirituality: Address to Italian legionaries*, October 30, 1982).

All the deeds of the Legionaries aim at leading people to God and heaven. The basic aim is the sanctification of its members and of the whole world through prayer, sacraments and devotion to Mary and the Trinity.

They imitate the virtues of our blessed Mother Mary which includes **humility, obedience, patience, purity prayer and love of God**. They communicate the love of Christ to the world.

Members are actively involved in spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The Legion of Mary is in so many parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. In

the South Bay, it is in St. Anthony’s, American Martyrs and others.

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 after the noon Mass on Sunday, October 6th in Kavanagh Hall to learn more.** Mary Mother of Mercy – Intercede for us.

Fr. Thaddeus Agbasonu (SMMM)

October is Respect Life Month



The Catholic Church in the U.S.A. celebrates Respect Life month every October.

As Catholics we are asked to embrace, proclaim and defend life. Every life is precious and must be loved and protected from conception until natural death.

As Children of God made in His image, every person has a sanctity and dignity that cannot be diminished by illness or disability, and cannot be limited by race, age, sex or social condition.

“All together we must build a new culture of life: new because we will be able to confront and solve today’s unprecedented problems affecting human life.”

- St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* 95

Blessing of the Animals
Oct 6th from 1-2 pm in the church parking lot.

Bring your pets!



Pancake Breakfast—Sun. Oct. 13th



The Knights of Columbus will serve scrambled eggs, pork sausage, and warm pancakes after the **6:30, 8, and 10am Masses in Kavanagh Hall.**

Price: \$10 per adult, \$5 for children and Seniors, Free for Kids 5 and under.

The Parish and Religious Education offices will be closed on Oct 3rd for a staff retreat.

Church Parking Lot



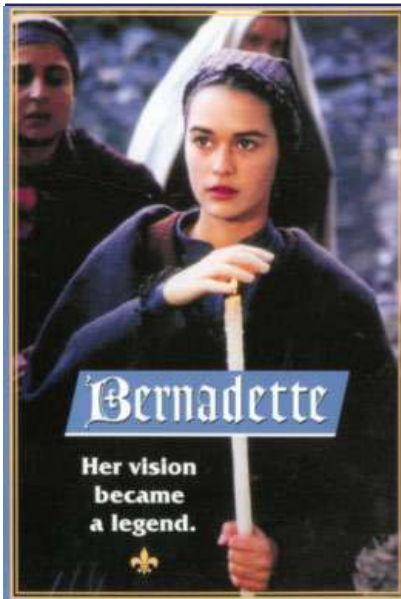
Please be mindful of the **red** painted areas in the parking lot and park within the white lines. Parking in the red area creates a real problem for the people parking in the designated spaces and for the priests to exit their garages. Thank you!

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!



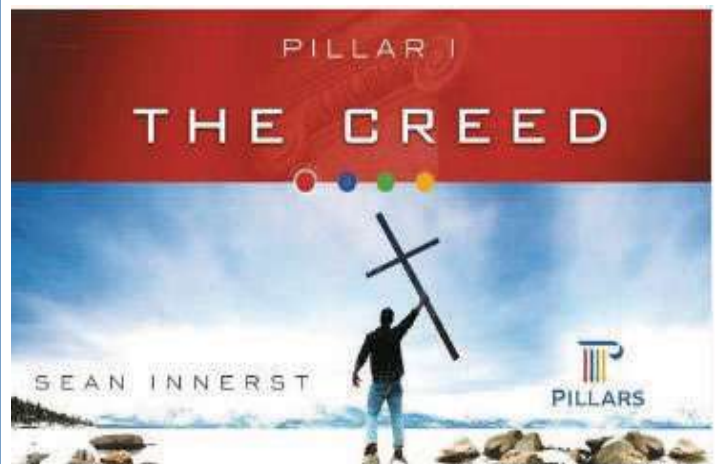
Movie Night

Bernadette
Monday, Sept. 30th
7pm in Kavanagh Hall

presented by
Medjugorje Prayer
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.

Tuesday Night Bible Study



The St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study group is currently studying "The Creed" by Ascension. Please join us this **Tuesday, Oct. 2nd** as we cover **Session 3 – Message From Beyond (CCC 101-184)**. 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.**



Raising Children of Faith

An Evening of Reflection

WED., OCT. 2ND
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



**Coffee and Desserts are
served after the Fr. Matt's
installation Mass at noon
on Sunday, Sept. 29th**

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!



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.

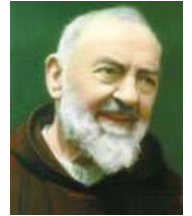
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October 19th, 2024

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, 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/



In honor of **Respect Life Month**, the Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser will be held on Oct. 5th-6th.

The Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance provides free services, including ultrasound exams to women facing the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy.

Please support them by picking up a baby bottle after Mass next weekend.



You can put in coins, bills or a check and return your bottle before all Masses the weekend of October 26th-27th.

You can also donate online at: www.supportphctorrance.org/contribute.

Your support saves lives!

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**



Opportunities to Grow your Faith and Religious Education

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

Raising Children of Faith: An Evening of Reflection will be held this **Wednesday, October 2nd**, from **7-8:30pm** in **O’Gorman Center at St. James School**.

This evening of reflection will provide parents with the opportunity to reflect upon the essential role they play in rooting their children in our faith and the practical steps they can take at home, and it will help grandparents, aunts, uncles, and godparents understand how they can support the children and parents in their lives.



Then, on **Wednesday, October 9th**, we will host **Raising Children of Faith: the Bible at Home**, also from **7-8:30pm** in **O’Gorman Center at St. James School**.

This second evening will dive into how to use the Bible for prayer, both for yourself and with children, as well as providing

tips for reading and praying with the Bible.

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

If you have questions, please call the Office of Religious Education at **310.379.3221**.

We look forward to seeing our parents and other caring adults there.

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

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.

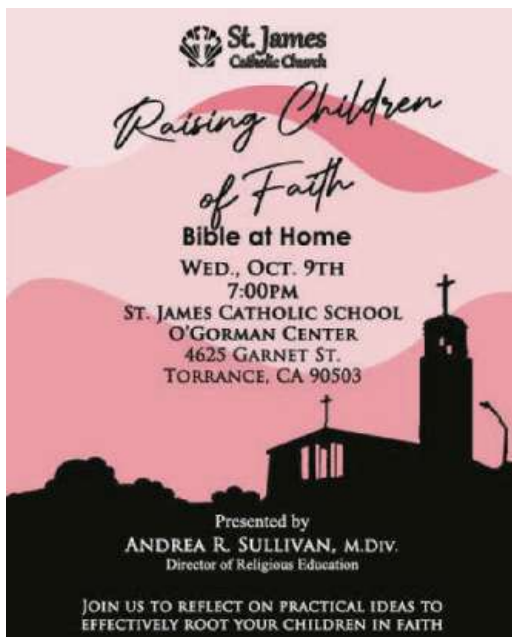
May the Lord guide you as you seek to know Him more deeply, and may you find in the Church the **true home** of your soul.



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



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.

UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 1 (makeup): Tuesday, October 8th
Year 2 (makeup): Tuesday, October 15th

Last Sunday, we met with our Year 2 Confirmation candidates as they enter into the second half of their preparation. With 107 candidates, it is the biggest group of teens we've had in years!
Please keep the teens of our parish in your prayers.

Although sessions have begun, we are still taking registrations into our high school Year 1 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

Website: www.saintjamesym.org

Text: 424.265.8336

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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.

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>



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

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!

Buy a Wreath to Help Fight Human Trafficking

Proceeds donated to **Journey Out**
Order wreaths:

www.stlm.org/faith-ministry-wreaths
Order by **Nov. 7.**



F.A.I.T.H. Ministry of St. Lawrence
310.540.0329 ext. 380

Or email: faith.ministry@stlm.org



**ST. JAMES SCHOOL'S
BIG RED OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**

Grand Prize	\$3,000.00	Sixth	\$500.00
Second	\$1,000.00	Seventh	\$250.00
Third	\$500.00	Eighth	\$250.00
Fourth	\$500.00	Ninth	\$100.00
Fifth	\$500.00	Tenth	\$100.00

Winners will be drawn on Sunday, Nov. 10th, 2024 at the Harvest Festival. Tickets are \$20 each for a chance to win one of these ten cash prizes!

Name _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ Phone Number _____ -- _____

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.



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, Oct. 11th at 7pm**

**Benediction and Adoration
Friday, Oct. 18th after the 8am Mass until Noon**

And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Mt. 26:40

Adoration is the homage of the spirit to the King of Glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever greater God.

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:

**St. James School
4625 Garnet St.,
Torrance, CA 90503**

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

Loving and Serving

Outside the Church not long after the final blessing to end a Sunday Mass, with Deacon Bob's admonition to love the Lord by loving and serving one another still fresh in the mind, a car drove by with personalized plates reading: 1COR13.

Q: What serendipitous thread runs through Deacon Bob's charitable words and the text of First Corinthians Chapter 13?

A: St. Paul's first letter written from Ephesus in Asia Minor to the Christian community in Corinth in south central Greece has been described as St. Paul's classical description of charity and love in the New Testament.

Meanwhile, the Catechism has approximately 20 entries listed about love, under the Index Heading: Love (see also Charity.)

It talks about God's commandment about love; love of neighbor and enemies; love as source of human merit; and the various categories and virtues of love. Paragraph 1766 defines love simply as
"to will the good of another."

The aspects of charitable love described in the *Catechism* are echoed in Paul's letter when he underscores the kind of love which
"bears all things...love never fails."

It is said that *"Who does not love does not know God; for God is love."* St. Mother Teresa said:
*"Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things with great love."*

With so much literature and social/cultural structures and scriptural teachings about the subject of love throughout the ages, perhaps that motorist described above will indeed recall and apply the text of that first letter of Paul, even while behind the wheel.:

*"Love is patient, love is kind...it is not quick-tempered,
does not brood over injury..."*

Love.
In all things, in all ways it is God's will and God's gift.

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.



Maggots, grubs, worms.

When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted.

If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic.

It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action.

Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites.

Neither should we with the worms of sin.

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

Incline your ear to me and hear my word.
Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Let my prayer come before you, Lord.
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Let my prayer come before you, Lord.
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday

**I believe that I shall see the good things
of the Lord in the land of the living.**
Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

Lord, let your face shine on me.
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.
Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Prayer Requests

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

**Michael Barrios, Dennis McCormick,
Patti Joy Neal, Connie Simons,
Jacquie Archambault, Michelle Duncan,
Jenny Ell**

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

**Jessica Palmquist, Maggie Silva,
Shotai de la Rosa, Login Fabio,
Alfredo Fernandez, Shawn Turner**

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. 28 8 am 5:30 pm	Martin Murphy † Poor Souls in Purgatory Frank Campis, Sr. †
Sun., Sept. 29 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Larry Nowak † Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers Jarlath & Diane Oley Macario Rivera † Patricia Jean Butler † Fredirico Arcenas † Angel Nobleza † Laura Daly Bridgette Quinn † Arthur Couvillon †
Mon., Sept. 30 8 am 12 noon	Caridad Chaves † Consiglia Caretti
Tues., Oct. 1 8 am 12 noon	David Lesniowski Pino Marzocchi †
Wed., Oct. 2 8 am 12 noon	Katherine Sun Jack Wilson †
Thurs., Oct. 3 8 am 12 noon	Debora & Orson Martins Cookie Urhammer (D)
Fri., Oct. 4 8 am 12 noon	Patricia Schuster † Krissy Carlos †
Sat., Oct. 5 8 am 5:30 pm	Martin Murphy † Mary Ann Cabrera † Sara Ann T. Sarette †
Sun., Oct. 6 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	David Franco † Anthony Ramirez † Michael Ryan Guerin † Macario Rivera † Oscar Leviste † Noely Fernando Larry Nowak † Art Couvillon † Kinga Lovasz Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,
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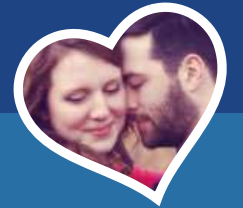
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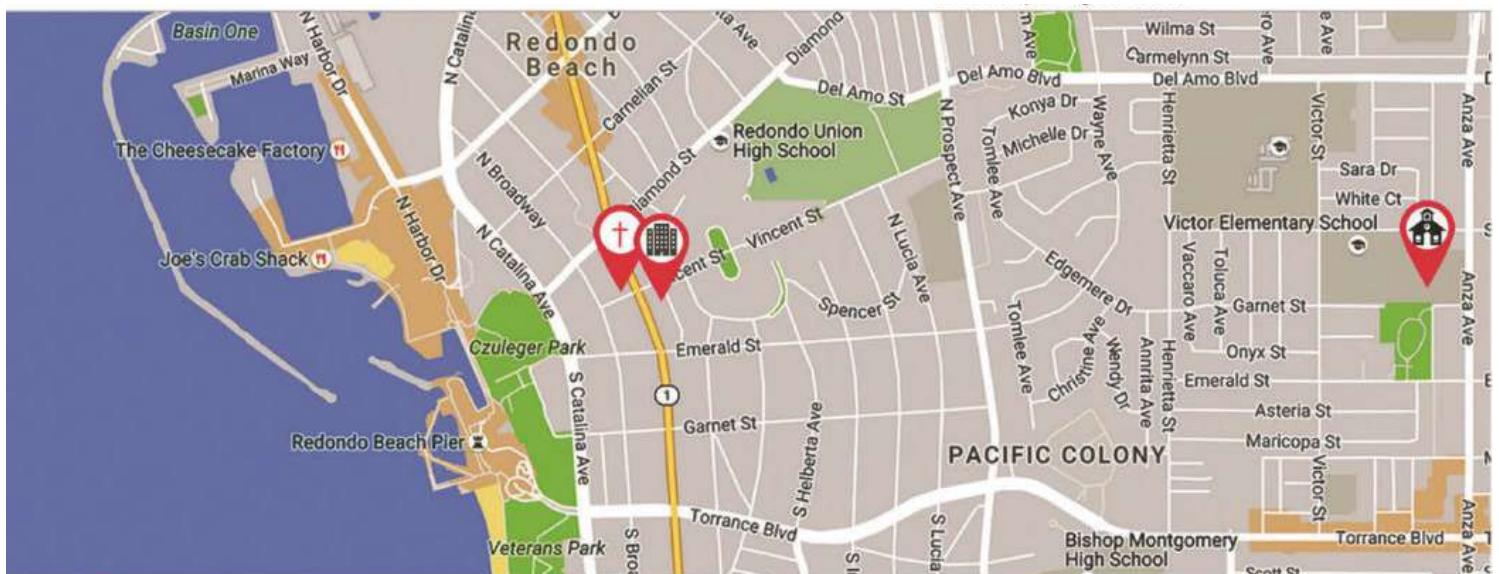
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