

Welcome!

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

You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
Mk. 12:30



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Fall into Fun!

**HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

**MUSIC-FOOD-RIDES-GAMES
RAFFLE-SILENT AUCTION**

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2024
FRI: 5-11PM, SAT: 2-11PM, SUN: 2-10PM

The poster features a central sunburst design with rays extending outwards. The text is arranged in a vertical stack, with the school name at the top, followed by the event title in a mix of bold block letters and a red script font. Below that, the activities are listed in bold block letters. The dates and times are at the bottom. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border with autumn leaves and a pumpkin illustration at the bottom.

Pastor's Letter

Hello beautiful children of God!

At one of our recent Neighborhood Gatherings, I received a request to update the community on the future property plans. I am sorry that this hasn't been part of our conversation since I arrived on July 1st. I'm not sure what has been shared with the community, so I will touch briefly on each aspect of the project.

The property at 124 N. PCH is in escrow and the sale is pending upon the approval of a housing project by a local developer. If all goes according to plan, escrow should close in the first quarter of 2025. Please pray that the Redondo Beach Planning Commission grants approval to this project so that we can move forward with our plans.

The parish offices will move from across the street into the first floor of the rectory in January 2025.

In preparation of this change, money from our building fund account will be used to freshen the paint and flooring.

Before I arrived, plans were made to move the preschool to the school property in Torrance, but costs escalated to the point that the build was not financially viable, so I made the decision to close the preschool at the end of this semester (December 2024). Plans for a future preschool will be placed on hold until we address the Community Campus on Broadway.

There are basic sketches for the Community Campus, but plans are still in the very early stages. Please know that discussions on this project will be a community conversation. I spent my internship year under the direction of Fr. Tim Nichols at the time St John Vianney parish was making plans to rebuild their new church.

He made it a point to invite the community into the conversation on the rebuild. We will be following this same model as we journey forward to build our new St. James Parish Center.

God bless,
Fr. Matt

Your Hopes and Dreams for St. James

Fr. Matt's **Neighborhood Gatherings** are looking for **you** to join in the discussion of what ideas and hopes you have for St. James' future. This is a whole parish event!

Nov. 20th, Nov. 21st, Dec. 2nd, Dec 4th.

These evening meetings begin at 6:30pm until about 8:30pm.

We want to hear from you!

Please call the Parish office to sign up for any of these dates to help shape the future of St. James!

Legion of Mary—First Meeting — Saturday, November 9th at 9:30am in Room 6 of the Parish Center

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

We hope you consider becoming a member and **join us!**

The worldwide Legion of Mary has been called “**a miracle of these modern times.**” Cardinal Suenens

wrote: “Today, two currents dominate the life of the Church: the Marian current and the apostolic current.”

These two currents meet and blend harmoniously in the Legion of Mary, which has been a providential instrument in the hands of Mary and the Church for the spread of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Mary Mother of Mercy – Intercede for us.

Fr. Thaddeus Agbasonu (SMMM)

www.legionofmary.ie

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



Join us for Hot Coffee and Donuts

Served by members of the
St. James Guild
after the 8 and 10am Masses in
Kavanagh Hall.



All Souls Memorial Mass Monday, November 4th at 7pm

Our Memorial Mass is a sacred time when our community gathers as we remember and pray for our deceased relatives and friends. We invite you to join us for this Mass especially if you have loved ones who have died during the past year.

For many it is a time of grace and healing by God's compassionate love. At St. James it is also a Mass to remember in a special way and honor the 51 people whose funerals were held at our parish during the last year (October to October). We will continue our All Souls Novena during the month remembering those who have died. Envelopes are located in the vestibules of the church and can be returned in the collection basket or brought to the parish office. The envelopes with your loved ones' names will be placed on our altar for the entire month of November.



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.

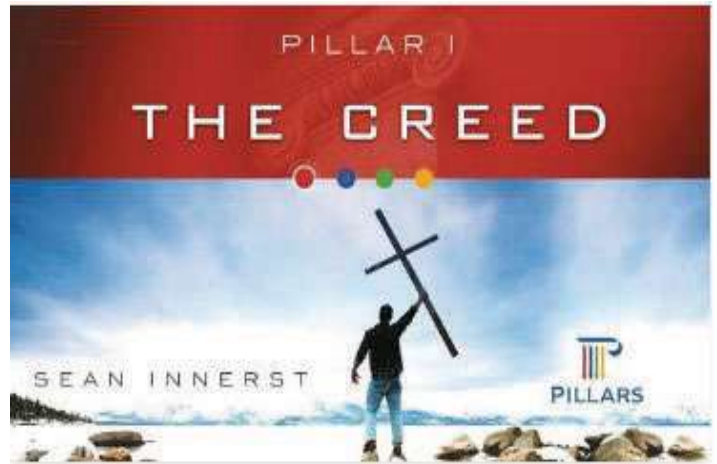
Calling all Bakers!

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!

Tuesday Night Bible Study



The St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study group is currently studying "The Creed" by Ascension. Please join us this **Tuesday at 7pm in Kavanagh Hall** as we cover

Session Eight –The Beginning of the End .. and Only the Beginning (CCC 535-630)

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.

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!

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!**

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OCI Invitation

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



Join the Catholic Daughters of America

Please join the CDA #1344 Court Our Lady of Victory.



Our Court gathers monthly for fun and fellowship on the **third Wednesday of each Month at Kavanagh Hall**.

We meet at **6:30** to pray the Holy Rosary, followed by refreshments, and our meeting.

This group is open to Catholic women of all ages and from any parish. Our activities include group outings as well as some FUNdraising activities, like participating in the Holiday Boutique or our CDA Annual Tea.

We use our time and talents to raise money for several, mostly local, charities in the service of Christ.

Contact: **Amie Jacoby**
Email: **AjaCobyCDA@gmail.com**
Email: **CourtOurLadyofVictory@gmail.com**



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 Mass at 10am**

Visit **SaintJames.Church**. If you subscribe to our channel, you'll receive an email when streaming.



PREGNANCY HELP CENTER



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. You can put in coins, bills or a check and return your bottle this weekend.

You can also donate online at:
www.supportphctorrance.org/contribute.
Your support saves lives!

Find Peace at St. James

Our beautiful church is open for quiet prayer from 7am- 7pm daily. Spend some peaceful time with the Lord. Our **daily Mass is 8am and 12 noon Mon.-Fri.** with the rosary prayed immediately afterward. Our **Saturday daily Mass is at 8am**.

For those unable to attend Mass in person, watch the Mass on YouTube. Visit **SaintJames.church** for the link. Livestream Masses do not satisfy our Sunday obligation, nor do they allow receiving the body and blood of Christ.

Attend in person to experience the fullness of our faith and find the inner peace you are searching for.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive
Sunday, November 10th
7:30am– 2pm

Church parking lot

Walk-ins are welcome, Sign-up is preferred for faster service in the bloodmobile.
1.800.red.cross—sponsor code: StJamesParish

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!



Friendship Club Meeting

Sunday, Nov 10th at 1:20pm in Kavanagh Hall.

After the meeting at 2 pm, we will be having lunch at **St James School Harvest Festival**, so we can support the school's main fundraising event.

Please join us!



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!

We meet once a month for ideas, visit museums and concerts regularly, gather for happy hour regularly, etc.

For more info, call **Ely at 424.398.9987**.

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**

Invite Mother Mary Into Your Home



The South Bay Rosary Cenacle is circulating the statue of **Our Lady of Fatima** every Saturday throughout the year.

Invite Mother Mary into your home for one week and pray the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy with your family and friends.

If you'd like details, please call

Lydia Nelson 424.358.7197
Carmelita Silvino 310.975.4070

Registration is STILL OPEN for our 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

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



Sunday Night Worship Aid

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

Scan our virtual worship aid

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



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



Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families,

On **Friday, November 15th**, from **6:30-8:30pm**, our Junior High Team will host a **Junior High Movie Night in Kavanagh Hall**. This evening of food and fun is open to all parish children in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. Join us for pizza and the movie, **“Overcomer.”** RSVP by signing up at religioused@stjamesparish.org or by calling **310.379.3221**.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday during the 10am Mass. We hope to see all our parish children there.

Also, many of our parish children are preparing for their **First Reconciliation** later this month. We ask that you keep the children and their families in your prayers.

God bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

Christmas Children’s Choir

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

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

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

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

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

Dec.24th-Christmas Eve Mass- 4pm

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

15-Day Tour/Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Matt Murphy Oct. 6-20, 2025

Visiting Rome, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael’s Cave, Assisi, La Spezia, Cinque Terre, Padua, Venice, Burano & Lake Como.

\$5549 per person based on Double occupancy, roundtrip air from LAX, First class hotels, Breakfast & dinner daily, Air-conditioned motor coach, English speaking guide, sightseeing as per itinerary, all taxes & service charges, daily Mass.

Single supplement \$1000.

Limited Spaces available.

For more info, contact **Ely at 424.398.9987**



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

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.

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Order by **Nov. 7**.
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Or email: faith.ministry@stlm.org

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Holy Hour Adoration
Friday, Nov. 8th at 7pm

Benediction and Adoration
Friday, Nov. 15th after the 8am Mass until Noon

Cornerstone Retreat for Men — Friday, March 7th to Saturday, March 8th, 2025

26-hours of an experience you will never forget.

The opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith with other men in our Catholic Community. Retreat is held at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Hall. No Cost – You can also register at www.STLM.org/CS

Questions? Call Mike at **661.993.7501**



All You Holy Men and Women

Q: What does the Church say about All Saints Day

A: It's described as part of a three-day period of remembrance for the dead, which begins with Halloween on October 31st and continues with All Souls Day on November 2nd. Some suggested ways to mark that day include attending Mass, praying to your confirmation saint and reading the Gospel of Matthew.

That particular Gospel includes the Beatitudes that laud some of the characteristics of the saints: sometimes poor in spirit; the meek; those who thirst for righteousness; the merciful; the clean of heart; the peacemakers; the children of God; the salt of the earth.

The Catechism explains that the saints

"constantly care for those whom they have left on earth...the saints share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives..."

Catechism #2683 says,

"Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan.

We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world."

Saints were human beings with all the faults, graces, and challenges imaginable (and often), unimaginable. The Roman Catholic Church recognizes more than 10,000 saints. Pope Benedict and Pope Francis include St. Joseph as one of their favorite saints, calling St. Joseph,

"the man who gave God the greatest proof of trust..."

Author Matthew Kelly writes in his book *Rediscover the Saints* that we can follow the examples of the saints in terms of

"exploring our God-given potential and realizing the possibilities enfolding in our being.

The saints encourage us, light a fire within us, and captivate us to "collaborate with God."

The Church venerates the Saints with awesome reverence. As children of God we continue to say:

All you holy men and women, pray for us.



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/

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates.

Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us,

"And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'"

Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **"all your mind."**

Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically?

One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

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

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.
Phil 2:1-4 / Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

**I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.**
Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.
Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

**The waters of the river gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High!**
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / Jn 2:13-22

Sunday

Praise the Lord, my soul!
1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Prayer Requests

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

**Norma Alvarado, Eddie Francis,
Gene Cook, Hillary Torres,
Irene Settele, Robert Dances,
Fred Moseley, Jr. Bill Hilgemann**

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

**Parry Madera, Felcy Almeida,
Barbara Massa, John Trinh**

Sacramental Confession

No sin is new to him.
No wrongdoing too great.
Come to Confession and experience the
cleansing power of God's love.

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

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 2nd 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	All Souls Day Dorothy McAteer † Al Riggs † Teresa Cox †
Sun., Nov. 3rd 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	David Franco † Macario Rivera † All Souls Novena Cerilo Ulan † Gwen Sun Bruce Szeles † Kim Smith † Michael Melle † Laurie Koike †
Mon., Nov. 4th 8 am 12 noon 7 pm	Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt	Martin Cabrera All Souls Novena All Souls Memorial Mass
Tues., Nov. 5th 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus	All Souls Novena Isabelita Olave
Wed., Nov. 6th 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	All Souls Novena Mary Ann Wilson †
Thurs., Nov. 7th 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus	All Souls Novena Mary Barry
Fri., Nov 8th 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus	Bruce Szeles † All Souls Novena
Sat., Nov. 9th 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Jim Fr. Chibuike	All Souls Novena Bob Hilgemann Hector Bitar †
Sun., Nov. 10th 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt	Mary Scurto † Ben Reynante † All Souls Novena Paton Yabes Jim Gaynor † Matt Magen † Emily Guzman † Rene Gonzalez † Barbara Massa †

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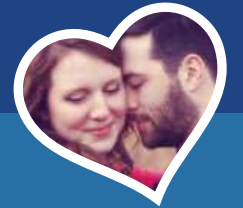
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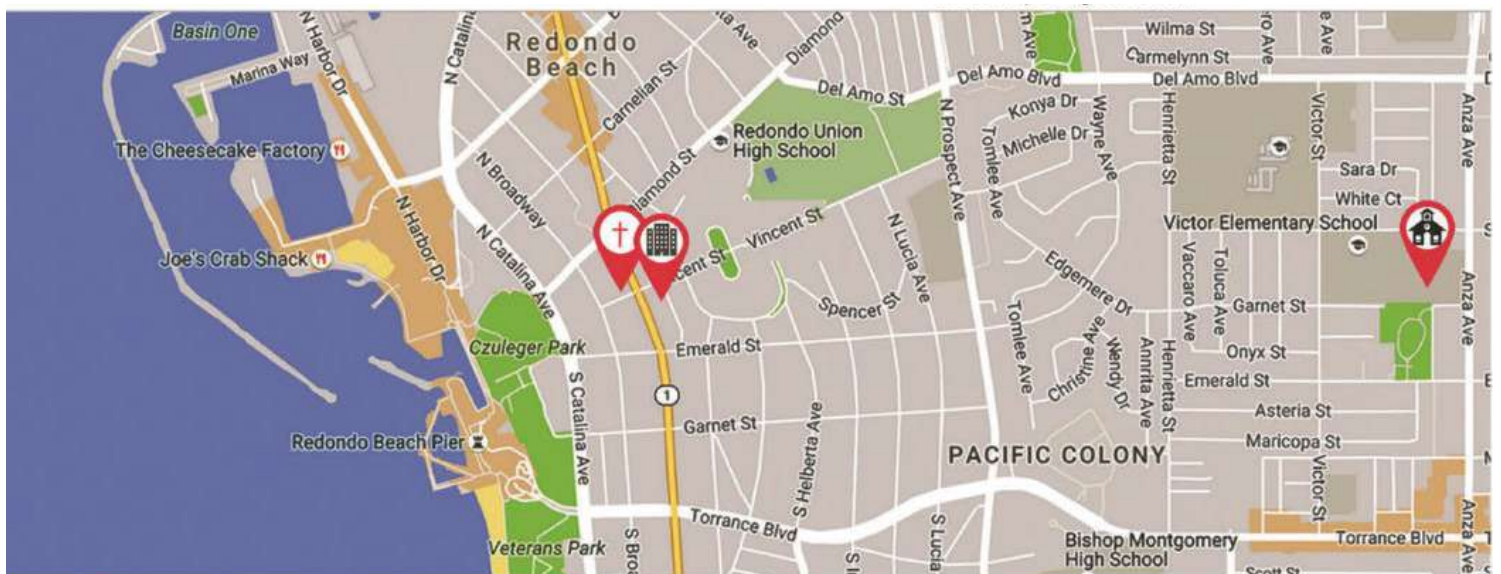
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