



St James
Catholic Church

January 19th, 2025
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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!

...the mother of Jesus said to him,
“They have no wine.” *Jn. 2:3*

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 Beautiful Children of God,

On the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus begins his ministry with his "first sign," the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. This first sign has a two-fold purpose, to remind the faithful of the sacred gift of marriage and to prepare the faithful for the heavenly banquet.

Just like the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana in the Gospel of John, the Sacrament of Matrimony has a two-fold design. Trent Horn of Catholic Answers provides a great definition of marriage as "the lifelong union of man and woman ordered to their good and the good of the children they create." The Catholic Church understands marriage through two fundamental principles.

One, marriage is unitive, meaning it is a lifelong/permanent union between one man and one woman.

Two, marriage is procreative and requires that the married couple be open to the gift of life. The man and woman make a full gift of self to each other which has the potential to bring forth the gift of life.

The primary vocation in family life is the love between spouses, which serves as a witness of love and provides a nurturing and safe environment for their children. If we define love as seeking the good of the other, then the love of spouses and family should seek the ultimate good for one another, eternal life with God. The husband's responsibility is to get his wife to heaven and the wife's responsibility is to get her husband to heaven, and together, to bring their children to heaven with them. Together, we journey toward the heavenly banquet foretold in the Wedding Feast at Cana.

May the Good Lord continue to bless your families and fill your homes with His love.

Fr. Matt



Support Schools and Parishes impacted by wildfires

The recent fires in LA have deeply affected our schools,

parishes, and beloved community members. In times of trial, our faith calls us to come together in solidarity to provide hope and healing for those who are struggling. Our community is resilient, but together, we can make the road to recovery shorter and brighter. Donate here: www.tinyurl.com/mrut5z4n



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

 **PREGNANCY HELP CENTER** **Used Baby Items Needed**
Sat., February 15th,
9am - 12pm

For questions, call **Jeanine Gallagher: 310-415-0876**



The Pregnancy Help Center is collecting **used baby items** for our next Client Giveaway. Please drop off any gently-used **baby clothes** (newborn-2T) or baby items, large or small, at the South Bay Church of the Nazarene, 700 Maple Ave, Torrance on February 15th. If anyone is able to help with set up that morning, it would be greatly appreciated. This event is a huge help for so many of these moms who are struggling to just make ends meet. Thank you for your support!



Bundle Sunday is Jan. 26th
8am-2pm in the church parking lot. Please donate your **USABLE** discards of clothing, household goods, small appliances and miscellaneous items. For large item pick up call: **800.974.3571** Thank you!

Invite someone to Mass!

We all know friends and family members that haven't been attending Mass for a while. Now is the time to invite them to visit our beautiful church, hear God's word and listen to our inspiring music! Let God do the rest!

Join the Legion of Mary Meets every Saturday 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)

Sunday, Jan. 26th Open House!
12 noon – 2pm

St. James School
4625 Garnet St.
Torrance, CA 90503
310.371.0416

SaintJames.School or SJSCatholicSchool.org

An Incarnational View of the World

Catholic school students learn that God is present and active in their lives and in the world.

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They see the signs of God’s love around them and become instruments of God’s grace in their own neighborhoods, communities and the world.

www.nceatalk.org/2020/01/the-top-ten-benefits-of-a-catholic-school-education/

Tuesday Bible Study

"Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled"

by Ascension.

Please join us on **Tuesday, Jan. 21st in Kavanagh Hall at 7pm.** as we cover **Session 3 – Luke 4-6, Jesus Begins His Public Ministry**

Jesus Gave Us the Greatest Bible Study of All Time You will witness key moments in salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, his public ministry, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection.

If you are not able to participate in person you can also join us using **Zoom**. Priests visit our study when their schedules permit. Please contact Donna Wilson: **dwilson94@gmail.com**) if you are interested in joining this study.

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts

after the 8 and 10am Masses in Kavanagh Hall.

Served by members of the **St. James Guild!**



APRIL 5, 2025

St. James Shining Stars Gala

Honoring:

Kay Bawolski & Robert Bawolski (In Memoriam)
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Tickets available at parish office or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/bdes6svk>

For more information contact: Ely 424-398-9987
Joanne 310-528-6339 or Robin at 310-408-9690



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



Virtus® Recertification Classes

Saturday, February 1st
in Kavanagh Hall from 1-2:30pm.

Wednesday, February 12th in Room 6 of the
Parish Center from 6-7:30pm.

If you have any questions or need to verify your certification expiration date, please call Jeannie at the Parish Office at **310.372.5228**.

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



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
January 24th at 7pm

Benediction and Adoration
Jan. 17th and Feb. 21st from 8:45-12 noon

Human Trafficking Awareness



Our personal care collection container has changed. We have replaced the barrel with a smaller and more attractive (we hope) container. Look for it in the same place, near the stairs in the church vestibule.

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

Get Involved!

Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com



Super Bowl Tri-Tip Dinner by Knights of Columbus

Order a delicious Tri-tip to-go meal and support various

charities, including six seminarians. A special sous-vide and grilled Tri-tip, which feeds 3-4 people, is offered for \$40. Optional sides of mashed potatoes and steamed green beans are available for \$7 each. **Pre-orders will be taken through an online form until 11:59**

p.m. Mon., Feb. 3rd The Knights will then take orders **in person outside St. James on Jan. 12th and 26th after the 8, 10, and noon Masses.**

All orders will be distributed on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9th, at the KoC Hall (214 Ave I, Redondo Beach) from 10-1pm. Home delivery option is available for \$10 for deliveries within 3 miles of St. James, St. John Fisher, and St. Lawrence Martyr between 10- 2 pm.

Call Alan Baptista at 214.729.8582 if you have any questions regarding this fundraiser.





Tickets here: www.tinyurl.com/f7fwfs3b

Singles Friendship Club Meeting

Sunday, Feb 9th, after the noon Mass in Kavanagh Hall.

We will talk and discuss our Valentine's Party at this meeting. If you are single, divorced or widowed (ages 45+) and looking for friends to "hang around with" in a safe environment, come join us! **For more info, call Ely at 424-398-9987**



Singles Friendship Club members are enjoying food, beverage and each other's company at a recent once-a-month Happy Hour gathering! Join us!

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:

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| 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

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.

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.

UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, January 19th

Empowering God's Children

Sunday, January 26th

This month, we reach the halfway point of our Confirmation year and begin the planning process for our upcoming Year 2 weekend retreat taking place in late March.

We're so excited to see what the Holy Spirit has in store for our young church! Please keep our teens and our team in your prayers.

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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Sunday Night Worship Aid

Please join our Sunday Night Youth band in worship during our 5:30pm Sunday Mass. Scan: virtual worship aid <https://linktr.ee/saintjames.sny>



Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Beginning this Tuesday, January 21st, all **Traditional Faith Formation classes** will be held at **St. James School** instead of the Parish Center. Families in Traditional Faith Formation, please check your emails for details.

We will celebrate **Children's Liturgy of the Word** next Sunday, January 26th, at the 10am Mass. We look forward to seeing your children, ages 4-12, there.

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education



The Office of Religious Education has three tracks for Family Faith Formation this year. This past Sunday, the **Mercy track**, where families are learning more about living out the Works of Mercy, gathered to hear from **Miki Finken** about being a Eucharistic Minister to the Care Centers. They also created small rosaries to be given out to those who will be visited by Miki and her team. To learn more about Family Faith Formation, please contact the ORE."



Cornerstone Retreat for Men Friday, Mar. 7th to Saturday, March 8th

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



I have enjoyed serving in many Catholic parish ministries. I have found that Cornerstone stands out among them as the one in which men can share the personal ways we have followed Jesus Christ and sought to apply His gospel in our lives.

The relationships and community I have realized through Cornerstone have encouraged me tremendously in my Christian faith.

Dan Houston

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.

I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. LK.15:7



2025 Women's Cornerstone Retreat is Friday, March 14th at 6pm until Saturday, March 15th at 8pm



Good Morning, my dear beautiful sisters,

I want to thank you for such a beautiful retreat. What a way to share 26 hours of Love, Faith, Courage, Determination, Prayer, Peace. I believe our Lord and our amazing sisters personally prepared for us. I've spend the most amazing 26 hours with God and each of you ladies.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for making me feel special and loved. I can't even believe everything that happened there, so special with all the beautiful, meticulous preparation by our sisters.

Oh, My Lord. All I can say is thank you again for creating beautiful memories, new family, and to know that I am not alone. I have family, more sisters and most of all our Lord was present with us every single minute, guiding us and letting us know that we are important, that He can fix everything if only we believe in Him.

Dear sisters, please know that I am just a phone call away if anyone needs anything.

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Jesus Christ. I love you with all my heart.

Carmen Miguel

Register and learn more:

www.SaintJames.Church/CFW



Walking Humbly

Q: As "Pilgrims Of Hope" in this Jubilee Year how can we as wayfarers on a spiritual journey offer meditative prayer about the essential, merciful love of Jesus?

A: We can walk along the Way of the Cross. It is said that the Stations of the Cross offer: "Strength in times of suffering; instill in us compassion for those who suffer; remind us of the love of God; enable us to feel Jesus' suffering; and give us a sign of great hope," which all pilgrims seek with faithful hearts.

A St. James parishioner found the Church empty on a weekday just after an 8am Mass. Praying at each of the 14 stations, he meditated on Father Matt's reminder about the merciful indulgences of praying the Stations. He also prayed about his own family, and those affected by the wildfires, all these prayers as part of a New Year's resolve to walk more humbly with God. He prayed the wondrous prayers of love, embedded at each station:

"Out of love for you, Jesus, I will make a new attempt to accept my crosses..."

"Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

Jesus, help me see your image in all the people I meet."

"Never let us, your pilgrim people, grow weary of trying to follow in your footsteps."

The parishioner, moved by the events along the Via Dolorosa, thought about the abiding hope and love of God, and that day on Calvary when the Savior promised paradise to a thief who repented.

He prayed another prayer of the way of the cross:

"Jesus, I fall. I fail. I will accept my weakness and try again."

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**

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

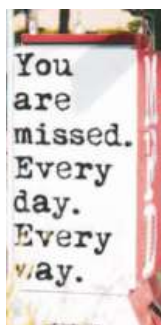
Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "**Everyone serves good wine first, and then... an inferior one**" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "**But you have kept the good wine until now.**" This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

We've Missed you!

Your church is open for prayer from **7am– 6pm** 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.

In the Eucharist, and only in the Eucharist, he makes his body and blood present to us in a real way. This is why the sacramental presence of Christ's body and blood is so extraordinary. In all of the other sacraments, Jesus gives us his grace, says St. Thomas Aquinas, whereas in the Eucharist, the "sacrament of sacraments," he gives us his whole self, his divinity and his humanity. **Call us if you are unable to attend so an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist can bring Him to you. We're not complete without you!**

www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/why-go-to-mass

Readings

Monday

**You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**
Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.
Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

**You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
Heb 7:25—8:6 / Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Kindness and truth shall meet.
Heb 8:6-13 / Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 / Mk 16:15-18

Sunday

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,
27 / Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Prayer Requests

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

**Lupe Ramirez, Lisa Bertelli,
Janice Eltaha, Vic Cavataio,
Patti Altersitz, Gracie Insognia**

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

**Stephen Joseph King, Ernestina Higareda,
Marjorie LaCroix, Bob Kingston,
Stephen Sferrino, Theresia Michi**

Mass Intentions

Offering Mass for a special intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said.

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please visit the Parish Office. We will help you with the dates and times which are available. We have Mass cards that you can send to whomever you choose as a remembrance. The monetary offering signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan 18 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Matt Fr. Chibuike	Jerry Salvatore † Orlando Solano † Levi Robertson †
Sun., Jan 19 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Jim Fr. Jim Fr. Matt Fr. Matt Fr. Matt	Souls In Purgatory Orlando Solano † Bob Hilgemann † Julia Greetham Calatayud † Cameron Noble † Philip Fernando † Salvador & Francisca Baeza Henry Navarro † Verda Mannion † Walter Baaden †
Mon., Jan 20 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Souls in Purgatory Sheilagh Means †
Tues., Jan 21 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Jim	Phillip Simons † Maier Family
Wed., Jan 22 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Sharon Finchum Candido Matias †
Thurs., Jan 23 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Edmundo F. Reyes † Laura Aranda †
Fri., Jan 24 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Jim	Jerry Salvatore † Ernestina Higareda †
Sat., Jan 25 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Matt Fr. Jim	Bob Kingston † Giovanni & Paolina Villani † Beth Martin
Sun., Jan 26 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt Fr. Matt Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Stephen Sferrino † Bill Barry † Bob Hilgemann † Stephen Joseph King † Ben Murray Krissy Carlos † Stan Berry † Elizabeth Ann Musselman † Tanny Tejada † Lawrence Asiain

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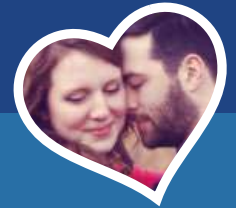
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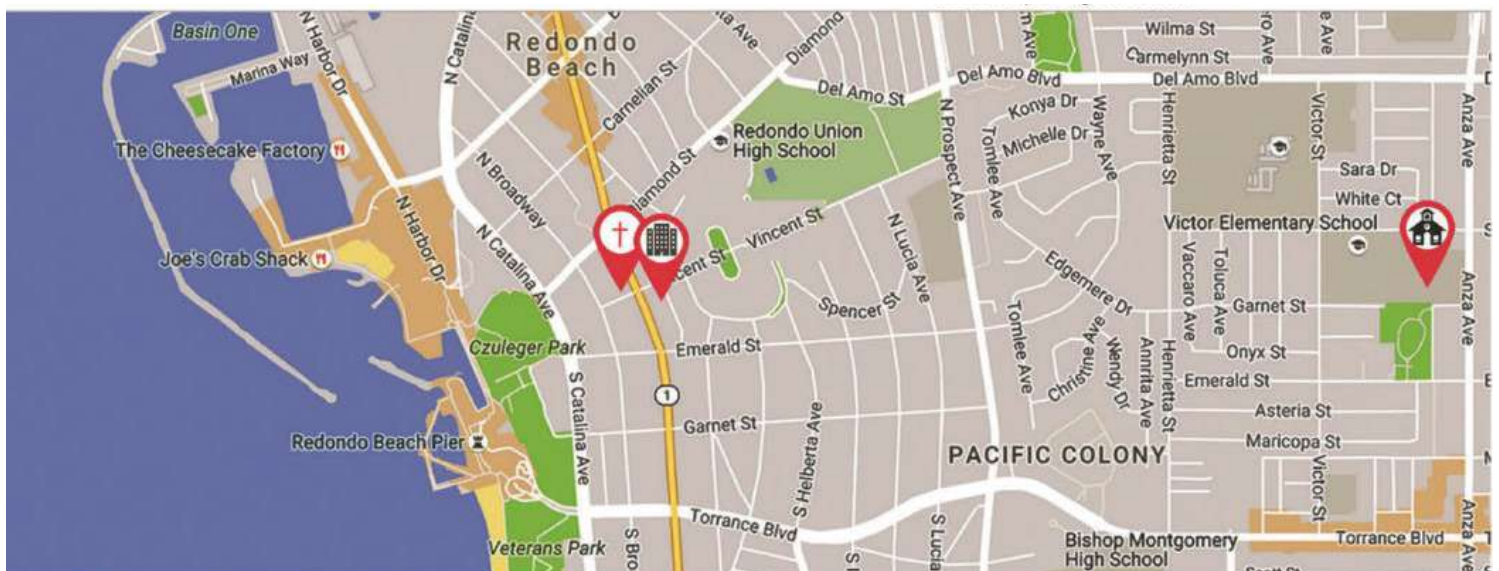
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