



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

March 30, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Lent | 310.372.5228 | WWW.SAINTJAMES.CHURCH



Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

'My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.
But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.'

Welcome!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday in Lent at 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday:

8:00am & 12:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am

Sunday Mass:

(Saturday) Sunday Vigil 5:30pm,

6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm

CLERGY

Pastor: Fr. Matt Murphy

Associate Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Agbasonu

Pastor Emeritus: Fr. Jim Kavanagh

In Residence: Fr. Chibuike Okeagu

Deacon Couple: Dcn. Bob & Patty Miller

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday:

8:00am - 4:00pm (Closed for lunch 12 - 1pm)

CHURCH HOURS:

7:00am - 6:00pm daily

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Benediction after Stations of the Cross

Holy Hour Adoration: Apr. 25th, 7pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

GIVE:

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424.317.8878



PASTOR'S CORNER

Hello beautiful children of God!

The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent presents the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), a powerful story of repentance, forgiveness, and unconditional love. In this parable, Jesus tells of a younger son who asks for his inheritance early, squanders it in reckless living, and eventually finds himself in poverty and despair. When he returns to his father, remorseful and repentant, the father runs to meet him, embracing him with open arms and celebrating his return. The elder son, who has stayed faithful, struggles with jealousy and resentment, highlighting the contrast between human judgment and divine mercy.

This story reveals the boundless love of God, who always welcomes back the sinner with compassion, no matter how far they have gone astray. The father's reaction—running to greet his lost son and throwing a feast—demonstrates God's eagerness to forgive and restore us. It challenges our own attitudes toward forgiveness, inviting us to recognize the need to forgive others as freely as God forgives us.

The parable also speaks to the dangers of self-righteousness, as seen in the elder son, who believes his loyalty and obedience earn him greater favor. Yet, Jesus teaches that God's grace is not earned but freely given to all who repent.

As we reflect on this parable during Lent, we are reminded of God's infinite mercy and called to return to Him with a repentant heart, trusting in His love to heal and restore us.

God bless,

Fr Matt Murphy

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

All services are at 7:30pm

Monday, April 7 - American Martyrs

Tuesday, April 8- St. James

Wednesday, April 9- Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, April 10- St. Lawrence

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – April 17

8 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

11:00 pm Night Prayer

No 8am or Noon Mass

Good Friday – April 18

8 am Morning Prayer

12 noon & 7:30 pm Solemn Liturgies

1:30 pm Stations of the Cross

No 8am or Noon Mass

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Holy Saturday – April 19

8 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

No 8am Mass

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday – April 20

Masses at Church

6:30 am Sunrise Mass

8 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Mass at O'Gorman Center

4625 Garnet St., Torrance

9:30 am

Mass at Community Campus - Chapel

128 N. Broadway, Redondo Beach

10:15am

No 5:30 pm Mass

A NOTE ON PHISHING SCAMS

We would like to remind everyone to stay vigilant against email/texting phishing scams. Please note that neither **Fr. Matt, Fr. Thaddeus** nor any parish staff will ever e-mail you asking for money, gift cards, or personal information. If you receive such a message, it is not legitimate. If you have concerns about a suspicious email, please contact the parish office directly **310.372.5228**.

Thank you for helping us keep our parish community safe!

COFFEE & DONUTS ☕ 🍩

Join your friends for fellowship, coffee and conversation MOST Sundays after the **8 & 10 am Masses** in **Kavanagh Hall**.

Hosted by Catholic Daughters

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Kavanagh Hall at 7pm.



Please join on **Tuesday, Apr. 1**
as we cover **Session 4 – Jesus Carries His Cross, Is Crucified, and Dies.** Class will be held in Kavanagh Hall and begins at 7:00p. 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.

SINGLES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

April meeting CANCELLED, next meeting, Sunday, May 4th, after the 12pm Mass in Kavanagh Hall.



During the hike, we marveled at the beauty of our shoreline. After the 2-hour scenic hike, we enjoyed a breakfast brunch at a local eatery and a visit to a local French bakery.

We thank God for our St James Parish Community and the wonderful friends He has given us through the Friendship Club.

If you are **single, divorced or widowed (ages 45+)** call Ely | 424-398-9987



April 5, 2025

Honoring:

Kay Bawolski & Robert Bawolski (In Memoriam)
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Gretchen & Peter Nobleza

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6:30pm - 11:00pm

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For more information contact:

Ely 424.398.9987

Joanne 310.528.6339 or

Robin 310.408.9690



 **HEALING THROUGH GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP**

TOPIC: COPING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

TIME: 10:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

ST. JAMES CHURCH IN KAVANAGH HALL
415 VINCENT STREET,
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

Providence Bereavement Services is offering a grief support workshop for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one at least three months past the date of death and up to two years. Our purpose is to encourage healing and confidence in those experiencing a death of a loved one.

Healing Through Grief will provide participants:

- An opportunity to share their feelings in a safe place
- Embrace memories
- Have compassionate support
- Relate to others who are also grieving
- Develop new methods of coping and problem solving

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

***PARTICIPATION IS FREE**

***SPACE IS LIMITED**

A phone assessment and registration forms are required before registration is complete. For more information about our groups or to register, please call

(310) 543-3437 or email

nancy.langevin@providence.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Teaching your children boundaries

Communities thrive with appropriate boundaries in place. Without them, everyone is left vulnerable, especially children, in an “anything goes” culture. As safe adults, we can empower children by defining and strengthening our own boundaries. Children learn by watching the adults around them. Seeing us make and hold boundaries will teach them this incredibly important skill.

To learn more about setting and upholding boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article “*When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish*” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/

ST JOHN SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE

St John Seminary, the house of formation for the priests of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and surrounding dioceses, is hosting their annual open house on Saturday, **April 5 from 1:00pm-4:00pm**. Meet, experience, and tour the leading seminary of priestly formation in the SW Region of the United States. Everybody is welcome and no RSVP is required.



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ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
Los Angeles Southwest District

LENTEN RETREAT

Pilgrims of Hope

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
8:00 am to 2:30 pm

Speakers

Rev. Fr. Marinello Saguin
Pastor
Our Lady of Grace Parish in Encino, CA
at
Mary & Joseph Retreat Center
5300 Crest Rd
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90027



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Donation: \$40 per person
Registration Deadline: March 24, 2025

Question? *Marissa Reyes (310) 483 9083 or ACCW.SW19@gmail.com*

Please make checks payable to: ACCW-SW and Mail completed registration form and check to:

Marissa Reyes 23031 Petroleum Ave, Torrance, CA 90502

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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ARCHDIOCESE OF
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LOS ANGELES

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church, we invite you to make a special gift to **Together in Mission** to mark this sacred time of renewal & hope.

As one Catholic community of faith, rooted in prayer, let us reflect on how we can support our underserved parishes and schools in the **Archdiocese of Los Angeles**. Did you know that one in every five parishes and one in every four Catholic schools rely on financial assistance to continue their vital ministries? Your generosity directly impacts these communities, providing the resources they need to thrive.

This year's cumulative *Together in Mission* goal is **\$17.7 million**, representing the collective efforts of our Catholic family across all five regions. Your parish's goal and progress throughout the year can be tracked on the Together in Mission Leaderboard at togetherinmission.org. Let us come together to make a difference and bring the love of Christ to those in need. Please consider making a special Jubilee Year gift to Together in Mission today!

www.timgive.org
Select St. James Parish—Redondo Beach (P615)

Envelopes are in the Pews

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (OCI)

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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
via email **dnbob99@gmail.com**.

If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to pass this information along to them.



LEGION OF MARY

**Meetings will meet every
Saturday at 9:30am in
the Community Campus Chapel**

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 (SMM)



Y2 Weekend Retreat
March 28th-30th

Confirmation Nights
Year 2: Sunday, April 13th
Year 1: Sunday, April 27th

This weekend, our Year 2 Confirmation candidates embarked on a weekend long retreat. We had a group of 181 people that consist of our candidates, Teen Disciples and our adult team. We will return in time to attend the Sunday 5:30pm Mass & we can't wait for our parish community to witness that joy that illuminates from our teens after experiencing a revival in our Lord this weekend! Please keep our teens in your prayers, especially as they get closer to receiving the *Sacrament of Confirmation on May 23rd*.

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)

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Thank you to all our junior high students who came to our Middle School Trivia Night! It was a lot of fun for all who attended.

Thanks, also, to those who joined us for the Lenten Day of Service on Saturday and who donated food and toiletries for our Feed the Needy Program. You truly lived out our call to love our neighbor in a concrete way, and we hope your almsgiving brings great fruit to your Lenten journey.

Also, in these final weeks of Lent, don't forget to check out our Lent Resources at

www.saintjames.church/resources/. You will find lots of information and ideas to help you draw closer to God during your Lenten journey.

Finally, please keep in your prayers the children and adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, as well as the children preparing to receive their First Communion in May.

Any questions? Please call the Office of Religious Education at **310-379-3221** or email at religioused@stjamesparish.org.

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan,

Director of Religious Education

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ST. JAMES STUDENTS HELD THEIR ANNUAL JOG-A-THON LAST WEEK. PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. JAMES

**Private Elementary School
St. James Catholic School**

Friday, March 7, was the annual St. James's Jog-a-Thon, with students and staff doing laps on the track to raise money for field trips and other events. Students had just recently completed its science fair and academic decathlon, both returning for the first time since pre-pandemic.

Seventh and eighth-graders are now completing fundraising for an April trip to Washington, D.C.

Another new event this school year is a weekly seventh and eighth-grade Q&A with Pastor Matt Murphy, of St. James Church in Redondo Beach. School Masses, which were previously held once a month, are now held every Friday.

"We've been making a lot of great changes," said interim principal Christine Gurrola. Another, upcoming change is the hiring of a new principal.

St. James was founded in 1918, and offers transitional kindergarten through eighth-grade classes. Most students are Catholic, but the school is open to students of all creeds. "We take every faith. All are welcome," Gurrola said. Annual tuition for St. James is \$6,837. — Garth Meyer

St. James Catholic School
4625 Garnet St., Torrance
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**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

**Enrollment Has Started!
Grades TK-8**

St. James School is beginning open enrollment for the **2024-25** school year. Come visit! We are taking weekday appointments for private tours for prospective families.

Online applications and testing dates will be available for enrollment submission starting in February.

Fill out our enrollment inquiry form
(www.tinyurl.com/3d6av42c)
or give us a call to schedule an appointment.

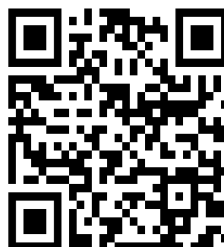
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MINISTRIES & GROUPS

BINGO

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.

Questions? Contact: **Parish Office 310.372.5228**

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**

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.

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**. We are unable to accept used clothing.

For more info: **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!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Children are recruited at Junior Highs and High Schools, shopping malls and Foster homes, among other places.

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

Get Involved!

Contact: **Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com**

CATHOLIC Q & A

J.P. ALEGRIA

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

"There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you...for healing...for mercy...hear our prayer."

The Saint James Choir sings those wistfully plaintive lyrics in a song written by Anne Quigley, called "There Is A Longing." It is a beautifully heartfelt petition of prayer and hope. Also touching this realm of faith, we are blessed that Father Matt and our clergy often highlight the virtue of hope within their faith-building homilies.

Q: What does the Church teach about hope?

A: Among the discussions about this theological virtue, the Catechism Of The Catholic Church explains hope as a source of prayerfully virtuous action. We also read about the First Commandment here as it "embraces faith, hope, and charity." Paragraph #1817 presents an instructionally classic definition of hope:

"Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven...relying not on our own strength, but on the grace of the Holy Spirit."

In this 2025 Jubilee Year centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis wrote that "Hope is a gift and duty for every Christian. The Christian cannot be satisfied with having hope; he or she must also radiate hope, be a sower of hope."

As pilgrims in the vineyard of the Lord we can appreciate the duty of working as joyful tillers of the faith, sowing and prayerfully reaping a radiantly virtuous harvest of hope.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

To the men of our parish, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus, Council 1990.

Sign up: **www.kofc.org/joinus**

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.

Contact: **Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182**

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone for Women's group.

Contact: **Elena Aquino**

Email: **elena_aquino21@yahoo.com**

PRAYER REQUEST

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

**Shirley Paul, Jenifer Pepito, Albert Griss,
Thomas Doty, Emma Stokoe, Ofelia Bucy,
Mary Cannon, Michael Barrios, Norma Alvarado,
Frank Schneider**

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

**Gustavo Uribe, Kathleen Lowthorp,
Hosea Kekavoha, Emilia Baluyot,
Czeslawa "Jesse" Zdziarski, Santiago Ayala**

READINGS

Monday

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

**The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is
the God of Jacob.**
Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

The Lord is gracious and merciful.
Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.
Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.
Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.
Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are
filled with joy.**

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

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. 8 am 5:30 pm	Mar 29 Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus	George Erhard Mary Ann Looock † Noel Tan †
Sun. 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Mar 30 Fr. Jim Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt	Kathleen Lowthorp † Thomas Doty Albert Griss Richard Castillon † Stephanie Yearley † Scott Moss † Mary Enos † Lillian Pawsey † Thomas Faneuff † Mildred Tenney †
Mon. 8 am 12 noon	Mar 31 Fr. Matt Fr. Jim	Froilan & Cecilia Yabes Michelle Nicole Taylor †
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	Apr 1 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus	Phoebe Wuebben Dr. Gerard Brennan
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	Apr 2 Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Robert H. Souders, Jr. Dr. Gerard Brennan
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	Apr 3 Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus	Cristy C. Coscos † Dr. Gerard Brennan
Fri. 8 am 12 noon	Apr 4 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus	Ann Chorbi Aminta Quinones †
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	Apr 5 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Chibuike	Alice Keane Walter Baaden † Benjamin Cutuli
Sun. 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Apr 6 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Matt Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus	David Franco † Rev. Msgr. John B. Gernat † Lt. William Gamble Baffert † Phil Baffert † Angelina Pinedo † Elsa Calvillo Tejada † Cpl T. F. Gamble † Dermot P. Gable, USN † Marjorie Siegel † Desmond Quinn †

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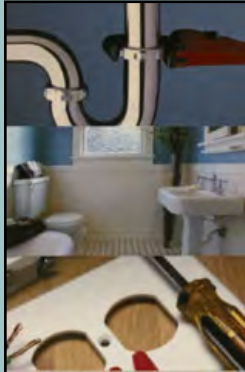
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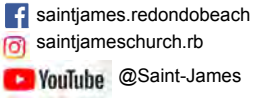
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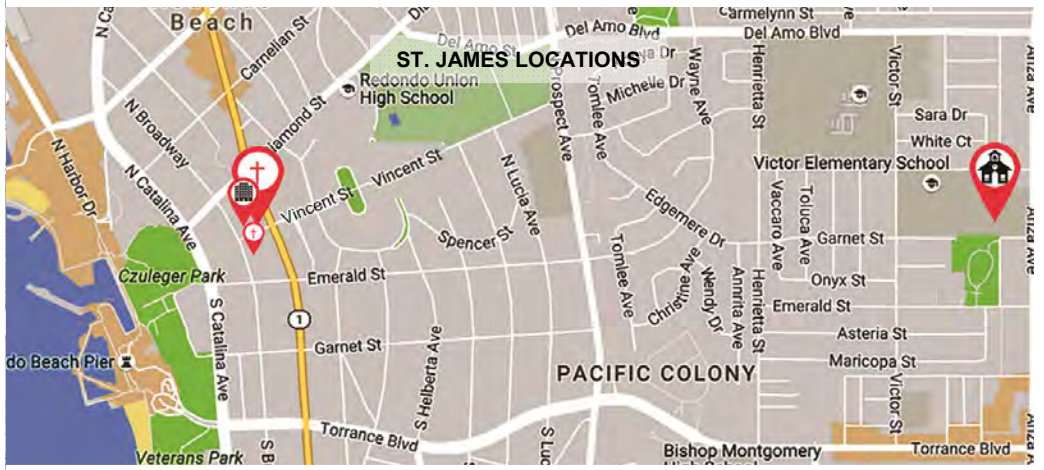
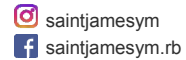
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