

# THE SEARCH FOR A RECTOR



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A CONGREGATION OF MANY NATIONALITIES  
WORSHIPPING TOGETHER IN JOY**

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The Search for a Rector

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Holy Faith Episcopal Church  
Port St Lucie FL  
Existing Site Plan

## 1 COMMUNITY HISTORY

St Lucie, Martin, and Indian River Counties make up what is referred to as the Treasure Coast of Florida. This is based on the number of pirates who called the area home and the Spanish treasure ships that were lost just off the coast. It is, today, a scuba diver's wonderland.

Fort Pierce, the county seat of St Lucie County, is one of the oldest cities along the Atlantic Ocean coastline. While the population of that city is small, it has kept up with the changes and has many new and innovative qualities. Evidence of the city's history is at P. J. Cobb's store, still standing, after nearly one hundred thirty years of serving the community. Another older town is St Lucie Village, located on the Indian River Lagoon, a charming residential area that hasn't changed a bit from the early days. The remains of the actual Fort of Fort Pierce can be found on Indian River Drive, south of the city.

Eight miles to the south is Port St Lucie, a retirement development in the 1950s and now a major incorporated city and still growing. Once considered a 'bedroom' community with most employment to the north and south rather than in the city, today Port St Lucie is home to industry, many, many small businesses, solid community services, and attractions that draw many tourists during the season, from October to April each year.

## 2 HISTORY OF HOLY FAITH

A group of like-minded Episcopalians met in July 1964 to discuss the feasibility of a Church in Port St Lucie and contacted the Diocese of South Florida. Soon the Mission of Holy Faith was in place, with services at the Port St Lucie Marina located on a tiny island on the St. Lucie River off Prima Vista Boulevard. The Reverend Marland W. Zimmerman was the first vicar. In 1967 three acres of property were purchased on US Highway One to erect the church and parish hall. The parish hall was named for the first Senior Warden, Walter V. Harrison. An existing building on the property was refurbished and became the Rectory. The first service of Holy Faith Episcopal Church at the permanent location was held in December 1967.

Over the years we expanded our original building, adding an extension to the parish hall and a columbarium. Later, we also added a parish center to accommodate our potluck dinners and a place for social events, both Church related and for lease to community organizations. In 1998, with the help of our new Diocese (The Diocese of Central Florida), we started a Spanish language service. In 2001 three acres of land were added to the existing church property and although that property has not yet been developed, our Vision Committee has started planning for future growth on that property.

### 3 WORSHIP

There are three Sunday Services each week, In English we have a Rite I service at 8:00 a.m. with music and a Rite II service at 10:00 a.m. with music and choir. In Spanish, we have a service at 12:00 noon, also with music and choir, Sunday School is held at the noon services. The 10:00 and 12:00 services are followed by a coffee social hour in the Parish Center. The third Sunday each month is designated as Healing Sunday for all services. We have quarterly bilingual services for all members together, usually at 10:00 am.

On Monday evenings there is pre-confirmation class at 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. On Wednesday mornings there is a laying on of hands service at 10:00 a.m. in the South Transept and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 there is a Bible Study in Harrison Hall and Prayer meeting in Spanish in the church at 7:00 pm.

Many specific Holy Days are recognized and appropriate services are held either at Holy Faith, or in some instances, we travel around to the other Episcopal Churches in the area for joint services, sharing with St Andrew's and St Simon's in Fort Pierce, and Nativity in Port St Lucie.



12:00pm Spanish Choir



10:00 am English Choir

### 4 VESTRY

The Vestry of Holy Faith is a body of nine members elected for a 3 year term. Generally, three new members of the Vestry are elected each year at the annual Congregational meeting. as the three senior members of the Vestry step down.

The Vestry meets monthly. Members of the Vestry are encouraged to serve on committees.

### 5 PARISH LIFE

We are truly an international congregation, with parishioners from nearly 40 countries attending services at Holy Faith. We have over twenty-five ministries in our congregation, and are working toward more.

Many of our people enjoy summer in the north, but are with us from October to April, typical for a tourist area. We adjust to the changes and move on, but it's wonderful when they

come back. Most of our activities are centered around the fall, winter and early spring.

Dealing with disaster can be a challenge, and in 2003 and 2004, we had the opportunity to see how responsive we could be. While hurricanes have rarely been a problem, we had three in two years, and they took a toll on everyone. Holy Faith, along with many other churches, did what they could to meet the needs of our community and assist as much as possible in other areas of the region.



Search Committee



Bar-B-Que

## 6 FACILITIES

The property of Holy Faith totals approximately six acres, only half of which has been developed. The Church building totals eight thousand square feet. The Nave is warmed by sunlight streaming through stained glass windows on the north and south sides, and a lighted stained glass mural depicting the Creation and a sculpture of the Ascending Christ grace the Sanctuary. There are transepts on the north and south sides of the building. The choir and organ are at the rear of the Nave.

Holy Faith is located on the east side of U.S. Highway 1 in Port St Lucie, approximately one mile north of Prima Vista Boulevard.

The outside back cover is the plot plan of our property



Harvest Decorations



Floral Decorations at the Altar

## 7 MINISTRIES

Acolytes  
Altar Guild  
Buildings and Grounds  
Christian Education  
Cursillo  
Episcopal Church Women  
Florist  
Good News Monthly Newsletter  
Homework Assistance  
Lay Readers  
St Margaret's Guild  
Pastoral Care  
Stewardship  
Thrift Shop  
Vestry

Activities  
Bible Study  
Choir  
Coffee Hour  
Daughters of the King  
Finance Committee  
Greeters  
Happy Talk  
Lay Eucharistic Ministry  
Men's Group  
Outreach  
Search Committee  
Sunday School  
Ushers  
Vision



Priest-in-Charge



Father Pepe with Spanish Acolytes 12:00pm



Men's Group



Greeters

## 8 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Holy Faith parishioners devote a great deal of their time to helping others. It's not always done in an obvious way, but it's not unusual to call someone to have lunch together and learn they're on their way to Mustard Seed, or Council on Aging, or somewhere to volunteer some time. And this is contagious.

In addition to individuals helping individuals, we open the doors to our Parish Hall to Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon.

We gather food for Mustard Seed Ministries and Souper Bowl Sunday and keep a well-stocked pantry ourselves because we have many people who come to us looking for food. We consider, since we are on US Highway #1, we are most visible to the poor and we help when and how we can.

We have also opened our doors to the Old Catholics' congregation of St. Julian of Norwich to have mass on Saturday evenings, Sunday afternoon and other celebration as needed. To date they have celebrated an Ordination of a Priest and a Consecration of a Bishop.



Thrift Shop

## 9 LOCAL SERVICES, EDUCATION

St Lucie Medical Center, PSL  
Lawnwood Regional Medical Center  
& Heart Institute, Fort Pierce  
Martin Medical Center, Stuart

Elementary and Magnet Schools  
Several High Schools  
Considerable number of Private Schools  
Indian River State College  
Barry University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Keiser University

Easy Access to The Interstate Highway System  
and West Palm Beach, Miami and Orlando International Airports.

## 10 INDUSTRY

Construction is the basic industry in Port St Lucie, though many other businesses make their home here. There are boat manufacturers, research centers, telephone call centers, and many small business (both service and goods) entrepreneurs in the city. In the community at large, including other Treasure Coast counties, we have agriculture, citrus and cattle.

Largest Employer:

St Lucie School Board System

Industries that call this area home include:

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute  
Florida Atlantic University Center of Excellence  
Smithsonian Institute National Museum of Natural History Marine Station  
Treasure Coast Research & Education Park  
USDA Horticulture Research Laboratory  
University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences  
Florida Center for Innovation  
Torry Pines Institute for Molecular Studies  
Mann Research Center  
OSHA Vaccine & Gene Therapy Institute

## 11 ATTRACTIONS

The Treasure Coast, with Port St Lucie right in the middle, is a huge draw for wintertime visitors. While it appears that we have many attractions, most of what our visitors do is fish, sit on the beach, wander through the many natural trails and in some painful cases, get sunburned. Here's a list of the attractions available for the once burned, twice shy...

### MUSEUMS & ART GALLERIES

A.E. 'Beanie' Backus Gallery  
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute  
Highwayman Art Gallery  
Indian River College Fine Arts Center  
Nora Neale Hurston Branch Library Exhibit  
St Lucie Historical Museum  
Smithsonian Institute Museum  
U.S. Navy Seal & UDT Museum

### INDOOR ATTRACTIONS

Jai-Alai, Fort Pierce

### OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS

Heathcote Botanical Gardens  
Ports St Lucie Botanical Gardens  
Inlet State Park  
Golf Courses (Including PGA)  
Manatee Center  
Savannas State Park  
New York Mets Spring Training  
St Lucie Mets  
Oxbow Park

### PERFORMING ARTS

Indian River College Fine Arts Center  
Pineapple Playhouse  
Port St Lucie Civic Center  
Sunrise Theatre  
Treasure Coast Opera Society

PART II  
HOLY FAITH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CHURCH DEMOGRAPHICS

The figures below are based on responses given to a questionnaire circulated to members of the Parish.

Statistical Profile of Adult Membership

Age Groups

16-25	10 percent
26-40	13 percent
41-65	28 percent
Over 65	49 percent

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100 percent

Giving

\$301 per year per baptized member

Household Income

\$20,000-\$50,000	= 63 percent
\$50,000-\$100,000	= 26 percent
Above \$100,000	= 11 percent

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100 percent

Parish Budget

The parish operates on a balanced budget. Total revenues and total expenses for 2010 are budgeted at \$166,195.00 based on the number of pledges received.

2010	\$181,280.00
2011	\$166,195.00

Membership, Attendance & Services of Reporting Congregation  
End of Year 2009 317

Using Register of Church Membership and Rites 2010	
Increases during year	+23
Decreases during year	-5
Total Active Baptized Members (end of report year)	335
Average Sunday Attendance for 2010	139
Easter Sunday Attendance 2010	189
Number of Holy Eucharists Celebrated 2010	
Sundays	155
Weekdays	60
Private	12
Daily Offices and Other Services	
Daily Offices on Sundays	1
Marriages	3
Baptisms 2010	
16 years and older	0
Under 16 years	2
Confirmations 2010	
16 years and older	6
Under 16 years	0
Received in 2010	15

## WHAT WE SEEK

*“As a prisoner for the Lord, then I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all, who is over all and through all and in all”. – Ephesians 4:1-6*

The members of our parish believe in Christian Spirituality, which was highly indicated in our recent survey. We also believe that our Rector should passionately pursue a deep personal commitment to the Holy Trinity and a deep devotional life grounded in the Holy Scriptures. These qualities will demonstrate a willingness to serve the Lord while creating and implementing a vision for our parish.

We believe also, in faithfulness to scripture – show a deep personal commitment to the scripture, help the church to grow and administer to all members, especially those who cannot attend church.

There are other attributes in a rector that are very important to us, such as preaching, leadership, administrative abilities, evangelism, spiritual leader, communications, teacher, crisis minister, energetic, good speaker, organized, faithful, intellectual, personal and outgoing.

**Preaching** – Preaching with clarity and makes the Gospel relevant to people’s lives.

**Leadership** – Spiritual leader with the ability to prayerfully handle business and deliver a good sermon.

**Administrative Abilities** – Handle objectives including the overall strategy and plans of the church. Also implement programs for all age groups to bring our members closer together.

**Evangelism** – Ability to train and lead others to present Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit in such ways that the person may be led to Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord within the fellowship of His church.

**Spiritual Leader** – The ability to lead and train others in the formation and development of a spiritual discipline

**Communication** – Communicates a comprehensive understanding of The Bible and Christian Theology.

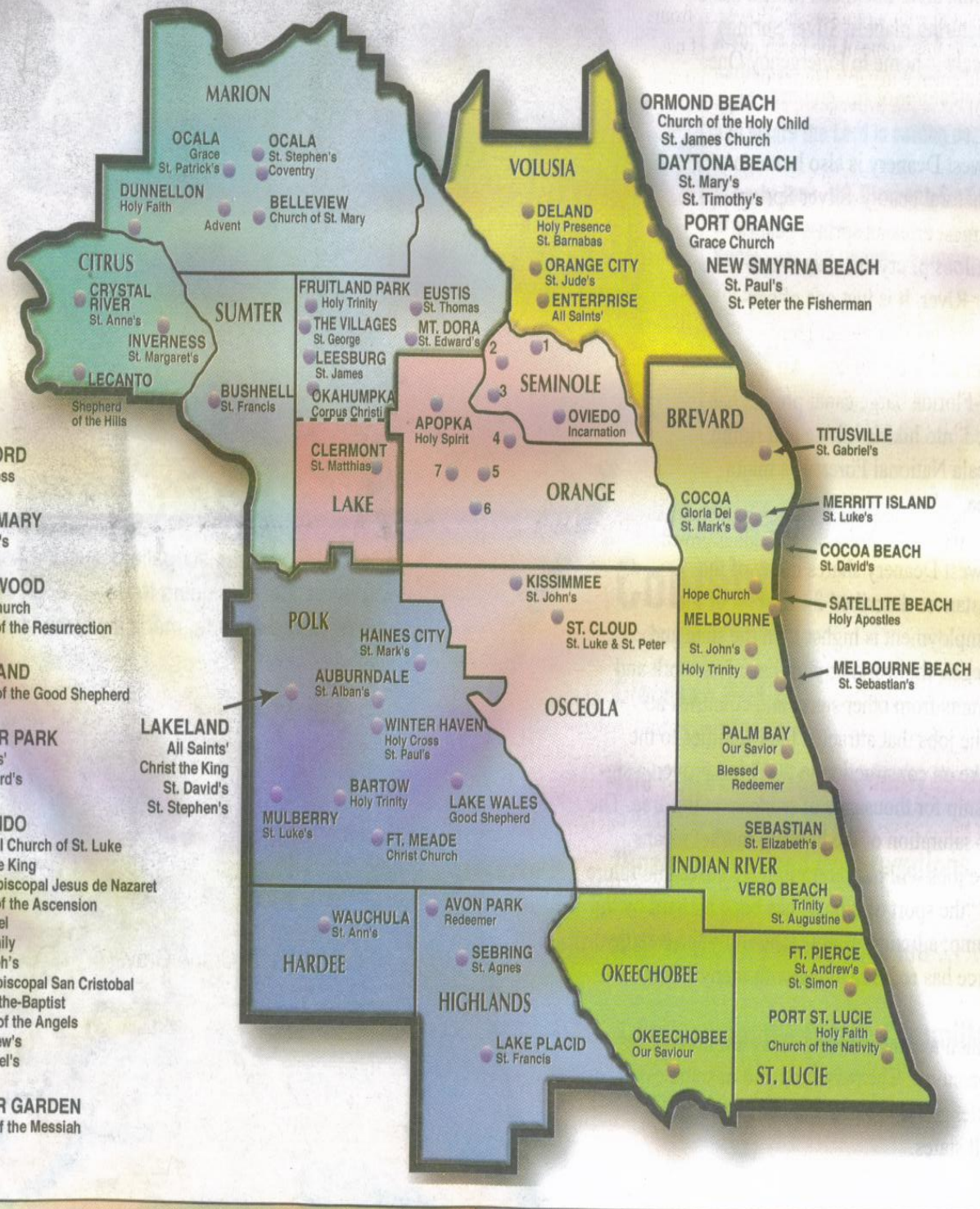
**Teacher** – Our next rector must be able to help persons of all ages to understand and live the Christian faith and train others in the formation and development of a spiritual discipline.

**Crisis Minister** – Has the ability to care for people at significant points in their lives, namely birth, success, trauma, illness, dying, death, visits sick and shut ins, and through natural catastrophe.

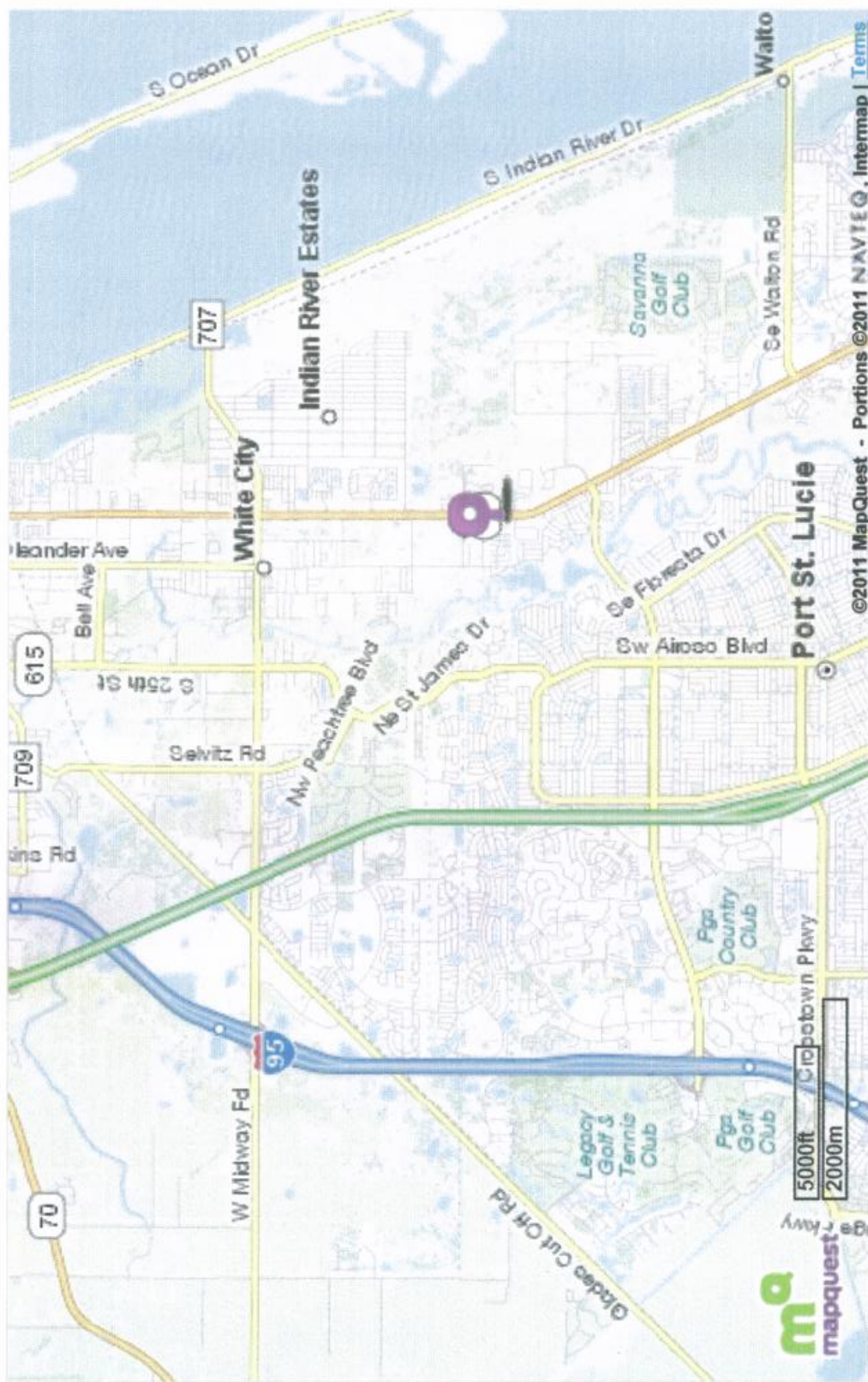
Our congregation is blessed with a diverse cultural background. We seek a rector who deals honestly with others, can respect all people, has the intellectual intelligence when there is disagreement to guide us with faith in Jesus Christ for our solutions.

Also important to us is our presence in the community. Our rector should be energetic and personal and outgoing to reach out to people. In this economic downturn, the food banks and soup kitchens are overcrowded with those who have lost their jobs and homes. Our community is saturated with day laborers, who in years past, worked in construction and agriculture, but those industries are no longer thriving. We have generously increased discretionary funds and the pantry to assist Mustard Seed and those who come knocking at our doors. We are visible on US Highway #1 in Port St Lucie, which draws travelers in need – for a can of gas or bicycle tires to financial help and canned food.

# Churches and Deaneries in the Diocese of Central Florida



1. SANFORD  
Holy Cross
2. LAKE MARY  
St. Peter's
3. LONGWOOD  
Christ Church  
Church of the Resurrection
4. MAITLAND  
Church of the Good Shepherd
5. WINTER PARK  
All Saints'  
St. Richard's
6. ORLANDO  
Cathedral Church of St. Luke  
Christ the King  
Iglesia Episcopal Jesus de Nazaret  
Church of the Ascension  
Emmanuel  
Holy Family  
St. Joseph's  
Iglesia Episcopal San Cristobal  
St. John-the-Baptist  
St. Mary of the Angels  
St. Matthew's  
St. Michael's
7. WINTER GARDEN  
Church of the Messiah



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