

# Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 5, 2018

*"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me  
will never hunger." - John 6:24-35*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR BISHOP RICHARD GARCIA

Friday, August 10, at 7:00 PM  
at Resurrection Church



(If you would like to view Bishop Garcia's funeral mass the link to the YouTube video is available on the home page of our website [www.resurrection.org](http://www.resurrection.org) or [www.dioceseofmonterey.org](http://www.dioceseofmonterey.org) or directly on You Tube—search for Live Video Stream of Bishop Garcia's Funeral Service at Madonna del Sasso, Salinas, CA)

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### Sunday:

- 11:30 AM Prime Timers (CCR)

### Monday:

- 9:30 AM Food Bagging for the Poor (hall)
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #609 Meeting (hall & lounge)

### Tuesday:

- 9:15 AM Prime Timers Hospitality (CCR)
- 10:00 AM Gardening Group (outside)
- 2:00 PM Knitting Ministry (CCR)
- 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting (hall)
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting (hall)



### Thursday:

- 6:30 PM Music Rehearsal (church & CCR)

### Friday:

- 3:00 PM Hall Set-up (hall)
- 7:00 PM Bishop Garcia Memorial Mass (church)

### Saturday:

- 8:30 AM Contemplative Prayer Group (DMC)
- 11:00 AM Dioszegi Wedding & Reception (church/hall)
- 4:20 PM Rosary (BSC)
- 5:30—10:00 PM Retrouvaille CORE (hall)

### Our Church's Anniversary



## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 9, 2018  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
of our Establishment as a Parish  
10:15 AM Mass  
11:30 AM Potluck  
& Presentation of Pastoral Plan

## \$10,000 RAFFLE

We are getting ready to sell \$10,000 raffle tickets and collect prizes and **we need your help with the following:**



- Volunteers to **sell tickets** after all the masses from now until October 14. You can sign up after mass this weekend or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aada823a4ff2-raffle>
- Volunteers willing to **follow up on raffle prize request** letters that the office mailed or **pick up prizes**
- Volunteers to **donate a prize** (gift certificates, new items a service, etc.)

The \$10,000 Raffle will be held on  
**Saturday, October 20, 2018** at our parish potluck.  
Tickets are \$100.00 each.

**Don't delay in getting your raffle tickets! We will have an Early Bird Drawing for \$500.00 at our 50th Anniversary Celebration on September 9!**



Please call Karen Victorino in the parish office at 688-4300 or email her at [kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

### **Prizes to Date:**

- Gift Cards/Certificates from: Deluxe Foods of Aptos, Byington Vineyard & Winery, Roaring Camp Railroads, Aldo's Harbor Restaurant, Aldo's Bakery & Café, Café Sparrow, O'Neill Yacht Charters, Santa Cruz Symphony, Soquel Vineyards, Kayak Connection, Bittersweet Bistro, Mount Hermon Adventures, Gayle's Bakery, Shadowbrook/Crow's Nest, Severino's, Lillian's
- \$150 Cash Prize "In Memory of Tim Freitas"
- Two Timmy Woods handbags with spending money
- Gift Basket from Curves
- Metal Sculpture by Lou Licon
- Three Bottles of Reserve Wine from Bargetto Winery
- Two framed watercolor paintings by Marlene Fehn
- Two floral prints by Sharon von Ibsch
- Three Michael Kors clutch purses

As of July 30 we have sold 134 tickets.  
Thank you for your support of Resurrection parish and our many ministries. Our goal is to sell 405 tickets.

## LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY



greeters

### GREETERS NEEDED AT ALL MASSES:

Do you have an easy smile and a warm handshake? Would you like to get to know people's names? Have you ever thought about GREETING at the Mass you attend? Please call Bonnie Wolf - 831-684-1591- if you could greet at one Mass a month or agree to substitute on occasion, or if you have any questions about this ministry. Let your "Light Shine!"

### Intentions for August 4—12

#### Saturday 08/04

5:00 PM (PB) +Dave Boggini,  
+Ernest Bontadelli

#### Sunday, 08/05

8:15 AM (RE) +Julie Cooke, +Dottie Miller  
10:15 AM (RE) +Jake Bregante, +Marie C. Dias  
6:00 PM (RE) +Milton & Helen (Nance) Haffner  
The People of the Parish

#### Monday, 08/06

8:30 AM Communion Service

#### Tuesday, 08/07

8:30 AM (MM) +Lori Matusich

#### Wednesday, 08/08

8:30 AM (RE) +Vince Rice,  
+Janis Ann Pennington



#### Thursday, 08/09

8:30 AM (RE) +Jake Bregante, +Mary Stagnero

#### Friday, 08/10

8:30 AM (RE) +Ann & James Lewis,  
+Mary Jo Lewis, +Nick Mayer

#### Saturday, 08/11

5:00 PM (RE) +Dave Boggini

#### Sunday, 08/12

8:15 AM (RE) The People of the Parish,  
+Nick Rajkovich, +Henry Rudnicki  
10:15 AM (RE) +Letizia & Louie Giudici  
6:00 PM (LP) +John Clarke

PB=Fr. Paul Botenhagen, OFM, LP=Fr. Larry Percell,  
MM=Fr. Mike Marini

### GOOD NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Ps 78:3-4,23-25, 54;  
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35  
Monday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Mt 9:2-10  
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or  
15:1-2,10-14  
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26  
Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4; Mt 17:14-20  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2;  
Jn 6:41-51



## PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE in NEED OF HEALING

Adam	Myriam Escudero	Judy Navarro
Cross/Boettcher/ Burghart families	Dee Feci	Zoe Nink
Henry S.	Trent Feliss	Leo Olson
Lorenzo Abeyta	Greg Finegan	Gina Orlando
Marc Adato	Diana Fischer	Teresa Orosco
Javier Anaya	Mark Emmet Fisher	Kathy Osmonson
Becki Bailey	Fred Frevert	Pauline Park
Adeline Bautista	Tom & Dotty Garske	Connor Paulbitski
Maria Bernstein- Brumbaugh	Sue Gibson	Dave Peasley
Stacy Bischoff	Andre Grier	Gabe Ponce
Jeraldine Boger	Avril Henderson	Oliver Potts
Jim Bombardieri	Robert Higgins	Heidi R.
Vera Borroel	Debra Hightower	Pablo R.
Tracy Boyd	Rick Housouer	Chris Randolph
Michelle Brown	Allan Hughes	Dawn Renz
Basil Brunner	Fr. Derek Hughes	Mary Repetti
Betsy Burrows	Jim Jackson	Joel Rivera
Caitlin Jane Buse	Jaqueline Jacobs	Chellie Roberts
Carlos C.	Faye Jahnigen	Ray Rodman
Tony Cacache	Johnathan	Bob Spencer
Dante Calcagno	Ariel Johnson	Jose Rufino
Ardith Campbell	John Jones	Valerie Ruschke
Chelsea & Family	D.B.K.	Joseph Saucier
Mary Church	Tony K.	Anna Seely
Trish Cronin	Julie Watts Kenner	Kim Sessa
Ralph Cross	Dylan Kinion	Herb Silcox
Edith Cuevas	Kathy Klapheke	Alisha Smith
Nancy Daves	Mary Klaus	William Smith
Larry Davis	Joshua Kobinski	Diane Spoto
Betty deHart	Michael Laffin	Fr. Mark Stetz
Carrie deHart	Ed Laverone	Agnes Subbiondo
Tavish deHart	Joan Lawlor	Olivia T.
Denise D.	Eric Lee	Bob Tanner
Sr. Joan Derry	Frank Leonetti	Kathleen Tavares
Ralph Desmond	Carrie Levin	Paul Thompson
Benny del Re	Donald Lowery	Alex Todisco
Mary Donatoni	Matthew Ludlow	Estelle Turner
Mark Duggan	Michael Lucas	Sharon Turner
Robert Duggan	Sylvia Lucas	Amy V.F.
Wyatt Duino	Paul Madsen	Lawrence W.
Pat Emard	Peter Mannina	Tanis Welch
Peter Empson	Connie McGill- Fergus	Maggie Young
Annie Enright	Bill McDow	Greg Yotsov
Sean Enright	Jackie McDow	Rosemary Zamora
Alicia Enriquez	Mary McMenamy	
Irma Enriquez	Lisa McMenamy	
Terry Erwin	George Mungai	
	Joleen Munoz	



Please let the office know when a name can be removed from this prayer list. Thank you.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please call Rosalie Flores-Aguon (831-359-9799) or Mary Soltis (688-8326) if you or someone you know is in need of prayer.

### IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED.....

If you or a member of your family are hospitalized, please call to let us know. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit you in the hospital, but are often unaware that you are there.

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH??

- Do you want to know "What's Happening in the Parish" BEFORE you see the bulletin at mass?
- Do you want a "SNEAK PREVIEW" of the bulletin before you arrive at mass or do you prefer to look at it online?
- If you answered "YES" to one of the questions above then "SIGN UP TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAILS FROM THE PARISH"

We send out a weekly email each Thursday or Friday about what is currently happening our parish. The bulletin is also included as a link. If you want to stay connected with the parish please consider signing up. This email is also used to communicate about other upcoming events/activities/needs. To sign up please email us at [resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net) and we will sign you up.



**Give to Resurrection Electronically! You can set up regular donations, or make a one time gift by simply scanning the QR Code to the right with your smart phone—it's easy!**

- Give to Resurrection by clicking on the "Donate Now" link on our website, [www.resurrection-aptos.org](http://www.resurrection-aptos.org). It is a very safe and secure way to give.
- You can also click on the QR code and it will take you directly to our giving page.
- If you already give electronically you can update your own information. The email address that you provided will link to your account. Or you can call Karen in the parish office and she will update your account for you.



**Welcome!** Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner                       New Address  
 New Phone Number  
 Moving—Remove from List  
 Please send contribution envelopes  
 Please send information on Electronic Giving

### CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

During the offertory at all the masses, we encourage the children, if they have something to offer or give, to come to the altar and place it in the basket.



### Stewardship of Treasure PLATE COLLECTIONS July 28 & 29, 2018

#### Weekly Plate Collection:

• Weekend Masses	<b>\$6,708.55</b>
• Electronic	<b>\$ 865.00</b>
• Total	<b>\$7,573.55</b>

Weekly Plate Collection Need (Budget)	<b>\$11,900.00</b>
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Parish Assistance Ministry (PAM)	<b>\$2,785.35</b>
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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT!

If you miss a week your donation can be mailed to the parish office at P.O. Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001-0087 or you go to [www.resurrection-aptos.org](http://www.resurrection-aptos.org) and click on the donate now button.

Remember Resurrection Catholic Community in your will.  
Contact Karen Victorino in the parish office.

## THE MASS NEVER ENDS—IT MUST BE LIVED!

We are invited to continue to reflect upon the Gospel reading (John 6:24-35) and homily as we live out our Eucharist this week. Reflect upon it in your heart and mind, and discuss it with your family, friends and faith community members.

- What is it that you look for Jesus to do for you? What kinds of things do you talk to him about?
- Have you ever had the experience of feeling that all you had accomplished in life was in vain or unimportant? On a day-to-day basis, how often do you think of the eternal nature of your life?
- How is Jesus “the bread of life” for you?

## ROSARY GROUPS:



- Pray the Rosary, Monday through Friday, at 9:00 AM (after daily mass) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- Rosary group meets every Saturday at 4:20 PM, before the 5:00 PM mass. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy begins at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us.

## OUTREACH

**FOOD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE:** This weekend, August 4 & 5, we will have our monthly food collection to help fill the food pantry. Please bring your non-perishable items with you to mass or to the office during the week. If you would rather give monetarily there are “Outreach Donation” envelopes available on the counter above the



bulletins. Thank you for your past & continued generosity.

**MANTLES OF CARING:** The ministry of our knitting group, Mantles of Caring, is to provide support to those suffering loss, illness or other sorrows with the gift of a hand-knitted or crocheted shawl or lap robe. These beautiful items have been made with loving prayer for the receiver who may be a shut-in, undergoing medical treatment, or has a life-threatening or chronic illness. If you are such a person or know of someone who would benefit from one of these items, we offer it to you. In addition, Mantles of Caring, offers lovely handmade gifts such as scarfs, hats, ponchos and baby items, for sale at very reasonable prices to support our ministry. You are welcome to knit or crochet with us in the church conference room on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 2:00—3:30 PM. Contact Pat O’Brien at 685-8639.



**SOCKS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (SPIN):** Our Socks for People In Need (SPIN) program would like to extend sincere thanks to the people of the parish who have very generously donated socks. We have collected and distributed more than 25,000 pairs during the 5 years that this program has been operating. The need for socks continues year-round, so our collection box remains in the church entrance. If you would like more information about SPIN, please contact Pat Lorenzo at 708-2068 or [pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com](mailto:pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com).

**CARD-CRAFTING CIRCLE:** Resurrection’s CARD CRAFTING CIRCLE is looking for additional volunteers. We meet once every 3-4 weeks to make cards – for holidays and other celebrations, plus general interest cards (such as sympathy, get well, etc.).

About once a month, we sell them after the weekend Masses at Resurrection, with all profits going to support the Faith Community Shelter (which the parish welcomes on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month). **Our group will be selling cards after the 5:00 PM mass on Saturday, August 25 and after the 10:15 AM and 6:00 PM masses on Sunday, August 26.**



So far, the Card-Crafting Circle has been able to purchase 20 sleeping mats and pillows for our shelter guests, plus pay for supplies to build the 2 large storage units where the mats are kept. Over the next 6 months, our profits will go toward purchasing bus passes that will enable shelter members get to medical appointments, job interviews, or to other shelter locations.

All supplies are provided, and no special talent is required. The Card Crafting Circle is a great opportunity to have fun, socialize with other parishioners, and do something important – helping to raise much-needed funds for our Faith Community Shelter ministry. Please contact Pat Lorenzo (708-2068 or [pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com](mailto:pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com)) for further information.

**BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY:** We’re on summer break until Thursday, August 16. Continue to feed daily on God’s word with the help of the US Bishops at [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) (includes video reflections on daily readings), and with Bishop Robert Barron at [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SATURDAY MORNING MEDITATION:** Do you practice some form of silent prayer frequently? occasionally? never? If your answer is “Yes!” you are cordially invited to join the multi-denominational meditation group that gathers each Saturday morning in the Daily Mass Chapel here at Resurrection at 8:30 AM. You don’t need to pay anything or say anything! One of the lay leaders introduces the 25-minute period of meditation and ends it with a few inspirational words. We’re finished about 9:00 AM and off to enjoy the day with a coffee or a trip to farmers’ market. Please join us. Contact Pat O’Brien (831)566-8234.

**TAIZE PRAYER:** The Sisters of the Holy Names at Villa Maria del Mar invite you to an evening of prayer on Thursday, August 9 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. This hour long Taize style prayer includes chants, scripture and time for quiet reflection. This is a wonderful way for us to pray, not only in praise and thanksgiving for God’s goodness to us, but also to pray for our families, friends, and for the many, many people throughout the world in great need of our prayers. Please join us! All are welcome. For information call Mary 475-1236. Villa Maria del Mar Chapel, 21918 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz.





# Senior Resource Ministry

## Many Hands

Embracing a sense of community  
Easing burdens  
Enhancing quality of life

## On the Horizon



### CHANGE IS COMING



Our senior population is increasing and the needs of this population is changing in an unpredictable way. In order to address some of these needs the focus of the Many Hands Program is being reexamined.

Some services that are currently under review are:

- Occasional Transportation Services
- Minor Household Tasks
- Creating a Referral List (handyman, electrician, plumbers)
- Household Safety and Risk Assessment
- Friendly Visitors Program
- Friendly Phone Calls

The Many Hands Program is staffed by volunteers and is intended for minor solutions. Referrals will be provided when possible.

The Senior Resource Ministry can refer senior with financial need to appropriate resources. The Senior Resource Directory is available for free in the parish office.

If you would like to use some of these services or volunteer, please contact Erma Coty, RN in the parish office at 831-688-4300 x17.

**NEED NOT BE A SENIOR TO VOLUNTEER!**

### SUGGESTIONS FOR SENIOR RESOURCE MINISTRY?

Please contact Erma Coty  
at 831-688-4300 ext. 17  
or email: [elcoty@att.net](mailto:elcoty@att.net)

### PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers are meeting on Sunday, August 5 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the church conference room. Bring a snack to share.

### HOSPITALITY

Hospitality after Tuesday morning mass/ rosary will be on break in July and will resume on Tuesday, August 7.

*Please return your Prime Timers Survey.*

*There is much more to independence than learning to master new skills. One of the most important parts of independence is learning to form new relationships with other people.*

Fred Rogers



**Chair Yoga  
with Suzi Mahler**  
Wednesday's at 12:30 PM  
Markey Community Center

**Yoga Classes are on Summer Break  
Classes will resume in September**

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you are looking for a product or service please consider our bulletin advertisers first. We appreciate their support and want to support their businesses in return. And let them know you saw them in the bulletin. Advertising income contributes vital funds to our parish.

Have you considered advertising your business? The advertiser page is printed quarterly and ad spaces are available for the next quarter (Oct/Nov/Dec). For as little as \$43 per month your ad can reach as many as 2400 people every weekend. We are happy to work with you to design an attractive and effective ad (no additional cost for this). Information on ad rates and sizes is available at [www.resurrection-aptos.org](http://www.resurrection-aptos.org). If you have any questions about advertising or know of a business that might be interested in advertising contact Ann Fitts, 818-1417, [ann@growingupsc.com](mailto:ann@growingupsc.com) by September 1. THANK YOU!

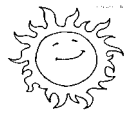
**THROWING SHADE...BRING LIGHT.** A gathering day at the ocean for women to reflect upon our grace-filled moments and be spiritually energized. Facilitated by Carmella Dautoff & Rosemarie Peoples, Monday, August 20 from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM at the Villa Maria Del Mar Retreat Center, 21918 East Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz. Cost is \$75.00 which includes lunch. Send form and payment to Rosemarie Peoples, 210 9th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062 by August 14. For more information (408) 623-7502 or (831) 600-8556, [rosemarie778@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarie778@gmail.com)

**A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for weekend on September 21-23, 2018 call 831-479-1260 or email: [Monterey@RetroCA.com](mailto:Monterey@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)



**Summer Reminder...**

We wish you a restful and relaxing summer. Hopefully you will have some time to be refreshed and enjoy our beautiful surroundings. If you have travel plans, may you have a wonderful time.



We want to remind you that even as we enjoy our leisure activities during the summer the parish is still here and depends on your generous donations. Unfortunately, our bills don't stop for the summer. Please do your best to remain faithful to contributing to the life of the parish even if you are away.

If it is easier for you, you can mail your contribution directly to the parish office the week(s) that you are unable to be here or sign up for electronic fund transfer via your credit card or checking account. There is also a link on our website for donations.

[www.resurrection-aptos.org](http://www.resurrection-aptos.org). Thank you for your support!

Have a blessed summer!

Karen Victorino, Administrative Manager



**YLI SANTA CRUZ #95** is having its annual School Supplies Drive to benefit foster teens. From July 14 through August 5 there will be a collection bucket inside the church entrance. We are asking parishioners to contribute backpacks, binders, paper, dividers, pens, #2 pencils, highlighters and other supplies appropriate for high school students. We are grateful for whatever you can donate. Thank you.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Do you hunger for a deeper love in your marriage? Let Jesus fill your hunger. Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 26-28, 2018, at St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call Mary Jo and Rich Castello, at 1-831-200-3780 or Email them at [castellome1@gmail.com](mailto:castellome1@gmail.com) or register online at [centralcawwme.org](http://centralcawwme.org).



**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL**

Deborah Rovick 688-4300 x 22 or [darovick@att.net](mailto:darovick@att.net)  
Director of Faith Formation for Children, Youth & Young Adults

**Middle School (Grades 6-8) & High School (Grades 9-12):**

Have a safe and happy summer! Watch for registration forms in August for the upcoming year.





# DIOCESE OF MONTEREY

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Monterey

**FROM:** +Most Reverend Gerald E. Wilkerson  
Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Monterey <sup>+GEW</sup>

**DATE:** August 1, 2018

As Apostolic Administrator I thought it might be helpful for me to introduce myself. I was born in Des Moines, Iowa but my family moved to Long Beach, California when I was two years old. I have four siblings, two brothers and two sisters, and I attended St. Anthony Elementary and High School in Long Beach. After graduating from high school I entered the seminary system for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, studying first at Queen of Angels Seminary in San Fernando and then at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. I was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese on May 1, 1965 by Cardinal James McIntyre at the old St. Vibiana Cathedral in Los Angeles. I had parish assignments in La Habra, central Los Angeles and Manhattan Beach before being named Administrator and then Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Encino.

After fifteen years in Encino I was named Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles and ordained a bishop by Cardinal Roger Mahony on January 21, 1998. I oversaw the San Fernando Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese for nearly twenty years, until my retirement in 2016.

Bishop Rich Garcia and I have been good friends since we were both ordained bishops just a week apart in 1998. We served together for many years as members of the Executive Committee of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops. I join you in sharing our loss of a good friend and wonderful loving and caring Bishop.

Now I have been asked to journey with you. Our journey begins in shock and sadness as we mourn the loss of Bishop Rich. I cannot, and will not, try to take his place. But I think that we honor him by continuing his vision and his pastoral ministry here in the Diocese of Monterey. As we journey together we must continue to build on the foundation laid by Bishop Ryan and Bishop Garcia. The naming of a new bishop will take a number of months, during which time we need to unite and continue to build the kingdom of God here in the Diocese of Monterey. I am particularly amazed at the fertile fields of the Diocese, and I think that our faith, love and unity should be as abundant as the food and drink that comes from the work of many hands.

I do ask your patience with me while I get up to speed on the special characteristics of your beloved Diocese. I do hope to visit all the parishes, institutions and areas of the Diocese in due time. Although I am completing some commitments in Los Angeles, you may reach me through the Diocesan Offices. I hope to take up full residence here the week of August 20.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for me as I begin this new ministry among you. And let us also join in prayer for the choosing and coming of a new Bishop to this extraordinary vineyard of the Lord's Church.