



# Connections

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## What's Happening in the Life of the Parish during the Pandemic

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Since the pandemic and the shut down began on March 16 we continue to be an active parish. We have been live-streaming our masses (weekday Tuesday-Friday at 10:00 am) & Sundays at 10:15 am on Zoom & YouTube. Our food pantry continues to operate two days a week on Mondays & Fridays from 10:00 am – 12 noon, and we are sheltering 17 homeless men and women who are part of the Faith Community Shelter. Also this month we started participating in the Safe Spaces program, offering safe and supervised overnight parking for those with vehicles but not homes. We currently have one guest in this program. And that's just what is happening on the church grounds!

Our staff continues to work, onsite and some of us from home or a combination of the two. Thank goodness for technology. We are grateful that we can connect with one another via Zoom so we can see one another without our masks!

We publish a weekly Sunday eBulletin and since we aren't publishing a paper bulletin we do give a shout out each week to our bulletin advertisers. Don't forget to support them. We attach the advertising page to our eBulletin and a link is also on our website.

We have also had two Virtual Town Hall meetings which have been a great way for parishioners to see one another and connect.

We continue to celebrate the

sacraments. In June we celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation with our RCIA candidates and catechumens, and we have celebrated several children's baptisms as well.

We celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage with three couples in July & August.

On the last two weekends of this month we will have four special First Eucharist liturgies for our 38 candidates.

In August we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 14 of our youth.

Even amidst the challenges of the pandemic we are finding ways to celebrate the goodness of God and all He is in the life of this parish and in our parishioners!

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## How to Connect?

We send out several emails a week: "What's Happening" (weekly), Live Stream Info (daily), Sign-up for weekend masses (Mondays).

Reach out to us via telephone (831) 688-4300, or email. Although we are not in the office everyday we do check our voice mail and

respond to your needs.

Read our Sunday eBulletin (posted on our website and a link is provided in the "What's Happening" email).

Check in with your fellow parishioners. Give them a call. If you know someone who could benefit from a call from Fr. Romeo please let us

know.

Fr. Romeo's daily & weekend homilies are also posted on our website.

Email us at: [resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net) to be included on our email list.

Website: <https://resurrection-aptos.org>

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Daily Mass on the Labyrinth



## Liturgies

We continue to celebrate liturgy as a community both in person and virtually. We live stream on Zoom and YouTube simultaneously. Many thanks to our Stream Team: Paul & Suzanne Buse, Rob Darrow!

We began public masses on June 14 in the church with a set of protocols to protect one other. This includes temperature checks, being symptom free from COVID 19, hand sanitizer and properly worn mask-wearing, social distancing, and disinfecting the church after each mass. (We bought a 55 gallon drum of disinfectant!) Reservations are required for weekend masses. Your safety is our top priori-

ty because we Respect Life!

On July 28 we began holding our masses outside on the Labyrinth patio. The same safety protocols are in place but now we are asking you to bring your own folding chair.

**Daily Masses are held Tuesday-Friday at 10:00 am** (in person & live streamed) <https://zoom.us/j/95514328423> (Meeting ID: 955 1432 8423)

**Holy Hour on Fridays** from 10:30—11:30 am (in person & live streamed) (Join from Daily Mass Zoom log-in)

**Saturday 5:00 pm** (in person)

**Sunday 10:15 am** (in person

& live streamed) <https://zoom.us/j/429472279> (Meeting ID: 429 472 279) **Audio Only:** +1-669-900-6833 US (San Jose)

**Morning Prayer on Mondays** at 8:00 am (Live streamed only) <https://zoom.us/j/91504463260> (Meeting ID: 915 0446 3260)

**YouTube: Resurrection Church, Aptos, CA**

**To make a reservation for weekend masses call the parish office or sign up online from Monday at 9:00 am—Friday at 12:30 pm:** leave a message on our voice mail at 831-688-4300 or click the link on our website: <https://resurrection-aptos.org>.

## Staff News

Our staff continues to work behind the scenes (even though you don't see all of us) because our office continues to be closed to the public. We are all finding new ways of connecting with people and groups to carry on our ministries.

**Fr. Romeo Evangelista & Deacon Patrick Conway** are present at our liturgies and they oversee the "Stream Team" who make liturgies come to life for those who are present and those of us watching at home, in addition to their regular duties.

[reevangelista@att.net](mailto:reevangelista@att.net)

[pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net)

**Karen Victorino & Jolene McFeely** continue to work from the office and at home doing their regular duties. As part of their normal duties: Jolene can help you if you need to set up a mass intention for a loved one and Karen is watching our financials closely to make sure we stay on track. They also make sure we have a Sunday eBulletin each week.

[kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net)

[jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net)

**Deborah Rovick & her husband Hal**, who works in ministry with her, have retired. We will miss their daily presence but they will still be around the parish so we aren't losing them. We wish them well on the next

stage in their journey.

**Erma Coty** has been working from home since the pandemic began and she reaches out to our seniors and keeps them apprised of parish and community resources.

[elcoty@att.net](mailto:elcoty@att.net)

**Jose Rufino** our maintenance person has been on medical leave since the beginning of the pandemic. He worked from home and did all the research on the best products to clean and keep us all safe. We can't wait until he is able to return to work.

**Lety Enriquez**, our custodian, has been hard at work making sure our facilities are clean and sanitized for everyone.



## Faith Formation for 2020-2021

What is it going to look like this year? We are still in the process of figuring this out but it will most likely be virtual (at least in the beginning). We have always had a home school option.

We will keep you informed. Registration information for K-12 will be emailed when

we have more details to share.

Sacramental Prep for Adults (RCIA), and children (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) will be determined as well.

Middle School and Youth Group for Teenagers will

look different this year but we will have something for them.

Questions? Contact Deacon Patrick at

[pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net) or 831-840-3750.



## Financial Support

We are very grateful for your continued financial support of the parish! For many years, our parish has depended on the generosity of people as yourself to support our many ministries and works. Your kindness, support, and generosity are reflective of your commitment and faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our ongoing costs are utilities, (including a better internet plan to bring the best live-streaming that we can), salaries, insurance, cleaning supplies, and maintenance.

We also have ministry costs.

Donations can be mailed directly to our PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001 or you can make an online electronic gift by clicking on the "Donate Now" button on our website. You may also return the enclosed form and we can set up electronic giving for you.

Your continued support is critical for the ongoing operations of the parish and our ability to minister to you as well as to those in need.

We know that some of you

have experienced loss of wages so we understand that you may not be able to help us financially.

Please keep the parish in your prayers.

God Bless you!

Questions? Contact Karen Victorino at

[kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net) or 831-688-4300.

**"We are very grateful for your continued financial support of the parish!"**

## Food Pantry & Faith Community Shelter

We continue through your generosity to provide food for the poor on Mondays & Fridays from 10:00 am—12:00 pm every week. We are able to purchase food from Second Harvest Food Bank at a lower cost and sometimes we receive free food from them as well. Your financial donations to this ministry have been a blessing and we are able to provide for all our needs.

Sometimes we ask for specific items because we aren't able to purchase them from Second Harvest. Donations for the Food Pantry can be dropped off during pantry hours.

The 17 guests who are housed here through the Faith Community Shelter are doing well and continue to thrive in a stable environment. We have been hous-

ing them round the clock since April 15th. Local restaurants have been providing food for them every day. The guests keep our hall very clean!

Also this month we started participating in the Safe Spaces program, offering safe and supervised overnight parking for those with vehicles but not homes.



**Food Pantry Bagging Process**

## \$10,000 Raffle



Our \$10,000 Raffle is an annual event which is a huge part of our operating budget for the year. This year it is even more critical. Generally we send out a letter for donations to local merchants in June but because of the pandemic many of our businesses are struggling. We are focusing on giving thanks this year with our raffle.

As a way to “Give Thanks” for all that you have been given would you consider purchasing a gift card from a local restaurant or business and donating it as a prize for the raffle? Or donating a raffle prize yourself. Perhaps you have gotten crafty during the pandemic and have something that you’d

like to donate. Or perhaps you’d like to donate a cash prize in memory or honor of someone. This is a way of being grateful and giving thanks.

We also need people to purchase raffle tickets. Enclosed with this newsletter is a raffle ticket and a mail back envelope. We will **not** be able to sell tickets after mass. You can also fill out the form on the bottom of this page to request additional tickets.

Raffle tickets may also be purchased directly from our website by clicking on the “Donate Now” button, <https://resurrection-aptos.org>. We will mail the

ticket stubs to you.

We plan to hold the raffle on **Sunday, November 15**. An early bird drawing will be held on **Sunday, October 18** for \$500.00—so be sure to get your tickets early. We’ll do this right after the 10:15 am mass and it will be live streamed.

Thank you!

Again if you are struggling financially we understand. Please keep this endeavor in your prayers.

To donate a prize or if you have questions, contact Karen Victorino at 831-688-4300 or

[kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net)

I would like to purchase Resurrection Church \$10,000 raffle tickets with my credit card or directly from my checking account. Tickets are \$100.00 each.

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Visa Mastercard Discover Amex

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking/Savings Account Routing # (must begin with 0, 1, 2 or 3): \_\_\_\_\_

Checking/Savings Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your ticket stub that has your name and phone number on it via mail. You may also use this form for additional tickets and we will mail the ticket stubs to you. Our mailing address is Resurrection Church, PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001-0087.



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## Resurrection Catholic Community

PO Box 87  
Aptos, CA 95001-0087

Phone: 831-688-4300

Fax: 831-688-6921

Email: [resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net)

<https://resurrection-aptos.org>

## How Can We Help You?

Please let us know if there is a way that we can reach out to you and help you better.

We might not be able to meet all your needs but we certainly are here for you and will try our very best.

Please know of our prayers for you and your family.

Together as Church we know that the Mass Never Ends, it must be Lived!

God Bless you and keep you healthy & safe!

Fr. Romeo and the Parish Staff

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## Senior Resource Ministry

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Erma continues to provide resources to all those on her **senior email list**. If you'd like to be included please email her at

[elcoty@att.net](mailto:elcoty@att.net)

We had to postpone our **Tai Chi** classes but our instructor, Pam Menaah, has provided us with some information that may help you during this time at home:

Different from other forms of meditation, Tai Chi enables you to be serene from within and still aware of your environment. With regular tai chi practice, mental serenity and awareness of your present environment can help you assess and deal with crises in life. You can learn more about the benefits of tai chi by trying a free lesson taught by

Tai Chi for Health Institute founder, Dr. Paul Lam. Search for "[Free Tai Chi to Improve Immunity & Rehabilitation](#)" on YouTube.

And if you'd like to **write a reflection or poem** that will be published in our Sunday eBulletin please email Erma as well.

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## Prayer Line Information—Prayer & Praise Report

 PRAYSE

We all need prayer more than ever and a reliance on our faith in God. If you have a specific need or an answer to prayer please see the ways in which you can connect with the parish. Prayer is the chain that links us all to one another.

### PRAYER LINE PRAISE

**REPORT:** Have your prayers been answered? Have you experienced a sign of God's love? Please let us know so that we can

give thanks and praise to God with you! You can email us at

[resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net)

or send your praise report to our PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001. We will publish your report in our Sunday eBulletin. It encourages all of us in the faith and goodness of God.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please call Rosalie Flores-Aguon (831-359-9799) or Mary

Soltis (831-688-8326) if you or someone you know is in need of prayer or email

[resurrection.aptos.prayerline@gmail.com](mailto:resurrection.aptos.prayerline@gmail.com)

**PRAYER LIST IN THE BULLETIN:** If you would like a name added to the prayer list in the bulletin please email us at [resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net) You can also email us if a name needs to be removed.

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# ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name of the organization: RESURRECTION CHURCH, APTOS, CALIFORNIA

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	<b>ENVELOPE#</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Effective date of authorization:</b> ____/____/____ <b>Type of authorization:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City		State      Zip
Email Address		Phone Number:
<b>DATE OF FIRST DONATION:</b> ____/____/____	<b>FREQUENCY OF DONATION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly (1 <sup>st</sup> of month beginning _____) <input type="checkbox"/> One Time Only	<b>FUNDS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund (plate)      \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Assistance Ministry      \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund for Markey Community Center      \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____      \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____      \$ _____ <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b>      \$ _____</p>
<b>ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Easter offering      \$ _____      Transferred on April 1st <input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving offering      \$ _____      Transferred on November 20th <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas offering      \$ _____      Transferred on December 15th		
<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b>	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	Routing Number: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b>  Account Number: _____ 
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.  Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____	
<b>CREDIT / DEBIT CARD</b>	Card Brand (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card	
	Card Number:	Expiration Date:
	Name on Card:	
	Billing Address (if different from above):	
	I authorize the above organization to process transactions in accordance with the information above.  Signature (as it appears on the card): _____ Date: _____	

*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit/debit card section above.*