



RESURRECTION

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the Challenges of Loving Service

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm;
1:30—4:30 pm by appointment
Friday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday: Morning Prayer on Demand via YouTube
Tuesday-Friday: Mass 8:30 am
Friday: Holy Hour 9:00—10:00 am
Saturday: Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday: Masses 8:15 am & 10:15 am
(Sunday 10:15 am Mass live-streamed on Zoom & YouTube)

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Deacon Patrick Conway to schedule a meeting and preparation classes.
Sacrament of Marriage: Bride & Groom must begin premarital preparation 6 months prior to date. Contact the Parish Office.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CEMETERY

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Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived. 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: _____ ☐ Mobile or ☐ Landline

Email: _____ ☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address ☐ New Phone Number

☐ Moving—Remove from List ☐ Please send contribution envelopes ☐ I would like to sign up for Electronic Giving

Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

— Mark 13:33

UPCOMING EVENTS

RESURRECTION WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE



The Resurrection Women's Guild will be offering an assortment of delectable treats for purchase this weekend, December 2 & 3, just in time for holiday entertaining! Proceeds from the Bake Sale support the Women's Guild Scholarship Fund. Donations can also be made online at <https://resurrection-aptos.org>, Click Donate Now & Choose Women's Guild. Thank you for your support!

TAMALE FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT REFUGEES DECEMBER 16 & 17

Maria Elena Zamora and her family continue to work hard to support themselves, but their main source of income, farmwork, is not consistent. So they're offering their famous fresh tamales after all the masses on the weekend of December 16/17.



Three delicious choices:

Cheese & Green Chili, Chicken with Green Chili Sauce, Pork with Red Chili Sauce. \$4 each.

Please order in advance by December 11 at:

nancy.kludt@gmail.com

Payment (cash preferred) at pickup after the masses.

CALLING ALL ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS!

We need your help in bringing our 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family liturgy alive with the story of the first Christmas. We invite the children to be angels or shepherds during our proclamation of the Gospel. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 23 at 9:30 AM in the church. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net.



LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

THE ANGEL TREE

You can help an Angel bring joy and hope to someone this Christmas. Our Angel Tree has the gift wishes of over 300 people—the poor, the suffering, the abused and neglected of our county. **Please select an angel from the tree, sign it out on the kiosk sign-out sheets (take an instruction sheet from the kiosk), and return the wrapped gift with the angel securely attached to the outside of the package no later than Sunday, December 10 at 11:30 AM.** This is a wonderful way to give Jesus his most ardent birthday wish: "Love one another as I have loved you." For more info, contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 (voice/text). Thank you for your compassionate outreach to our sisters and brothers in need!



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES

Friday, December 8
8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
(Holy Day of Obligation)

ADVENT RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Advent Reconciliation Service: Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 PM.
- Individual Confessions: Fridays during Holy Hour 9:00 AM—10:00 AM
- By appointment—Call the office to schedule



Update on

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Our Giving Tuesday campaign has raised over \$2,000 so far towards our \$7,000 goal to fund the Spring Confirmation 2nd Year Retreat!

We can win \$1,000 if we have the most donors or dollars in the Diocese by December 5th, so please help us by making a donation of any amount.

Nothing is too small!

If we win, the funds will go toward our Confirmation Retreat!

The cost for one person to attend the retreat is \$200.00

You can give directly on our website <https://resurrection.aptos.org>, Click "Donate Now" & Choose "Giving Tuesday".

You can also give with a check or cash and simply mark "Giving Tuesday" on the memo line of your check or place your cash in an envelope & write "Giving Tuesday".

All funds received that are earmarked for Giving Tuesday will go toward the Confirmation Retreat.

Thank you to all our donors for your generous support of youth ministry!

ADVENT TAIZE - A JOURNEY WITH MARY

Would you like to sink deep into the stillness and the promise of the Advent season? We are going to be offering three Taize Prayer services during Advent; on **December 6th, 13th, and 20th**. They are all on **Wednesday evenings**, starting at **7:00**. We will be singing chants, listening to scripture readings, and taking time for prayer, silence, and contemplation. Please join us as we prepare our hearts once again for the coming of Christ. **Questions?** Contact: Mary Lynn at 831-706-5961 or Carmella at 831-345-7525.



LIVE STREAM LITURGY SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY 10:15 AM MASS via Zoom:**
<https://zoom.us/j/429472279> or open the Zoom app and join Meeting 429 472 279 or via our YouTube Channel.
- SUNDAY MASSES, NIGHT PRAYER, & MONDAY MORNING PRAYER** are available **On-Demand** on our **YouTube Channel** and can be viewed or prayed at any time.
- You Tube:** [Resurrection Church, Aptos](#)

Mass Intentions for December 2—10

Saturday, 12/2

5:00 PM (RE) +Michael Lorenzo,
+Mary Boyce Anderson,
+Jean & Vincent Rice

Sunday, 12/3

8:15 AM (RE) The People of the Parish,
+Larry Musich, +Clarice Donnelly

10:15 AM (RE) +Rosemary Matzerath,
+Benjie Mones, Lody Peralta

Monday, 12/4

On-demand Morning Prayer (YouTube)

Tuesday, 12/5

8:30 AM (DN) +Albina Grimsich

Wednesday, 12/6

8:30 AM (RE) +Lori Matusich

Thursday, 12/7

8:30 AM (RE) +Rev. Scott McCarthy

Friday, 12/8

8:30 AM (RE) The People of the Parish,
+Tod Connor, +Terry Connor



7:00 PM (RE) +Rose Dias, +Concepcion Acosta,
+Natividad Acosta

Saturday, 12/9

5:00 PM (RE) The People of the Parish,
+Jake Bregante, +Jean & Vincent Rice

Sunday, 12/10

8:15 AM (RE) +Lori Matusich, +Carol Musich,
+Bud & Jean Kretschmer

10:15 AM (RE) +Jake Bregante, +Evelyn Fox,
+Fred Frevert

Celebrants: RE=Fr. Romeo Evangelista,
DN=Fr. Dat Nguyen

WOULD YOU LIKE A MASS OFFERED FOR A LOVED ONE?

We are taking mass intention requests for daily masses and weekend masses. Please email Jolene at jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net and she will be happy to set up a date for you or come by the office during office hours. The donation per mass is \$10.00. You can mail in a check or pay with your credit card. Thank you!



DAILY READINGS:

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

You can listen to or read the readings, watch a reflection video. You can also sign up to get the readings emailed to you every morning. There is also the option to read them in Spanish.

THE MASS NEVER ENDS—IT MUST BE LIVED!

We are invited to continue to reflect upon the Gospel reading (Mark 13:33-37) 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.

- Have you ever had a “wake up call” in your life? How did you respond to that call?
- What are some things that you do (or might do) to be spiritually alert and watchful?
- “Jesus is the reason for the season.” How will your thinking, praying and acting reflect this over the next several weeks?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED:

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & GREETERS

Is God calling you to serve at mass in one of these ministries? If you have questions, want to find out more about the ministry, or to volunteer please contact Deacon Patrick at pconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750.

NEW ACOLYTES NEEDED!

CALLING ADULTS, YOUTH, & CHILDREN!

Acolytes are essential members of our weekend liturgical team, and we need more of them! Is God calling you to serve him and our community at the altar as an acolyte? If you'd like to learn more about this wonderful ministry that brings you closer to God, please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or pconway@sbcglobal.net.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: A poinsettia is a nice way to honor or remember a loved one this Christmas. We invite you to make a contribution to our Christmas flower fund in memory or honor of a loved one. Honors/Memorials will be listed in an Christmas Season Bulletin. Donation envelopes were mailed to all registered parishioners last week. Your envelopes can be brought to church and placed in the collection, mailed to the parish PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001, or dropped by the office during office hours, or you can go directly online to our website, click on “Donate Now” and make an online donation under “Flowers”. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of someone please type the names in the box provided on our online donation page. Additional envelopes are available on the counter in the church entrance.



SATURDAY MORNING MEDITATION GROUP

Anyone is welcome to attend the non-denominational mindfulness meditation group that meets each Saturday at 8:30AM in the Daily Mass Chapel. If you have thought about trying meditation, here is the opportunity you've been waiting for!. People from several area congregations gather promptly at 8:30 AM each Saturday for a brief introduction to the meditation followed by 25 minutes of silent prayer. The session ends with a few words of "inspiration" for the week. There are no dues to pay nor tickets to buy—only peaceful silence to share. Please join us for a wonderful way to begin your Saturday with plenty of time left to get to Farmers' Market and to enjoy other weekend activities. For more information, contact Pat O'Brien (831) 566-8234. Blessings!

THE SYNOD

THE SYNOD – COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION: On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4), Pope Francis convened the Universal Phase of the Synod on Synodality in Vatican City. The Synod process started in October of 2021 with the "listening" phase as Catholics around the world gathered in our parishes to reflect on the blessing of the Church in people's lives and on how the Church might be called to grow in service and mission. These reflections were summarized into a document that was studied and discussed in October at the Universal Synod in Rome by 294 bishops and 70 other women and men (lay people, clergy, and religious) appointed by Pope Francis from around the world.

The Synod assembly has published a summary report of their discussions (read it [HERE](#)). They will reconvene next October to resume their discussions and to make recommendations for Pope Francis to consider.

Our parish Synod report was sent to you (via a link to our website) in May of 2022.

(Click [HERE](#) to read the report).

Here are the Diocesan, National, and North American Continental Summary reports:

[Diocese of Monterey Summary Report](#)

[USCCB National Summary Report](#)

[North American Continental Report](#)

These five documents are on our website under <https://resurrection-aptos.org>, under Resource Center, under "Other".

FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR K-5, FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION: Registration materials are available on our website & in the parish office.

K-5 FAITH FORMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

In-person classes for K-5 on Thursdays from 3:45—5:00 PM have begun, but it's not too late to join! There is also a homeschool option. First Eucharist is open to children in Second Grade or older who have had a previous year of religious education. Preregistration is requested. For information please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net

MIDDLE SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE:



- **Sunday, December 3** from 10:15 AM—1:30 PM **Confirmation 2nd Year**
- **Sunday, December 3** from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM **Middle School**
- **Sunday, December 10** from 10:15 AM—1:00 PM **Confirmation 1st Year**
- **Sunday, December 10** from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM **Middle School**

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8th Grades) In-person gatherings will be held on Sundays from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM in Markey Community Center.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

If you'd like to explore this possibility, please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION (YEAR 1 & 2)

Sessions held on Sundays. Contact Mrs. Gabe Summers at gb-summers@att.net or 831-688-4300 x22

OUTREACH

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NEWS

Thanks to your generous donations of gift cards and cash (totaling \$8,825), we were able to help 207 people with food for Thanksgiving! As we sit at our tables this week, let us give thanks for the opportunity to share with our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you!

RESURRECTION CARD-CRAFTERS:

The card crafting group will be selling hand-made Christmas cards **after the 5:00 PM mass on Saturday, December 2 & 9 and 10:15 AM mass on Sunday, December 3 & 10.** There will also be a variety of assorted cards for sale (Birthdays for all ages, New Baby, Anniversary, etc). Cards are \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10. If anyone is interested in making cards with our small group, please contact Pat Lorenzo for further information: e-mail at pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com or phone (831)708-2068. As always, materials are donated, so all of the profits from card sales go to support the Faith Community Shelter at Resurrection.



COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK & INFIRM: Our ministries to those at home and in care residences have fully resumed! If you'd like to learn more about bringing Jesus in Communion to those in need, please contact Deacon Patrick at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750. Communion is brought to the homebound on weekdays at your convenience, and communion services are celebrated at Aegis at 11:15 AM on Wednesdays. Training provided! Each volunteer serves once a month or so.

MANTLES OF CARING: The Mantles of caring ministry is looking for new members. We are a group of ladies who love to knit or crochet. We make prayer shawls, hats, baby items...any item that the community may need. We supply all the yarn. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Joyce Dinakar at (914) 330-2975.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME—LAUDATO DEUM
Pope Francis recently published a follow-up to his groundbreaking 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si, Laudato Deum* "Praise God". (Read *Laudato Deum* [HERE](https://resurrection-aptos.org). It is located on our website <https://resurrection-aptos.org>, under Resource Center under Faith Formation.) In it Pope Francis reiterates the **moral imperative** for all Catholics and for all of humanity **to make changes** in our lives to lessen the effects of our behavior on climate change, for the sake of the vulnerable now, and for the sake of generations to come. We can all be more conscious of how our individual, daily choices either increase greenhouse gases or reduce them. This can all seem overwhelming and hopeless at times. What difference can I make? We need to work together to educate and encourage one another in the moral imperative to change our ways. Our longtime friends at Temple Beth El and other local faith communities have invited us to join with them in this work. As we have seen in our other collaborations with faith communities (AFC, COPA, Mid-County Homeless Coalition), when we join together with other people of faith and good will, good things happen!
We have a Zoom meeting each month and discuss how we can work together to make better choices and to advocate for better policies and practices in our region.
We are also looking to form a group of concerned people who can help with raising awareness here at Resurrection. For the meeting link or for more information contact Deacon Patrick at pfconway@sbcglobal.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CALL FOR NEW BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

We are now working on the new bulletin for the next quarter (Jan/Feb/March). And YES, we do have space for YOUR AD! Reasonable rates are as follows:

- Grand Slam: \$455 per quarter
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- Triple: \$310 per quarter
- Double: \$230 per quarter
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Payments can be electronically deducted each month or you can pay quarterly. We are happy to work with you to design an attractive and effective ad (no additional cost for this). Advertising income contributes vital funds to our parish. If you have any questions about advertising or know of a business that might be interested in advertising contact Karen Victorino, 831-688-4300 x10, kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net by **December 6**. Ad rate sizes are available on our website.

And please support our bulletin advertisers. Thank you!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

This week we are giving a shout out to: Guadalupe Pregnancy Outreach, Growing Up in Santa Cruz, Jim & Cameron Jackson. See the attached advertising page for all our advertisers. We are grateful for our advertisers continued support of the parish.

LET US WALK WITH YOU: A WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION: December 15-17, Bilingual English & Spanish. Father Vito Perrone, COSJ, and Father James Liebner, SVD, will lead this free three-day retreat, which will include Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, counseling, and sharing as much as each woman is comfortable doing in this warm and healing environment. Confidential location, all inquiries are confidential. Email projectrachel@sfarch.org or call (415) 614-5567

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:



Sunday, 12/3

- AFC Speaker after Mass
- Women's Guild Bake Sale after Masses
- Card Sales after 10:15 AM Mass
- 10:15 AM—12:00 PM RCIA (lounge)
- 10:15 AM—1:30 PM Confirmation 2nd Year (hall & youth center)
- 11:30 AM—1:00 PM Middle School (hall)

Monday, 12/4

- 11:00 AM—12:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting (classrooms)
- 5:00 PM—8:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal (CCR)
- 6:45 PM—9:00 PM Scouts BSA Troop #609/#2609 (hall)

Tuesday, 12/5

- 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Gardening (outside)
- 3:00 PM Shower the People! (parking lot)
- 5:00 PM Faith Community Shelter (MCC)
- 6:00 PM—6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting (CCR)
- 6:30 PM—8:00 PM Knights of Columbus General Meeting (CCR)

Wednesday, 12/6

- 7:00 PM—8:30 PM Taize (church)

Thursday, 12/7

- 11:30 AM—12:15 PM Seated Tai Chi (hall)
- 1:00 PM—1:45 PM Standing Tai Chi (hall)
- 3:45 PM—5:00 PM K-5 Faith Formation (MCC & youth center)

Friday, 12/8

- 8:30 AM—9:30 AM Immaculate Conception Mass (church)
- 9:00 AM—10:00 AM Holy Hour (DMC)
- 7:00 PM—8:00 PM Immaculate Conception Mass (church)

Saturday, 12/9

- Card Sales after Mass
- 8:30 AM—9:00 AM Meditation Group (DMC)
- 11:30 AM Shower the People! (parking lot)
- 1:30 PM—5:00 PM Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) Meeting (hall)

Stewardship of Treasure PLATE COLLECTION November 25 & 26, 2023	
Weekly Plate Collection: • All Masses/Mailed In • Electronic • Total	\$4,554.45 \$2,232.00 \$6,786.45
Weekly Plate Collection Need (Budget)	\$11,950.00
Plate Collection Average Fiscal YTD	\$10,469.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT!



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P.O. Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001-0087
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<https://resurrection-aptos.org>, click on "Donate Now"
or click on the QR Code to the left.
Thank you!!!



Do Not Ask Me to Remember

By Owen Darnell

Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.

Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different though I try.

Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone,
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.



PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE in NEED OF HEALING



Marlene Avona	Alicia Enriquez	Joleen Munoz
Cross/Boettcher/	Irma Enriquez	Judy Navarro
Burghart families	Terry Erwin	Olivia
Lorenzo Abeyta	Dee Feci	Leo Olson
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Marc Adato	Greg Finegan	Connor Paulbitski
Javier Anaya	Mark Emmet Fisher	Dave Peasley
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Becki Bailey	Andre Grier	Gabe Ponce
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Adeline Bautista	Kelly Jo Hebert	Heidi R. & Family
Maria Bernstein-	Robert Higgins	Pablo R.
Brumbaugh	Debra Hightower	Chris Randolph
Jeraldine Boger	Bea Holmes	Dawn Renz
Vera Borroel	Rick Housouer	Mary Repetti
Dita Bou-Sleiman	Barbara Howley	Josie Bua Rhea
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Mark Duggan	Mary McMenamy	Jianzhe Yu
Robert Duggan	Elaine McMenamy	Rosemary Zamora
Wyatt Duino	Emilio Escoto	Lanxiang Zhen
Dr. Bruce Dunn	Montagna	
Pat Emard	George Mungai	
Sophia Emmons	Marie Mungai	
Peter Empson		

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

PRAYER LINE: If someone you know is in need of prayer, please email resurrection.aptos.prayerline@gmail.com

REFLECTION

Beginnings are usually scary, endings are usually sad, but it's what's in the middle that counts. *So when you find yourself at the **beginning**, just give hope a chance to float up. And it will.* —Steven Rogers, **Hope Floats**: The Screenplay

This is the 1st Sunday of Advent. It marks the **beginning** of the liturgical year. We wait and prepare for the birth of the Christ child.

Of course, our anticipation of this holy holiday is comingled with our frantic preparation for the coming of Santa Claus! I believe that the joy we feel in decorating the tree and shopping for gifts can actually enhance the holy season of Advent; that is, if we remember the symbolism of each holiday tradition.

As we decorate our tree, we are reminded of the cross, the means of our salvation. With the each decoration, we appreciate the many blessings we enjoy daily. Each ornament is special and represents an important moment that we can reflect on as we place it on our tree. The tree is adorned with memories.

Christmas lights brighten our homes, much as the brightest star lit the night sky over the manger in Bethlehem. Our creche is centrally located so that we are always reminded of the "reason for the season".

And, we carefully select presents for each other. They represent the first gifts given to the newborn, Jesus, by the Three Kings or Wisemen, who traveled from the East.

I must admit, most of us only think of Santa as we shop, wrap, and open our gifts (at least until January 6th when we celebrate the epiphany and the gifts of the Magi).

The Epiphany, also known as "little Christmas", is the symbolic **end** of the Christmas holiday. We pack up our ornaments and decorations to be stored for another year.

Advent is the period of watching and waiting for Christmas. In the word of the Gospel: "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."



TAI CHI CLASSES—SEATED & STANDING

Markey Community Center



SEATED Tai Chi Thursdays
11:30 AM— 12:15 PM



STANDING Tai Chi Thursdays
1:00 PM— 1:45 PM

Certified Instructor Pam Mensah invites you to come learn an easy, fun, and gentle form of tai chi. Tai Chi for Arthritis Program improves flexibility, muscular strength, balance, and fitness. Donations are welcome.

- **All participants must be vaccinated unless medically contraindicated. Masks are required for all as the class will be held indoors in Markey Center.**
- The class is free to all members of Resurrection. Participants are asked to wear loose, comfortable clothing and well-fitted shoes. **Please contact your physician FIRST, if you are unsure if you are medically able to take this class.**

Pam: pamluvschi@gmail.com or for more information about Tai Chi for Arthritis Program: <https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/>

TAI CHI DAYS OFF—2023-2024

December 28, 2023

January 4, 2024

Music for the Feast of Christmas

Holy Cross Church
210 High Street, Santa Cruz

- December 1 & 2 at 8:00 pm
- December 3 at 4:00 pm

Westside Folk & Gospel Choir Concert

Samper Recital Hall, Cabrillo College
6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos

- December 11 at 8:00 pm

Cantiamo's "Concert for a Winter's Eve"

Holy Cross Church
210 High Street, Santa Cruz

- December 15 at 8:00 pm

Carmel Mission Basilica

3080 Rio Road, Carmel

- December 16 at 8:00 pm

Messiah Sing Along and Gala Celebration

Peace United Church of Christ
900 High Street, Santa Cruz

- December 19 at 7:00 pm

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