

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

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1	elcome! 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
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Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

"At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan " — MK 1:12-13

UPCOMING EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—FAITH FORMATION: This weekend, February 17 & 18 our second collection will be for our Faith Formation ministry, which provides catechetical instruction for people of all ages-children and youth in grades K-12, adults in the RCIA and Confirmation programs, couples preparing for marriage and for parenthood. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

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 You Tube 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT

We will gather in person to pray the Stations of the Cross at 12:15 PM each Friday of Lent. Join us as we heed Christ's call to take up the cross and follow him, discovering strength, healing, and hope on the journey. Each Friday we will pray different versions of the Stations:

- February 16: Way of the Cross with Mary •
- February 23: Scriptural Stations of the Cross
- March 1: Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis
- March 8: Way of the Cross with Women of the Gospel
- March 15: Stations for Loved Ones Who Have Left the Faith
- March 22: Way of the Cross with the Gospel of Mark
- Stations of the Cross are also available on demand (anvtime) on our YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-OOaTsxzpSPs60Qlt0ClKQ or search for Resurrection Church, Aptos.

RULES OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

All Fridays in Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for everyone age 14 & older. Good Friday is also a day of *fasting* (one full meal, two smaller meals, and nothing



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in between for those from their 21st birthday to the day after their 59th birthday) That is the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law is to make a real sacrifice in union with Jesus who sacrificed himself to save us.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance **PRESIDENTS' DAY** of Presidents' Day. We will return to the office on Tuesday, February 20 at 8:30 AM.

LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM

February 21 & 28, March 6, 13, & 20 " I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine." (Jeremiah)



Are you longing for a deeper, more intimate relationship with the Divine? Would you like to enrich your prayer life and walk closer to Jesus in this Holy Season of Lent? Join us in Taize; music, scripture, contemplation, prayer, silence, and veneration of the cross. Open your heart to Grace!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession): Fr.



Romeo will be available for individual confessions from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM on the Fridays during Lent. Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM. You may also call the office and make an appointment.

CRS RICE BOWL- During this

holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting



and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit

https://crsricebowl.org to learn more. Rice Bowls will be collected during Holy Week.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED:

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & GREETERS Is God calling you to serve at mass in one of these minis-

tries? If you have questions, want to find out more about the ministry, or to volunteer please contact Deacon Patrick at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750.

CALLING ADULTS, YOUTH, & CHILDREN! NEW ACOLYTES NEEDED!

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 pfconway@sbcglobal.net.

SATURDAY MORNING MEDITATION GROUP

Anyone is welcome to attend the non-denominational mindfulness meditation group that meets each Saturday at 8:30 AM 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!

Mass Intentions for February 17–25

Saturday, 2	/17	
5:00 PM (R		The People of the Parish,
		+Gerry Morrissey, +Gerry Dibelka
Sunday, 2/1	8	
8:15 AM (F		+Renzo Marazzato,
		+Vincent & Sylvia Cordoni,
		Men & Women in the Armed Forces,
		those in harm's way and those
		wounded physically & spiritually
10:15 AM (F	RE)	+Orlanda Santos, +Ronald Fruge',
(,	+Patricia Rodman
Monday, 2/1	19	
On-demand		Morning Prayer (YouTube)
Tuesday, 2/	20	
8:30 AM (J		+Vince & Jean Rice
Wednesday		
8:30 AM (R		+Lori Matusich, +Sr. Rebeca Munoz
Thursday, 2		
8:30 AM (R		+Harry Reichstein
Friday, 2/23		
8:30 AM (R Saturday, 2		+Lori Matausich
5:00 PM (R	?E)	+Herb Silcox, +Skip Mor-
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Sunday, 2/2	25	
8:15 AM (F	RE)	The People of the Parish,
		+Jack Maxwell, +Lou Boczek
10.15 014 /5		+Orlanda Santas +Pay Potaz
10:15 AM (F	\L)	+Orlanda Santos, +Ray Retez, +Caylin Keebaugh
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Celebrants: RE=Fr. Romeo Evangelista. JP=Fr. Joseph Paradayil

THE MASS NEVER ENDS—IT MUST BE LIVED!

We are invited to continue to reflect upon the Gospel reading (Mark 1:12-15) 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.

- In what ways are you tempted? How do you fight temptation?
- Jesus says, "Repent!" How does this speak to your heart today?
- Jesus says, "Believe in the gospel!" What are some weaknesses in your believing? How might you strengthen your faith this Lent?

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.

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 Intentions check or pay with your credit card. Please

note we are booking up fast. We can only accept 3 names per mass. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

K-12 & SACRAMENTS: Please contact Deacon Patrick for more information at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net

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

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.

COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK & INFIRM: Our

ministries to those at home and in care residences have 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.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

We are working with other faith communities to see how we can work together to make better choices and to advocate for better policies and practices in our region to reduce our human impact on climate change. For more information contact Deacon Patrick at

pfconway@sbcglobal.net

Pope Francis recently published a follow-up to his ground -breaking 2015 encyclical Laudato Si, Laudato Deum "Praise God". (Read Laudato Deum HERE. 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? Come and join our discussion on the 28th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS: If 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 (April/May/June). For as little as \$43 per month your ad can reach as many as 1200 people every weekend. We

give a shout out in our weekly email, and in the bulletin each week for several of our advertisers. Our bulletin is emailed out to over 850 individuals and is posted on our website. 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 <u>https://resurrection-aptos.org/</u>. 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, <u>kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net</u> by **March 1.**

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

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

RESURRECTION WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Please join the Resurrection Women's Guild for our monthly meeting on Monday, February 26th at 1:00 PM in Markey Center. Our speaker this month will be Meghan French, Director of Development, Siena House. If you would like to bring a friend who might be interested in joining, all are welcome! For further information, you may call Annemarie Tomafsky at 215-264-7251. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIP - ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS: Resurrec-

tion Women's Guild is accepting applications for their An-



nual Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior girl, who is a member of Resurrection Catholic Community. Are you involved in your parish, school and/or community, have good

grades (honor roll not a requirement), and committed to entering college (including community college) in 2024? If you answered "Yes," you may be in line for this Resurrection Women's Guild Scholarship Award. Applications are

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please join members of Resurrection Women's Guild at Villa Maria del Mar on Monday, March 4, 2024 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM for



"HOLY LEISURE—A SABBATH TIME" a day of renewal facilitated by Rev. Suzanne Semmes, MA, MDiv (retired Dominican Hospital Chaplain).

Among topics for consideration during the day will be creative work, holy leisure, stewardship and community. Please join us and bring a friend! The cost for the day is \$90.00 which includes all activities, morning refreshments and a hot lunch. (Scholarships are available.) Make your reservation at the January or February Guild meeting or you may drop off your registration at the Parish Office. For more information you may call: Jeanne Beck (831-236-1798) Laurie Gagnon (831-685-8761) Pat O'Brien (831-566-8234)

Looking forward to sharing the joy of reflection with you.

due March 25, 2024 and may be acquired on our parish website: <u>https://resurrection-aptos.org</u> under "Resource Center -Events". For more information contact Resurrection Women's Guild Scholarship Coordinator, Kathi Melville at (831) 464-8316 or <u>mkathimelville@gmail.com</u>.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

We'd like to resume our Sunday morning Coffee & Donuts! We need someone to coordinate this ministry. This person would make sure we have volunteers scheduled to pick up donuts, prepare coffee/tea each week and if we need volunteers coordinate with the office to communicate this need. We have two families who have volunteered to pick up donuts and a couple who will sponsor. If you would like to volunteer to coordinate this ministry, sign up to assist with this ministry or would like to sponsor donuts, please contact Jolene McFeely in the parish office at jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net or 831-688-4300.

COVERED CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PE-RIOD (SEP) FOR PEOPLE WHO STILL NEED HEALTH INSURANCE BUT DON'T QUALIFY FOR MEDI-CAL OR HAVE SOME OTHER SEP AVAILABLE TO THEM:

Covered California has introduced a new Special Enrollment Period Qualifying Life Event (QLE) available through March 26, 2024 for consumers who missed the Open Enrollment Period deadline. Consumers will have until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2024 to enroll into coverage through Covered California using the Special Enrollment Period QLE "Need more time to sign up".

SEP coverage will be effective the first of the month following the application. This new Special Enrollment Period QLE is *not* available for consumers enrolling in Off Exchange plans.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: All registered parishioners were mailed a letter from Fr. Romeo regarding our annual 2nd collection schedule for national & universal collections. Please take a moment to read his letter and respond by returning the form which was enclosed with your donation. This is the only time you will be asked for funds for these collections. All forms and donations are due by February 29. You can choose to give via credit card, bank account, check or cash. We will still continue to have second collections for parish and diocesan needs, although you do have the option to pay them all at one time instead of waiting for the collection day. A form was enclosed on the reverse of Fr. Romeo's letter These will happen about once a month. Thank you for your continued generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Victorino in the parish office.

HEALING NIGHT: Fr. Matt Pennington will be speaking at San Agustin Catholic Community on the subject of healing on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM . At the end of the presentation there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome to an evening of stories, music and hope. "Your faith has saved you; go in peace and be cured of your disease." Mark 5:34

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION - JOIN US!

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) will have an infor-

mation table at the entrance of the church after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd and 3rd. The ICF encourages and promotes faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works, heritage, and social activities in the parish. It is a family organization open to membership



all Catholics from all cultures. In the beginning, the Federation provided a spiritual and cultural path for Italian Immigrants to the American way of life, and now, reaches out to all, to support parish programs and local charities.

Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) "Called to Bear Fruit with Jesus as the Cornerstone"

It is a pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2024 Annual Ministries Appeal. I encourage you to consider making a meaningful gift to this year's AMA, as we continue to lift up our Catholic community throughout our Diocese. Your support maintains the ministries and parish communities that contribute to our vibrant spiritual life.

If you have given to the appeal in the past you should have received a letter from Bishop Daniel Garcia. A follow up letter from Fr. Romeo will be sent to all registered parishioners in March.

Thank you for your prayerful response and generosity.

Our Diocesan goal is \$44,800 and our total goal is \$85,000. Anything received over the \$44,800 will

Please stop by and pick up information available. Members of the ICF will be there to answer your questions and discuss our goals of outreach. You can also visit our website: <u>http://www.icf.org.</u>

JESUS HEALS—Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus! Holy Mass, Preaching Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers for Healing. Fr. Roy Palatty CMI, Spiritual Director, Shalom Media

- February 26, 6:30 PM—8:30 PM, Cistercian Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, 1671 Pleasant Valley Rd, Aptos
- February 28, 6:30 PM—8:30 PM, Holy Cross Catholic Church, 210 High St., Santa Cruz
- February 29, 6:30 PM—8:30 PM, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 435 Monterey Ave, Capitola

Contact Julie Holser at 831-334-9778 or John Cutinha at 408-621-2387 or events@shalomworld.org



SERRA MINISTRY CONFERENCE DIOCESE OF MONTEREY:

Join hundreds of Catholic educators and ministers from throughout the Diocese of Monterey for fun, learning

and worshipping together at the 1st Annual Serra Ministry Conference.

Friday & Saturday, March 1-2, 2024 9:00 AM –3:30 PM both days Notre Dame High School in Salinas!

For more information and to register, go to https://www.tmconferenceservices.com/serra

Registration is now open. \$30.00 for one day, \$45.00 for both days. Registration includes lunch. See the website for more information about the schedule and for the list of presenters and topics. There is something for everyone. There are sessions in both English & Spanish.

be returned to our parish to paint the exterior of the rectory (where the pastor lives), replace the rectory flooring, to help support our parish & ministries & to help with ongoing maintenance costs.

You can return the envelope you received directly from the Diocese via mail to the Diocese, return it to Resurrection by placing it in the collection basket or dropping it off at the office.

You can also make an online give by going to: https://dioceseofmonterey.org/giving

Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal as of February 12, 2024		
# of households	Amount	% of total goal

# of households participating	Amount Pledged	% of total goal
2	\$150.00	<1%

\$5,416.73 <u>\$1,996.00</u> \$7,412.73
\$11,950.00
\$11,896.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT!



Your donation can be mailed to the parish office at P.O. Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001-0087 or securely via our website <u>https://resurrection-aptos.org</u>, click on "Donate Now or click on the QR Code to the left. Thank you!!!



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK: Sunday, 2/18



- 10:15 AM—12:00 PM RCIA (lounge)
- 10:15 AM—RCIA Rite of Sending (church) *Monday*, *2*/19
- Presidents Day—Parish Office Closed
- 5:00 PM—8:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal (CCR) *Tuesday, 2/20*
- 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Gardening (outside)

• 3:00 PM Shower the People! (main parking lot) *Wednesday, 2/21*

- 9:00 AM—12:30 PM Welcoming Network Food Distribution (hall)
- 7:00 PM—8:00 PM 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting (via zoom)
- 7:00 PM Taize (church)

Thursday, 2/22

• 3:45 PM—5:00 PM K-5 Faith Formation (MCC/youth center)

Friday, 2/23

 9:00 AM—10:00 AM Holy Hour (DMC) & Individual Confessions (cry room)

• 12:15 PM—12:45 PM Stations of the Cross (church) *Saturday, 2*/24

- 8:30 AM—9:00 AM Meditation Group (DMC)
- 11:00 AM—12:00 PM Pozos Baptism (church)
- 11:30 AM Shower the People! (main parking lot)
- 1:00 PM Norman Funeral (church/hall)



PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE in NEED OF HEALING

Marlene Avona Cross/Boettcher/ **Burghart families** Lorenzo Abeyta Gregory Ackerson Marc Adato Javier Anaya Baby Luke Debi B. Becki Bailey Emi Baldenegro Adeline Bautista Maria Bernstein-Brumbaugh Jeraldine Boger Vera Borroel Dita Bou-Sleiman Tracy Boyd Judy Boylan Rick Braun Joe Brechel **Michelle Brown Betsy Burrows** Wren Buse Carlos C. Mary Beth C.C. & Family Tony Cacache Vickie Cadiente Dante Calcagno D.B.K. Ardith Campbell Delores Carano Marion Cernac Lucv Chacon Chelsea & Family Mary Church John Conway Tom Conway Trish Cronin Ralph Cross Edith Cuevas Joe D'Angelo Frank Dallman Sharon Dallman Nancy Daves Larry Davis Chaz Decoteau Carrie deHart Tavish deHart Lynnette Delgadello Nicole Dennis Ralph Desmond Mary Donatoni Sharon Dougan Mark Duggan Robert Duggan Wyatt Duino Barbara-Jean Duncan-Noel Michael Duncan Dr. Bruce Dunn Pat Emard

Sophia Emmons Peter Empson Alicia Enriquez Irma Enriquez Terry Erwin Karen F. Dee Feci Trent Feliss Greg Finegan Mark Emmet Fisher Tony Fusini Grace Gallagher Andre Grier Lita Hebert Kelly Jo Hebert Robert Higgins Debra Hightower Rick Housouer **Barbara Howley** Patrick Howlev Linda Hreno Allan Hughes Jim Jackson Francisco Jimenez Johnathan Ariel Johnson John Jones Monika Jones Tracy Jones Margaret Kain Geri Karleen Kathy Klapheke Marv Klaus Joshua Kobinski Marion Kusanovich Michael Laflin Matt Lane Clara Lauck Sophia Lauwers Joan Lawlor Eric Lee Carrie Levin Franklyn Lopes, Sr. Donald Lowery Matthew Ludlow Danny Lucas Rob Mallard Ruthie Mallard Stacy Mariani Theresa Martin Jackie McDow Graham McFeely Connie McGill-Fergus John McLeod Mary McMenamy Elaine McMenamy Dianne Milburn Emilio Escoto Montagna George Mungai

Marie Mungai Joleen Munoz Judy Navarro Olivia Leo Olson Teresa Orosco Connor Paulbitski **Dave Peaslev** Anita Perry Pauline Persley Gabe Ponce Oliver Potts Heidi R. & Family Pablo R. Chris Randolph Dawn Renz Mary Repetti Josie Bua Rhea Margarita Rincon Sienna Rincon Suzette & Soraya Rios Joel Rivera Chellie Roberts Suzie Roberts Jose Rufino Valerie Ruschke John Sargetis Joseph Saucier Anna Seely Kim Sessa Kelly Scott Therese Skrenes Alisha Smith William Smith **Diane Spoto** Henry Sprenger Bob Stegner Greg Stewart **Donald Tavares** Sally-Ann Thomas Sharon Turner Amy V.F. Mark Vaught Vlad Lawrence W. Franco Walsh Megan Walsh Michael G. Walsh Stephanie Walsh Maureen Wright Patrick Wright Tannis Welch Thom Windsor Maggie Young Jianzhe Yu Rosemary Zamora Nathan Zamzow Lanxiang Zhen

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 <u>resurrection.aptos.prayerline@gmail.com</u>



The Italian Catholic Federation Branch 227, invites you to a Fish Dinner DINE IN OR TAKE-OUT

Friday, March 8th Markey Community Center Resurrection Church, Aptos

Take-out between 4:30 PM—5:00 PM Dine-In from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Grilled Red Snapper, Rice Pilaf, Salad Bread, and Dessert

> Adults \$20.00 Children under 13 \$10.00

Please R.S.V.P to Franklyn at <u>stewartsfloral@aol.com</u> by Monday, March 4, and let us know if you want to Dine-In or Take-Out. Dinners will not be sold at the door.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit ICF local charities and Resurrection Church Hall Remodel. RESURRECTION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF DINNER



Saturday, March 16 Markey Community Center Doors open at 6:00 pm Dinner served at 6:30 pm Take Out available with pick up as early as 6:00 pm

Adults \$30.00 Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes & Carrots, delicious Home Baked Soda Bread and Dessert.

> Children \$10.00 Hot Dog, Chips & Dessert.

Soda, Beer & Wine will be available for a donation along with coffee & tea.

Musical Entertainment will be provided by "Paddy & the Wild Irish Roses"

Tickets will be available after the weekend masses and up until March 14th. You can also contact Larry Young at 831-818-5083.

Tickets and meals will NOT be sold at door or the parish office.

The proceeds will benefit various Knights of Columbus Local Charities including the Tuition Assistance Program at our Catholic Schools & our Youth Scholarships.

Delicious Home Baked Soda Bread will be available after mass this weekend for a small suggested donation of \$4.00. Give it a try



and you'll get in the mood for the St. Patrick's Day dinner!

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

TAI CHI DAYS OFF-2024

February 22 & March 21 & 28

June 6 & June 13



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WELCOME RITA MARSEILLE SENIOR RESOURCE COORDINATOR

We welcome Rita Marseille as our Volunteer Senior Resource Coordinator.

Details are still be worked out about how she will help our seniors.

Questions? Please call the parish office at 831-688 -4300

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Link to Visual and Performing Arts events at Cabrillo College. Spring events not yet posted. https://www.cabrillo.edu/vapa/ticket-info/

The Santa Cruz Symphony events are posted. Remember to check the website or get on the email list to learn about free dress rehearsals that are offered. https://santacruzsymphony.org/concerts-events

Symphony Family Concert

Carnival Of The Animals Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM, Civic Auditorium Camille Saint-Saëns: Carnival of the Animals Carnegie Hall's LinkUp Program "The Orchestra Moves"

Soloists and Strings

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 501 El Dorado Street, Monterey Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM, Peace United Church of Christ, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz

Cabrillo Faculty Concert—Sampler Recital Hall Suor Angelica by Puccini

February 23 & 24 at 7:00 pm

General admission \$20/Senior & Student \$10

Cabrillovapa.universitytickets.com

Elyse Coty (one of our Resurrection cantors) will be performing in the opera

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



In His Mercy

Loving Father, you sent a rainbow as a sign of your mercy and of our relationship with you. Soften our hardened hearts. May the mercy that we show others be a sign that through the waters of baptism you live in us and that we are your adopted children.May our Lenten prayer and sacrifice fortify us to continue your mission on earth.Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, February 18, 2024 Abundant Mercy

Today's readings: Genesis 9:8–15; Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:12–15. "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every little creature." With these words, God shows his love as he promises anew to be in relationship with creation. In the reading from the First Letter of Peter, we hear that God saved the eight who were aboard the ark through the waters of the flood and now saves us through the waters of baptism. God, whose love brought us into being, seeks relationship and communion with us. To reconcile us with him, he sent his Son, who prepared for his mission by fasting for forty days in the desert.

During the forty days of Lent, many of us give in to temptation and find ourselves repenting time and again. Knowing that God is merciful and understands our shortcomings, we can always resolve to begin anew. God yearns for relationship with us and does not give up on us.

As one of your Lenten practices, you may have chosen to read the day's Scriptures attentively. Try to approach the readings with fresh eyes willing to allow the text to relate to your life today. Familiar texts can speak to us in the new circumstances, challenges, joys, and sorrows of our lives. All we need is an openness to the Word. God's Word is always relevant.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, February 19 The Neighbor

In Matthew 22:36–39, Jesus tells the scholar about the two greatest commandments: loving God and loving neighbor. Today's passage from Matthew depicts how our actions show love for both God and neighbor. Inviting the sheep on his right to the kingdom, the Son of Man recounts that their feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and welcoming the stranger also fed, clothed, and welcomed Christ. When a reminder is needed on how God expects us to treat our neighbor, return to this passage. *Today's readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8–10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.*

Tuesday, February 20 Patiently Waiting

Both the psalm and Gospel show us how to pray. Portraying the need for trust, the psalmist sings, "I sought the LORD and he answered me, / delivered me from all my fears." In the Gospel, Jesus tells his followers that they need to come to God with humility as they pray that his will be done. Instead of expecting instant gratification from prayer requests, keep in mind that God acts in his time, not ours. Be patient and trust; God will not leave you alone. *Today's readings: Isaiah* 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–7, 16–19; Matthew 6:7–15.

Wednesday, February 21 Grateful Hearts

Jesus comments in today's Gospel on the generation's desire for a sign. How many times have you prayed and asked for a sign? Many of us want proof that God will come through for us. Remember that God knows what is best for each of us. During this Lent, seek to discern and appreciate what you have been given and thank God for what he has provided. *Today's readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19; Luke 11:29–32.*

Thursday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Upon Peter's assertion that Jesus is the Messiah, we hear Jesus tell Peter that he is the rock upon which the Church shall be built. As Christ's followers, we too must voice that Jesus is our Savior. Our faith can be the foundation upon which others' faith can grow. Pope Francis implores us to go out in mission so that through encounters with others, the Church will grow. Our faith is not a secret but a wonderful gift. This Lent, how will you contribute to strengthening the foundation of the Church? *Today's readings: 1 Peter 5:1–4; Psalm 23:1–3a, 4–6; Matthew 16:13–19.*

Friday, February 23 Continuing the Mission

On the optional Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, the Church recalls a second-generation Christian who was a disciple of the apostle John. Before St. Polycarp was burned at the stake, he put his trust in God. He was unafraid of what would happen to him. Pray to be able to trust that God is with you, no matter the trial you face. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–7a, 7bc–8; Matthew 5:20–26.*

Saturday, February 24 Learning to Love

"If you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?" we hear in today's Gospel. To love without conditions can be difficult. Yet this is what Jesus asks from us. When we have been wronged, it is tempting to seek revenge. Yet, Jesus shows us a higher path. Instead of revenge, Jesus loves every-one and instructs us to forgive. What would it mean for you to love your enemy and to forgive someone who has hurt you? *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 7–8; Matthew 5:43–48.*



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Fact of Faith WHY IS LENT FORTY DAYS?

The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

<i>Mark 1:12-15</i>	and the angels ministered to him.
The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,	After John had been arrested,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,	Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
tempted by Satan.	"This is the time of fulfillment.
He was among wild beasts,	The kingdom of God is at hand.

The forty-day period of Jesus' trial in the desert echoes a number of events in the Old Testament:

• The face of the earth was cleansed and purified during the promised period of days and nights that rain poured down during the great flood—"I will bring rain down on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and so I will wipe out from the surface of the earth every moving creature that I have made" (Gen 7:4).

• The face of the earth was renewed during a fortyday period after the mountain tops appeared and the waters of the great flood receded—"The tops of the mountains appeared. At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch of the ark that he had made" (Gen 8:5-6).

• Moses spent forty years as a shepherd in the desert before God called him to lead the Israelites out of slavery—"Moses fled when he heard this and settled as an alien in the land of Midian . . . Forty years later, an angel appeared to him in the desert near Mount Sinai in the flame of a burning bush" (Acts 7: 29-30).

• Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai before receiving the tablets of the covenant — "So Moses stayed there with the LORD for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments" (Ex 34:28).

• The Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert, as a time of testing, trial and purification of the people, before reaching the Promised Land— "Now the Israelites had wandered forty years in the desert, until all the warriors among the people that came forth from Egypt died off because they had not obeyed the command of the LORD" (Jos 5:6; see Num 32:13).

• The prophet Elijah spent forty days in the desert before encountering God on Mount Horeb—"[Elijah] got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" (1 Kgs 19:8).

• The Ninevites were given forty days before God was going to destroy the city, allowing time for repentance and conversion—"Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,' when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth" (Jon 3:4-5).



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