

# 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

### RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE

prayerline@resaptos.org

### OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CEMETERY

Located next to the church  
Contact Holy Cross Cemetery • 831-475-3222

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**W**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.

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# Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community

## Third Sunday of Advent

### December 15, 2024



*"..Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." - Luke 3:11*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**ANGEL TREE UPDATE:** Thank you for your generous support of our Angel Tree project—our 29th year! We were able to provide gifts for 340 people. Thank you for your compassionate outreach to our sisters and brothers in need!



### LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

**ADVENT TAIZE: WEDNESDAY EVENING at 7:00 PM**  
December 18th

**"Be still, and know that I am God."**

Give yourself a gift during this busy holiday season! Take a "time-out" to simply be still and to prepare your heart for the coming of our Lord. Please join us as we gather to pray, chant, and listen to scripture in silence and contemplation. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Mary Lynn at (831) 706-5961



**CALLING ALL ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, INNKEEPERS!**



Come and help us bring the Christmas story to life at our 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Liturgy. We'll have a rehearsal at 9:30 AM on Saturday, December 21 in the church. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick at (831) 840-3750 or

[dcnpatrick@resaptos.org](mailto:dcnpatrick@resaptos.org)

### 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](#)

**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 [dcnpatrick@resaptos.org](mailto:dcnpatrick@resaptos.org)

### RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Fridays during Holy Hour**  
9:00 AM—10:00 AM

**Thursday, December 19—7:00 PM**  
**Advent Reconciliation Service**  
and by Appointment

### CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve**

3:30 PM Christmas Carols  
4:00 PM Family Christmas Mass  
9:00 PM Christmas Carols  
9:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass

**Wednesday, December 25**  
**Christmas Day**  
10:00 AM Mass

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**  
10:00 am Mass  
8:15 AM & 10:15 AM Masses

**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. 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.



## Mass Intentions for December 14—22

### Saturday, 12/14

5:00 PM (RE) +Fred Frevert, +Jean & Vince Rice,  
+Victor & Virginia Ardizzone

### Sunday, 12/15

8:15 AM (RE) The People of the Parish,  
+Marie Howard, +Daniel Wehner,  
+Frank & Dora Ybarra

10:15 AM (RE)

+Todd Schouten, +Carol Musich,  
+Kate Brogan Dibos

### Monday, 12/16

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (YouTube)

On-demand

### Tuesday, 12/17

8:30 AM (JP) +Alex Caballero, +Sherry Grassadonia,  
JoAnn & Levon Billups

### Wednesday, 12/18

8:30 AM (RE) +Lori Matusich, +Fr. Mike Marini,  
+Jim I. Smith

### Thursday, 12/19

8:30 AM (RE) +Elaine McMenamy, +Jim I. Smith,  
+Sherry Grassadonia

### Friday, 12/20

8:30 AM (RE) + Betty Clanton, +Bill Warmerdam,  
+Deceased Warmerdam children

### Saturday, 12/21

5:00 PM (RE) +Mary Boyce Anderson,  
+Vince & Jean Rice,  
+Elaine McMenamy

### Sunday, 12/22

8:15 AM (RE) +Manuelita de la Torre, +Inez Lintz,  
+Hubert Kollmann

10:15 AM (RE)

The People of the Parish,  
+John Feci, +Gary Cesari,  
+Jeff Rogers



Celebrants:

RE=Fr. Romeo Evangelista, JP=Fr. Joseph Paradayil

## Mass Intentions Policy



*"One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord." (Saint Monica to her son Saint Augustine)*

It is the ancient and longstanding practice of the Church to offer masses for special intentions of its members, especially for those who have died.

While all masses are offered for all members of the Church, both living and deceased, our special intentions for the deceased bring special graces to them and comfort to those who love them.

Here at Resurrection Parish we are allowed to accept up to three special intentions for each mass. This limitation sometimes presents challenges in scheduling the many requests that we receive each week, especially requests for several masses for one individual.

In order to fairly accommodate the many mass intention requests, we will implement a new policy beginning in January of 2025. Multiple mass intention requests for one individual will be limited to 1 weekend mass and 1 weekday mass per month per requestor. In other words, you can request up to 1 weekend and 1 weekday mass intention per month for a specific person, for a total of up to 24 mass intentions each year for that person.

This adjustment will allow, with greater fairness, more people to request mass intentions for their loved ones. It will also leave room for mass intentions for those who pass away throughout the calendar year.

Another way to remember your loved ones who have died at mass is during the Prayer of the Faithful, when we ask people to call out the names of those who have died.

Thank you for your understanding as we open up the mass intention requests to more members of the community.

## MARKEY COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT UPDATE 11-01-24

After 4 1/2 years, the permit for our insurance claim for the February 2020 tree damage to Markey Community Center repairs has been granted! We are currently just waiting for the green light from insurance to begin. Please pray that this happens soon!

In addition to repairing the actual damage to the hall, the county is also requiring that our building be brought up to current codes, including fire sprinklers, kitchen upgrades, ADA bathrooms, and ADA path-of-travel for the entire property.

The work will accomplish some of our original remodel project, which will be completed at a future date. (For insurance purposes, we had to separate the two projects so that

all the work required to repair the damage and meet current building codes would be paid for with the insurance settlement.)

We are hoping that the work will begin soon. Once construction begins it will take at least a year. (If possible, we'd like to start the rest of our remodel project near the end of the repair project, so this may extend the overall work time.)

This, of course, will impact most of our ministries and activities, and we will gracefully adapt! Our Tuesday homeless shelter is being hosted by other churches in the AFC network and with meals are still provided by our parishioners. Our friends at St. John's Episcopal Church in Seacliff are hosting the shower ministry, still staffed by our volunteers.

Let us patiently endure this time of change with generosity, hope, and gratitude for a better, safer, and more accessible community center!

## 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.



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

We are invited to continue to reflect upon the Gospel reading (Luke 3:10-18) 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.

- Has anyone ever confronted you about something you were doing wrong or not doing right? How did you react? Did you listen and change your ways?
- Are there things in your life that you want to change? What do you need to do to make the changes? What help do you need from others or from God?
- What gets in the way of your living in joy and gratitude each day? How can you remove or overcome these obstacles?

## 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 [dcnpatrick@resaptos.org](mailto:dcnpatrick@resaptos.org) or 831-840-3750.

## SATURDAY MORNING MEDITATION GROUP

Everyone 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 enjoy other weekend activities. For more information, contact Pat O'Brien (831) 566-8234.

## FAITH FORMATION

**REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-12) (including First Eucharist & Confirmation) CONTINUES:** Registration forms and information are on our website, in the parish office and in the church entrance.



### K-5 FAITH FORMATION

In-person classes for K-5 continue. Next class is on Thursday, January 16 from 3:45—5:00 PM. We meet in the church and then the children are dismissed to their classes. There is also a homeschool option. For more information please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or [dcnpatrick@resaptos.org](mailto:dcnpatrick@resaptos.org)

## FIRST EUCHARIST

First Eucharist is open to children in Second Grade or older who have had a previous year of religious education. For more information please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or [dcnpatrick@resaptos.org](mailto:dcnpatrick@resaptos.org)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8):** Next session will be Sunday, December 15 from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM.



## 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 [dcnpatrick@resaptos.org](mailto:dcnpatrick@resaptos.org)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION (YEAR 1 & 2)

- Registration forms are available on our website, in the parish office & in the church entrance.
- **Confirmation Year 1:** Next meeting, Sunday, January 26 begins with the 10:15 AM mass and concludes at 1:00 PM in the youth center.
- **Confirmation Year 2:** Next meeting, Sunday, December 15 begins with the 10:15 AM Mass and concludes at 1:30 PM in the youth center.
- Contact Mrs. Gabe Summers at [gabrielle@resaptos.org](mailto:gabrielle@resaptos.org) or 831-688-4300 x22

## OUTREACH

**MEN'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** If you have lost a loved one and need support, you are welcome to attend a men's discussion and grief support group. The group meets every other week at the home of Mike Moriarty here in Aptos, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Those interested please contact Mike at 831-713-7636 for directions.

**CARD CRAFTERS:** The card crafting group will be selling hand-made **Christmas cards after the 5:00 PM mass on Saturday, December 14 and 10:15 AM mass on Sunday, December 15. There will also be a variety of assorted cards for sale.** 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 more information: [pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com](mailto:pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com) or (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.



**THE ASSOCIATION OF FAITH COMMUNITIES** (Santa Cruz) has been operating overnight shelter and shelter dinner programs at Resurrection since early 2016 to help people in need within our community. The ministry consists of 8 rotating food teams who prep & serve dinner for about 16-18 people. We are currently looking for additional volunteers to support this ministry. We encourage all volunteers to stay and share the meal with our shelter guests. The shelter will be located at various churches within the area due to construction at Resurrection. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the program coordinator, Pat Lorenzo, [pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com](mailto:pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com) or 831-708-2068.

## CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

We are working with other faith communities to learn 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. 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?

**Pope Francis** published a follow-up to his groundbreaking 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si, Laudato Deum* "Praise God". (Read *Laudato Deum* 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 choices** about what we drive, what we eat, what we wear, what goods we buy that lessen the effects of climate change, for the sake of the vulnerable now, and for the sake of generations to come.

Here are 3 easy ways you can make a difference:

- **Prioritize Climate: Write to your Representative and Senators** to remind them that climate is a priority issue for people who voted in the election and to urge them to work together to prioritize climate legislation in the final weeks of this Congress.
- **Urge Congress: Pass the U.S. Foundation for International Conservation Act**. Scientists now estimate more than 1 million species are at risk of extinction, many within decades. Current funding levels fall drastically short for the urgent conservation work needed in essential habitats around the world. The International Conservation Act would provide significant funding to help local communities and Indigenous Peoples effectively manage conserved areas that vulnerable species call home.
- **Positive News: Biden Pledges Amazon Aid in First-Ever Visit by a U.S. President to the Rainforest**. Biden promised funding to protect Earth's largest tropical rainforest, and signed a proclamation making November 17 International Conservation Day. Biden announced a \$50 million contribution from the U.S. to the Amazon Fund to support biodiversity in the rainforest, plant native trees and restore lands. "The world's forest trees breathe carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, and yet each minute, the world is chopping down the equivalent of 10 soccer fields worth of forest," Biden told reporters. "

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!



This week we are giving a shout out to: Salesian Elementary & Junior High, St. Francis High School, St. Francis High Bingo Nights. See the attached advertising page for all our advertisers. We are grateful for our advertisers continued support of the parish.

## RESURRECTION ANNUAL RAFFLE THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual \$10,000 raffle. We are grateful for everyone who purchased tickets, sold tickets, donated raffle prizes, purchased tickets in Resurrection's name and supported the parish in prayer. We exceeded our goal and sold 428 tickets! Please see the flyer in today's bulletin. Congratulations to all our winners!



## RESPECT LIFE MASS 2025



The annual Respect Life Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Daniel E. Garcia will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Madonna del Sasso Pro-Cathedral, 320 E. Laurel

Drive, Salinas, Bishop Garcia invites all parishioners in the Monterey Diocese to attend this annual mass.

**BOOK CLUB:** All are welcome to join us at the Resurrection book club on January 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM. We meet



at the Pacific Roasting Company in Aptos. Next month we will be discussing *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. According to the author, "In the Bible, Dinah's life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that tell of her father, Jacob, and his twelve sons.

*The Red Tent* begins with the story of the mothers--Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah--the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through childhood, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past." Questions? Call Maria at 831-588-7934 .

## **Ornament for Resurrection's Family Christmas Tree**

You are invited to donate an ornament for our Family Christmas Tree which will be in the church entrance for the entire Christmas season. The ornament will be used year after year to represent your family/household. The ornament can be handmade, store-bought, or one you've hung on your own tree. Consider putting your family name on the ornament and/or the year.



A basket will be in the church entrance beginning **December 7th** or you may bring your ornament to the parish office. Please drop off your ornament by **Wednesday, December 18th**.

(We started this tradition in 2019 and many of you contributed ornaments at that time—if you didn't have the chance to do so we want to make sure to represent your family this year and into the future).

<b>Stewardship of Treasure PLATE COLLECTION December 7 &amp; 8, 2024</b>	
<b>Weekly Plate Collection:</b>	
• All Masses/Mailed In	<b>\$7,63400</b>
• Electronic	<b>\$3,229.00</b>
• Total	<b>\$10,863.00</b>
<b>Weekly Plate Collection Need (Budget)</b>	<b>\$12,140.00</b>
<b>Plate Collection Average Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>\$11,570.00</b>


**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 <https://resurrection-aptos.org>, click on "Donate Now" or click on the QR Code to the left. Thank you!!!



**TAI CHI CLASSES—SEATED & STANDING**

**New Location: Church Entrance** 

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

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

Tai Chi Participants: Please bring a water bottle to stay hydrated during and after the class. We will provide a pitcher of water/cups and a light snack after classes.

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 optional.**
- 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](mailto:pamluvschi@gmail.com) or for more information about Tai Chi for Arthritis Program: <https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/>

**TAI CHI DAYS OFF—2024**  
**12/26, 1/2, 1/16**

**PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE in NEED OF HEALING**


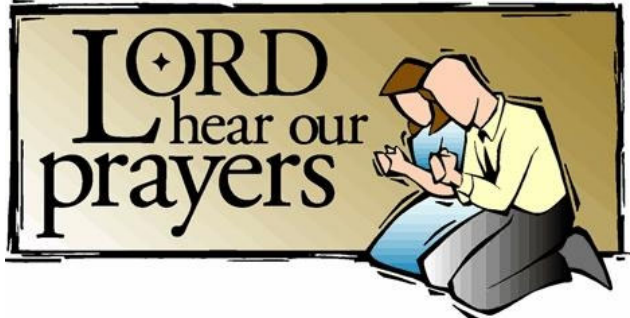
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If you'd like to add a name to this prayer list or need to remove a name please contact the office at [resurrection@resaptos.org](mailto:resurrection@resaptos.org) or call 831-688-4300. Thank you.

**PRAYER LINE:** If someone you know is in need of prayer, please email [prayerline@resaptos.org](mailto:prayerline@resaptos.org)

**What is the Prayer Line?**  
It is a place for you to let us know your prayer requests and provide more details (if you like) rather than just a name in the bulletin. The list of names in the bulletin is separate from the prayer line.

We have a group of pray-ers who receive the requests and pray. If you'd like to be one of the pray-ers please contact the office at [prayerline@resaptos.org](mailto:prayerline@resaptos.org) or call 831-688-4300 and provide us with your email address and we'll add you to the list.

**REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE** – Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery' in French. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 17-19 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)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE UPDATE:** The Knights of Columbus Council 9580 wishes to THANK the community for helping with our drive again this year. Through generous donations and several anonymous donors, we matched the pledged amounts and were able to order many winter coats. We ordered 576 winter coats for Sister Rosa's Casa de la Cultura Christmas event. We ordered and have confirmed they were delivered 192 winter coats to the children in Oroville. We also ordered and are expected to have delivered 192 winter coats for Jacob's Heart facility in Watsonville by December 10<sup>th</sup>.



**21st ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVEN INTERFAITH VIGIL FOR PEACE**—"Return to the Mother": Please join us for songs, prayers, chants, labyrinth walk, meditation and speakers from local faith communities, Tuesday, December 31 from 7:30 PM—9:30 PM, Holy Cross Parish Hall, 170 High Street, Santa Cruz (across from Mission Plaza Park). Free-will donations support Siena House and Birth Network of Santa Cruz County. For program and list of presenters, [www.sanghashanti.org](http://www.sanghashanti.org)



The parish office will be closed for the Christmas holidays beginning Monday, December 23—Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

*Sunday, 12/15*

- 10:15 AM OCIA (OCR)
- 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CCR)
- 11:15 AM Card Sales after mass (church entrance)
- 11:30 AM—1:30 PM Confirmation Year 2 (YC)
- 11:30 AM—1:00 PM Middle School (OCR)
- 11:30 AM—12:30 PM Music Rehearsal (church)

*Tuesday, 12/17*

- 1:00 PM—3:00 PM Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon (Aptos Library)

*Wednesday, 12/18*

- 9:15 AM—12:30 PM Welcoming Network Food Distribution (church entrance)
- 7:00 PM—8:30 PM Taize (church)

*Thursday, 12/19*

- 9:30 AM—10:30 AM Staff Meeting (OCR)
- 11:30 AM—12:15 PM Seated Tai Chi (church entrance)
- 1:00 PM—1:45 PM Standing Tai Chi (church entrance)
- 7:00 PM—8:30 PM Advent Reconciliation Service (church)

*Friday, 12/20*

- 9:00 AM—10:00 AM Holy Hour (DMC) & Individual Confessions (Cry Room)
- 10:30 AM—12:00 PM Decorate Church for Christmas

*Saturday, 12/21*

- 8:30 AM—9:00 AM Meditation Group (DMC)
- 9:30 AM—10:30 AM Christmas Eve Rehearsal (church)

CCR=Church Conference Room  
DMC=Daily Mass Chapel  
OCR=Office Conference Room



**OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE CHANGING**  
Please make the changes in your contact lists!

- Fr. Romeo Evangelista: [frromeo@resaptos.org](mailto:frromeo@resaptos.org)
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- Prayer Line: [prayerline@resaptos.org](mailto:prayerline@resaptos.org)

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# Resurrection Church's \$10,000 Raffle THANK YOU

The drawing was held on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Thank you to **everyone** who purchased raffle tickets, sold raffle tickets,  
& donated prizes



The \$10,000 Raffle raised **\$32,320.00** for the parish!

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- Rafael Siqueros —Ticket #3510—Offwhite Handmade Afghan by Abigail Dioszegi
- Katie Metzger—Ticket #2261—\$100 Lillian’s Italian Kitchen Gift Card & Bargetto Reserve Merlot
- Paul Isaacson—Ticket #2349—Handblown glass pumpkin by Chris Johnson
- Barbara Avona—Ticket #2249—\$100 Pacific Coffee Roasting Gift Card & \$50 Book Shop Santa Cruz Gift Card
- Catherine Patton—Ticket #2210—Pizza & Movies! (Woodstock Pizza, Regal & Cinelux Movie Theatre Gift Cards)
- Jim & Laurie Gagnon—Ticket #3561—DKNY Blue & White Afghan & “It’s a Cozy Time of the Year Gift Basket”
- Diane Brundage—Ticket #3283—Five Bottles of Pelican Ranch Pinot & Soquel Vineyards Reserve Wine Tastings
- Michelle Chapa—Ticket #3518—\$100 Cash Prize & 5x7 Framed Beatitudes
- June Hoover—Ticket #3301—Handcrafted wire sculpture of a whale by Lou Licon & Four \$25 VISA gift cards
- Ria Byrne—Ticket #3440—\$100 Lillian’s Kitchen Gift Card & Bargetto Reserve Pinot
- John Alburger—Ticket #2957—Wine Basket with Nicholson Wine
- Eric Lietz—Ticket #2300—\$100 Paradise Grille Gift Card & bottle of Chardonnay
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- Bob Freitas—Ticket #2596—”It’s Time for Tea”: Basket of homemade jams & ceramic teapot



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## **“Am I not here, I who am your mother?”**

December 12, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“The Lord hears the cry of the poor” (Psalm 34:7), and we, the Catholic bishops of California, as shepherds of the flock of Christ, have seen and heard the growing distress among you, our migrant brothers and sisters. We want to assure you that we, and our mother, the Church, stand with you in these days of anxiety. You are not alone.

We realize that the calls for mass deportations and raids on undocumented individuals and migrant families have created genuine fear for so many we shepherd in our dioceses.

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the sacred dignity of every person, we commit to accompanying and walking in solidarity with you, our migrant brothers, sisters, and families through this uncertain time. We will shepherd you spiritually, gather information and resources, and continue to advocate for your dignity and family unity.

Our nation’s immigration system is broken. The disarray at our southern border cannot be allowed to continue. We pray with you that any enacted policies restore a sense of security and peace for citizens as well as those seeking to find a home in this blessed land. To achieve that end, policies must reflect empathy and solicitude, with due regard for the rights of children and those fleeing violent and impoverished countries, while ceasing to provide respite for serious offenders.

Although the exact challenges that may arise are not yet clear, Catholic Charities throughout California will continue to serve as a trusted resource for those with questions or who need assistance. Our [website](#), which will continue to be developed as more information becomes available, includes a list of resources.

[www.cacatholic.org/immigration](http://www.cacatholic.org/immigration)

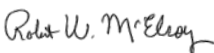
We invite our Catholic communities to follow the example of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk. 10:34) and show compassion for our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us. Our parishes have the tradition of being havens of hope and solace for the lonely and the lost, embodying the peace that Christ gives. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, who reminded Juan Diego that he bore the image and likeness of God, remind all of us today and in the coming days that we are all beloved children of God, bearing his likeness, no matter our ethnicity or country of origin. May our care for each other speak to the dignity of every human being.

On this day, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are assured that we are never alone. In Our Lady's words to Saint Juan Diego on the hilltop of Tepeyac, we find the ultimate maternal example of compassion, protection, and love, with a promise that she is always with us:

*"¿No estoy yo aquí, que soy tu madre?" "Am I not here, I who am your mother?"  
 Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy?  
 Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?  
 Do you need something more? Let nothing else worry you or disturb you"* (Nican Mopohua).

We entrust you to the heart of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. May you find comfort in her maternal mantle, and may her presence and intercession guide us toward compassionate humility toward one another.



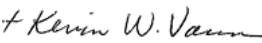
  
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