

# 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### April 5, 2026

*“He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” — Matthew 28:6*



#### A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Whether this is your first visit or you are a frequent visitor we welcome you and are happy that you are celebrating Easter with us! We hope you feel at home and come back again!

### 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 YouTube Channel.
- **SUNDAY MASS, 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](#)

**EASTER FLOWERS:** An Easter flower is a nice way to honor or remember a loved one this Easter season. We invite you to make a contribution to our Easter flower fund in memory or honor of a loved one. Honors/Memorials will be listed in an Easter Season bulletin. Donation envelopes are available on the donor book counter in the church entrance. Your envelopes can be brought to the parish office, mailed, or placed in the collection. You may also make a donation online via our website.



#### DAILY READINGS:

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

You can listen to or read the readings, and watch a reflection video. You can also sign up to get the readings emailed to you every morning.

**OFFICE**  
*Closed*

**EASTER BREAK:** In observance of Easter the parish office will be closed from 12 noon on Good Friday, April 3 through Tuesday, April 7. The parish office will reopen on Wednesday, April 8 and we'll return phone messages & emails at that time as well.

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

This week we will hear the gospels of Holy Thursday (John 13:1-15), Good Friday (John 18:1-19,42), and Easter Vigil (Matthew 28:1-10). You may wish to reflect prayerfully on these readings before coming to celebrate these liturgies with the community.

How can you “wash another’s feet” in your life right now?

- What about the passion and death of Jesus speaks to you the most this year?
- Both the angel and Jesus tell the disciples, “Do not be afraid.” How is the resurrection of Jesus help you to overcome fear in your life?

#### Mass Intentions for April 4—12

##### **Saturday, 4/4**

5:00 PM (RE) +Josephine Tanner,  
 +Carol Bonanno, +Carmella Dautoff

##### **Sunday, 4/5**

8:15 AM (RE) +John & Loretta Kollmann  
 10:15 AM (RE) The People of the Parish,  
 +Marie & Lou Lechich, +Joan Lukan,  
 +Francisco Jimenez

##### **Monday, 4/6**

On Demand Morning Prayer (YouTube)

##### **Tuesday, 4/7**

8:30 AM (JP) +Ken Pickle, +Jeff Schlager,  
 +Terry Fohs

##### **Wednesday, 4/8**

8:30 AM (RE) +Grace Evangelista Englis

##### **Thursday, 4/9**

8:30 AM (RE) +Jake Bregante

##### **Friday, 4/10**

8:30 AM (RE) +Harry Reichstein,  
 Blanca Compoginis (blessing)

##### **Saturday, 4/11**

5:00 PM (RE) The People of the Parish,  
 +Vince & Jean Rice,  
 +Michael Lorenzo, Timothy F. Preece

##### **Sunday, 4/12**

8:15 AM (RS) +Janel Olguin

10:15 AM (RE)

+Jake Bregante, +Kathy Manus,  
 +Angelo Ross, Jr.



Celebrants: RE=Fr. Romeo Evangelista, RS=Fr. Ron Shirley,  
 JP=Fr. Joseph Paradayil, SDB

**SATURDAY MORNING MEDITATION:** If you are looking for the opportunity to meditate with an interdenominational group, please join us in the Daily Mass Chapel at 8:30 AM each Saturday morning. We meditate for 25 minutes and end with a brief talk to carry us through the week. For more information call Pat O'Brien 831-566-8234. We will not meet on April 4.



## FAITH FORMATION

**FAITH FORMATION** (Grades 1-12, including First Eucharist & Confirmation) For information please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or [dcnpatrick@resaptos.org](mailto:dcnpatrick@resaptos.org)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8):** Our last meeting will be on **Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 11:30 AM.**

**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)

### **FAMILY FUN FOR EASTER (and all year!)**

Catholic Icing is a website that has many fun ideas for celebrating Easter and other times of the year.

Visit [www.catholicicing.com](http://www.catholicicing.com)

Christine in Action is a wonderful tool helping children learn about our Catholic faith:

<https://youtube.com/@christineinaction>

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION (YEARS 1 & 2)**

- **Confirmation Year 1— next meeting is Sunday, April 19, 2026** beginning with the 10:15 AM mass continuing in the Youth Center from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM.
- **Confirmation Year 2—Congratulations to all 21 of our youth who were Confirmed on Sunday, March 22.**
- Contact Mrs. Gabe Summers at [gabrielle@resaptos.org](mailto:gabrielle@resaptos.org) or 831-345-1545

## OUTREACH

**CRS RICE BOWL:** Happy Easter! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with



people in our local community and around the world. If you'd like to make a donation directly to Catholic Relief Services for CRS Rice Bowl you can do so by going to <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

**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.



## PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE in NEED OF HEALING



Carlos Emily	Josue Garcia	Connor Paulbitski
Raheem	Jackie Gehring	Israel Plascencia
Marlene Avona	Dan Gibbs	Debi Preece
Lauren B.	Kelly Jo Hebert	Heidi R. & Family
Cross/Boettcher/	Stephen Hedges	Pablo R.
Burghart families	Juliet Hoskins	Chris, Kayla &
Carlie Birch	Robert Higgins	James Randolph
Rick Braun	Allan Hughes	Mary Repetti
Donna & Stephen	Jeremy	Chellie Roberts
Brechfeldt	Margaret Kain	Jose Rufino
Wren Buse	Geri Karleen	Scotland Settle
Mary Beth C.C. &	Marion Kusanovich	Dita Bou Sleiman
Family	Clara Lauck	Diane Spoto
Tony Cadiente	Joan Lawlor	Henry Sprenger
Marion Cernac	Connie Lindberg	Greg Stewart
John Conway	Carol Lopes	Jim Van Lanen
Tom Conway	Franklyn Lopes, Sr.	Ron Victorino
Monica Crowley	Donald Lowery	Beverly Vigliecca
Nancy Daves	Stacy Mariani	Gina & Rita W. &
Daniel DeMonner	Dan Marcus	Family
Krystyna Derecki	Theresa Martin	Megan Walsh
Mary Donatoni	John McLeod	Michael G. Walsh
Alicia Enriquez	Mary McMenamy	Stephanie Walsh
Lety Enriquez	Oliver Mendoza	Margaret Woolever
Karen F.	Dianne Milburn	Maggie Young
Trent Feliss	Emilio Escoto	
Greg Finegan	Montagna	
Jennifer Fries	George Mungai	
	Carol Oberle	

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.



**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.

### **IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND:**

If you or a member of your family are hospitalized or homebound, please call to let us know. We want to visit you in the hospital or home, but are often unaware of your situation. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals will not contact us unless you specifically request it. In addition, if you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please contact our office.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**BOOK CLUB:** Please join us at our next book club meeting on April 23 at 2:00 PM at the Pacific Roasting Company in Aptos where we will be discussing *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. This is a long book so we are skipping March so that there is enough time to finish it. According to Wikipedia, "Set in 19th-century Russia, *The Brothers Karamazov* is a passionate philosophical novel that discusses questions of God, free will, and morality. It has also been described as a theological drama." Questions? Feel free to contact Maria at 831-588-7934.

### FERTILITY CARE SERVICES OF THE CENTRAL COAST

—Why didn't anyone tell me this sooner? Contraception, sterilization, and IVF are usually the ONLY options couples are offered. Women---and couples---deserve better! FREE Intro Session to the Creighton Model of NFP! This free two hour Intro Session will explain the use of the FertilityCare System of Natural Family Planning to avoid or achieve pregnancy, overcome infertility, and address health issues such as PCOS, PMS, miscarriage, etc. All are welcome to learn to chart their cycles! Young and single women for health awareness; Engaged couples preparing for marriage; Married couples to plan their families. Women AND men invited! Monday April 13, 2026, from 7:00 PM—9:00 PM, Sacred Heart Pastoral Center, 680 College Drive, Hollister. For more information contact Sheila St. John, CFCP at [sheila@canfp.org](mailto:sheila@canfp.org) or call 831-443-3743. Want to know more about NFP? <https://canfp.org>

### CAMP AUXILIUM: SUMMER ADVENTURE FOR GIRLS AGES 6-14: June 21—July 18, 2026

Camp Auxilium in Corralitos, CA offers the perfect setting for a summer of faith, friendship, and fun! Camp Auxilium is run by the Salesian Sisters with the support of camp counselors who are in high school and college. We offer all of the much desired camp activities such as arts and crafts, archery, swimming, sports, dancing and campfires! We do this in a uniquely Catholic setting which includes daily Mass, the rosary, and a Good News message each day. Girls ages 6-14 are invited to join us for day camp or residential camp. Email [campauxiliumcalifornia@gmail.com](mailto:campauxiliumcalifornia@gmail.com) for further information or go directly to the website at <https://www.salesianschool.org/summercamp> for details and registration forms or click the QR for a direct link.



**BIBLE STUDY:** Sisters in Christ! Continue your Easter Joy and join Holy Cross Women's Ministry in the book study of Proverbs with **The Way of Wisdom**. Each chapter is written by a different Christian woman author. We start Friday, April 17 at 9:00 AM by Zoom and in-person at room 106 in Holy Cross Pastoral Center. Questions? Call or Text Kathy 831-818-3034. Step out and try something new!!!

## MARKEY COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

This week: Sheetrock is going up! Electrical and HVAC continues.



### *Stewardship of Treasure*

#### PLATE COLLECTION

March 28 & 29, 2026

#### Weekly Plate Collection:

• All Masses/Mailed In	<b>\$9,084.00</b>
• Electronic	<b>\$1,440.00</b>
• Total	<b>\$10,524.00</b>

<b>Weekly Plate Collection Need (Budget)</b>	<b>\$11,907.00</b>
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<b>Plate Collection Average Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>\$11,828.00</b>
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### **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!!!

**POSITION AVAILABLE—GROUNDSKEEPER:** Holy Cross Cemetery in Santa Cruz is seeking a full-time or part time employee for a groundskeeper position. This is a unique opportunity to work with a Catholic organization serving the families within our community. Specific Job Duties: completing committal services and installing burial vaults, installing memorial markers, maintaining cemetery grounds including mowing, weeding, watering, and cleaning, operating a backhoe and ride-on lawnmower, operating small gas-powered tools including lawnmower, string trimmer and blower, using hand tools such as shovel, Maddox, backhoe. Qualifications: Requires work experience as a laborer, gardener, landscaper, or similar work experience. Bilingual (English/Spanish) is strong desired.

**WHAT IS SENIOR RESOURCE MINISTRY?**

Our Resurrection Parish supports a Senior Resource Ministry with a volunteer coordinator, Rita Marseille. We welcome Cleta Keller who brings a vast amount of experience and will be working in tandem with Rita. Rita can be reached at [rita@resaptos.org](mailto:rita@resaptos.org) or 831-688-4300. This Ministry exists to provide information about Senior assistance that may be available; referrals to agencies for transportation needs, or to hire someone for small repairs or caregiver services. Another resource for referrals is The Senior Network Services which is a local community nonprofit agency providing assistance to Seniors. They can be reached at 831-462-1433, or via their website which is: [seniornetworkservices.org](http://seniornetworkservices.org).

**TAI CHI CLASSES—SEATED & STANDING**  
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. Donations are welcome.

- 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.**

Contact certified instructor, Pam Mensah at: [pamluvschi@gmail.com](mailto:pamluvschi@gmail.com) or for more information about Tai Chi for Arthritis Program: <https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/>

**TAI CHI DAYS OFF**  
**April 9, May 7**

**SENIOR SERVICES:** From the March 1 Aptos Times: Damians Ladder is a local nonprofit that provides small home repairs for seniors and people with disabilities. Residents seeking services or interested in volunteering can call 831-200-1376.



**Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA)**  
**“Walking in His Light as Messengers of Hope”**

You are invited to participate in the 2026 Annual Ministries Appeal. We 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 & parish communities that contribute to our vibrant spiritual life. has begun.

You should have received a letter from Bishop Ramón Bejarano if you’ve given to this appeal in the past. If you’d like to give to the appeal online please go directly to the Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofmonterey.org/annual-ministry-appeal> to make your pledge (up to 8 months) or one-time gift. Be sure to indicate that your gift is for Resurrection. Or you can pick up a donation envelope and brochure on the counter above the bulletins in the church.

A follow up letter will be sent from Fr. Romeo to all registered parishioners this month.

Our total goal for this appeal is \$100,000. The first \$37,750 is our Diocesan goal, the remainder will come back to our parish. \$28,250 for the Markey Community Center Project’s unforeseen needs, \$34,000 for our regular parish needs.

We were able to meet our goal last year thanks to your generous support. We will be upgrading the lighting in the church & replacing the flooring in the rectory after the hall remodel is complete.

Thank you for your support!

**Bishop’s Annual Ministries Appeal**  
**as of March 23, 2026**

# of households participating	Amount Pledged	% of total goal
1	\$200.00	0.2%

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 4/5

✠ Alleluia! He is Risen! — Happy Easter

Monday, 4/6

- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, 4/7

- Parish Office Closed
- 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, 4/8

- 9:15 AM—10:15 AM Building Meeting (OCR)

Thursday, 4/9

- 9:30 AM—10:00 AM Staff Meeting (OCR)

Friday, 4/10

- 9:00 AM—10:00 AM Holy Hour (DMC)
- 11:00 AM Janice Wells Funeral (church)

Saturday, 4/11

- 8:30 AM—9:00 AM Meditation Group (DMC)
- 11:00 AM—11:30 AM Padilla Baptism (church)

CCR=Church Conference Room; DMC=Daily Mass Chapel  
OCR=Office Conference Room; YC=Youth Center



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SANTA CRUZ SHAKESPEARE OUTINGS:** Saturday, July 11 to see *Much Ado About Nothing*, Wednesday, July 15 to see *Macbeth* and Thursday, August 27 to see *Macbeth*. More information about ticket price, reservations, etc. will be coming soon!

**MACBETH BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE:** Santa Cruz Shakespeare with UCSC Shakespeare Workshop present *Macbeth* at the Aptos Library on five consecutive Saturdays at 10:15 AM in the Betty Leonard Community Room (virtual or in person). The first hour there will be conversation with a guest speaker and the second hour volunteers will read aloud. For more information, Zoom Link, or to volunteer to be a reader, contact [saturdayshakespeare@gmail.com](mailto:saturdayshakespeare@gmail.com)  
Guest Speakers / Film Presentation

- April 18: Julia Reinhard Lupton, Distinguished Professor Emerita of English & Comparative Literature & Co-Director of the New Swan Shakespeare Center at UC, Irvine. Reading: Act 1
- April 25: Paul Mullins, Acclaimed New York-based theatre director and actor, Paul will direct Santa Cruz Shakespeare's 2026 production of *Macbeth*. Reading: Act 2 through Act 3, Scene 3
- May 2: Abigail Heald, Lecturer in Literature @ UC Santa Cruz & Stanford. She is writing a book on the relationship between art and emotion in Shakespeare's work. Reading: Act 3, Scene 4 through Act 4, Scene 2
- May 9: Charles Pasternak, Actor / Director, Artistic Director of Santa Cruz Shakespeare. Reading: Act 4, Scene 3 through Act 5, Scene 8
- May 16: Video recording of a live stage production at the Globe Theatre, directed by Tony Award winning director Eve Best, and starring Joseph Millson (*Macbeth*) and Samantha Spiro (*Lady Macbeth*).

## GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS: THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF) OFFERS \$500.00 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Criteria:

- Roman Catholic
- Italian Descent OR ICF Member OR Child/Grandchild of an ICF member
- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 (from Grade 9 to 1st qtr./sem. of Grade 12)

#### For more information and an application:

- See your class counselor
- Call the ICF Office at: 1-888-423-1924
- Visit our website at: [www.icf.org/scholarships](http://www.icf.org/scholarships)

Application Deadline: **April 10, 2026**

**ATTENTION COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Aptos-Resurrection Knights of Columbus Council #9580 will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualified student who is a member of or has a family member of Resurrection Parish and is graduating from high school this year. **Application forms are due by April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Applications are available on the parish website [www.resurrection-aptos.org](http://www.resurrection-aptos.org), under Resource Center, under Events and from Larry Young, 831-818-5083, [lyoungaptos@gmail.com](mailto:lyoungaptos@gmail.com).

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today!



The Parish Staff wishes you a  
Blessed & Joyous Easter Season!  
Fr. Romeo Evangelista, Deacon Patrick Conway,  
Karen Victorino, Gabrielle Summers,  
Jolene McFeely, Jose Rufino & Leticia Enriquez

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# RESURRECTION CHURCH—DINING FOR DOLLARS



Please help support **Resurrection Church** by dining at one or several of these restaurants this Spring.

You will not only enjoy a great meal with your family or friends but will also support a local business & our parish.

Many thanks to Pizza My Heart, The Hideout & Bittersweet Bistro for your generosity!

Thank you to all those who dined at  
Pizza My Heart on March 26.

We appreciate your support!



**APRIL 13, 2026**

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**APRIL 23, 2026**



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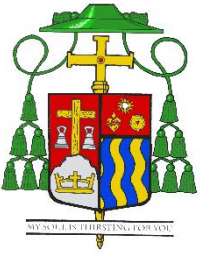
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## Diocesan Decree for the Year of St. Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, to commemorate the eight hundredth anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree granting the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions which can also be applied in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory.

Besides offering the indulgence to all the Franciscan Families and anyone who observes the Rule of St. Francis, all the faithful without distinction can receive the indulgence *“by visiting in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church, or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to St. Francis or connected to him for any reason, and there they will devoutly follow the Jubilee rites or spend at least a suitable period of time in pious meditation and will raise prayers to God so that, following the example of St. Francis, may sentiments of Christian charity towards one's neighbor and authentic wishes for harmony and peace among peoples spring up in hearts, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St Clare and all the saints of the Franciscan Family”* (Eighth Centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, Apostolic Penitentiary Decree).

Therefore, I, the Most Rev. Ramon Bejarano, Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey, decree that the following churches/chapels are the pilgrimage destinations in this diocese for this special Jubilee.

1. **Old Mission San Juan Bautista, St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA and St. Clare Retreat Center, Soquel CA** in the north of the Diocese.
2. **St. Paul the Apostle, Pismo Beach, CA** in the south of the Diocese.

The elderly, the sick and those who for serious reasons cannot leave home will also be able to obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining the Jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

### **Conditions for receiving the Indulgence** *(for oneself or for the deceased)*

- Sacramental confession to be in God's grace *(within twenty days before or after)*.
- Participation in Mass and Eucharistic Communion.
- Visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world or designated by the local bishop.
- Renews one's profession of faith, through the recitation of the Creed.
- Recite the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Given at the Diocese of Monterey on February 27, 2026

Most Reverend Ramón Bejarano  
Bishop of Monterey

Updated April 2, 2026

## At Table During Eastertime

*(Light an Easter Candle before you begin)*

This is the day the Lord has made, alleluia!

Let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia!

We praise you, Lord, with greater joy  
than ever in this Easter season.

The thirsty have come to the water.

The poor have come to receive bread and eat.

Blessed are you in earth's bounty:

the joy of the resurrection renews the whole world.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Christ is truly risen, alleluia!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of glory,

The eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.

Bless + us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's table, continue to celebrate the joy of this resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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