

# St. Timothy's Roman Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday of Lent

## Segundo Domingo de Quaresma

March 1, 2026

### Masses / Misas

<b>Saturday:</b>	English	5:30pm
<b>Sabado:</b>	Espanol	7:00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	English	8:30am 10:30am (Live-streamed Mass)
<b>Monday, Friday, and Saturday:</b>	English	8:00am
<b>Thursday:</b>	English	9:00am
<b>Tuesday and Wednesday Communion Service:</b>	English	8:00am

Click the link below to view a live-stream video of a St. Timothy's Mass.

[https://youtube.com/@st.timothycatholicchurch7329?si=\\_dX5zjs-pD-SSXup](https://youtube.com/@st.timothycatholicchurch7329?si=_dX5zjs-pD-SSXup)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliation:**

Saturday at 4:30pm and by appointment

**All Are Welcome at St. Timothy's**



## St. Timothy's Services and Events

2/28 **Lenten Parish Retreat** Saturday starts at 8:00am for Mass  
See page 8 for more information

2/28 **Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA)**  
- 3/1 2nd Collection at all Masses

3/2 **Faith Study Group** Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

3/3 **Young Adult Group Meeting** Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Hall

3/5 **Memoir Legacy** Thursday at 3:00pm in the Church Office

3/5 **Reconciliation Service** Thursday at 6:00pm (Bilingual)

3/6 **Women's Guild Mass** Friday at 8:00am

3/6 **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday after 8:00am Mass

3/6 **Stations of the Cross** Friday at 5:30pm and 7:00pm (Spanish)  
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3/8 **Parish Faith Presentation** Sunday after 10:30am Mass  
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**Faith Exposed:**  
**Angelus, St. Peter's Square**  
**Pope Francis on Matthew 17:1-9**  
March 3, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good afternoon!

On this Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed. Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him on the mountain and is revealed to them in all his beauty as Son of God. (cf. Mt 17:1-9).

Let us pause a moment over this scene and ask ourselves: Of what does this beauty consist? What do the disciples see? A special effect? No, that is not it. They see the light of God's holiness shining on the face and on the clothing of Jesus, the perfect image of the Father, God's majesty, God's beauty is revealed. But God is Love. Therefore, the disciples had been beholding with their eyes the beauty and splendor of divine Love incarnate in Christ. They had a foretaste of paradise. What a surprise for the disciples! They had the face of Love before their very eyes for so long without ever being aware of how beautiful it was! Only now do they realize it with such joy, with immense joy.

In reality, through this experience, Jesus is forming them, preparing them for an even more important step. Soon after that, in fact, they would have to recognize the same beauty in him when he would mount the cross and his face would be disfigured. Peter struggles to understand: he would like to stop time, "pause" the scene, stay there and prolong this marvelous experience. But Jesus does not allow it. Indeed, his light cannot be reduced to a "magical moment!" It would thus become something false, artificial, something that would dissolve into the fog of passing sentiment. On the contrary, Christ is the light that orients our journey like the pillar of fire for the people in the wilderness (Ex 13:21). Jesus' beauty does not alienate his disciples from the reality of life, but gives them the strength to follow him all the way to Jerusalem, all the way to the cross. Christ's beauty is not alienating. It always brings you forward. It does not make you hide. Go forward!

Brothers and sisters, this Gospel traces a path for us too. It teaches us how important it is to remain with Jesus even when it is not easy to understand everything he says and does for us. In fact, it is by staying with him that we learn to recognize on his face the luminous beauty of love he gives us, even when it bears the marks of the cross. And it is in his school that we learn to see the same beauty on the faces of the people who walk beside us every day - family, friends, colleagues who take care of us in the most varied ways. How many luminous faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us! Let us learn to recognize them and to fill our hearts with them. And then let us set out in order to bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love (cf. 1 Jn 3:18), diving into our daily occupations more generously, loving, serving, and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness. The contemplation of God's wonders, the contemplation of God's face, of the Lord's face, must move us to the service of others.

We can ask ourselves: Do we know how to recognize the light of God's love in our lives? Do we recognize it with joy and gratitude on the faces of the people who love us? Do we look around us for the signs of this light that fills our hearts and open them to love and service? Or do we prefer the straw fires of idols that alienate us and close us in on ourselves? The great light of the Lord and the false, artificial light of idols. Which do I prefer?

May Mary, who kept the light of her Son in her heart even in the darkness of Calvary, accompany us always on the way of love.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,  
Let us pray to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the vision to see the light of love in our neighbors, friends and family. This sight is a small hint of heaven, where we will see the face of God, and God is Love. Light is a guide, and the light of love guides us to the Father.  
In Christ,  
Fr. Gabriel





## The Power of Showing Up: Small Moments, Big Impact

Unlock the Catechism for the Modern World

**The Transformative Power of Showing Up**

In our personal relationships, professional life, or spiritual journey, small but consistent actions can create big, lasting change.

**Click on the picture above to see the video in English.**

**Click on the picture below to see to the video in Spanish.**



## El poder de presentarse: pequeños momentos, gran impacto

**St. Timothy's Catholic Church**  
**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026 at 5:30pm**  
+ Bio Hong

**Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026 at 7:00pm**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 8:30am**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 10:30am**  
+ Beverly Nunes

**Monday, March 2, 2026 at 8:00am**  
+ William Thomas Griffin

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 8:00am**  
Communion Service

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 8:00am**  
Communion Service

**Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 9:00am**

**Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 6:00pm**  
Reconciliation Service (Bilingual)

**Friday, March 6, 2026 at 8:00am**

**Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 8:00am**  
Edgar Perez

**All Mass Intentions are \$10 per Mass.**  
Please call the office to request a Mass Intention.

**To add a person to our prayer list:** A member of the immediate family may request a person's name be added.



**Prayer Requests**

Fr. Alphonsus Afina  
Meredith Bates  
Joan Behrick  
Emma Suitisang Bermudez  
Rina Bermudez  
Debra Gardner  
Catherine Grace  
Charlotte Koss  
Michael R. Law  
Fernando Macias  
Lourdes Magallanes  
Edgar Perez  
Benjamin Ramage  
Tom and Maria Sears  
Stephanie Seely  
Jean Smith  
Rick Smith  
Emily Sozinho  
Annie Rohrbach-Walker

**Our Extended Family at:**  
Bayside Care Center  
Casa de Flores  
Garden House



## Lent & Holy Week Schedule

- Penance Service: March 5th at 6:00pm (Bilingual)
- Mass with Anointing of the Sick: March 12th at 10:00am
- Palm Sunday: March 29th with regular Mass schedule
- Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper: April 2nd at 7:00pm (Bilingual)
- Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord: April 3rd, Stations of the Cross at 1:30pm (English) & Passion of the Lord at 7:00pm (Bilingual)
- Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil on April 4th at 7:00pm (Bilingual)
- Easter Sunday: April 5th with regular Mass schedule

### Stations of the Cross

- Fridays from February 20th to March 27th at 5:30pm followed by a soup dinner.
- Fridays from February 20th to March 27th at 7:00pm (Spanish)



**Lenten Retreat  
for St. Timothy's and  
Neighboring Parishes**

**Focus: Prayer - A Lenten Marathon**

How to grow your prayer life for Lent.



**Guest Speaker: Terry Burrows**  
Associate Director of Catechetical Ministries,  
Diocese of Monterey

**Saturday, Feb. 28th, 9:00am to 2:00pm**  
Light Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Everyone is invited to the  
8:00am Mass led by Father Gabriel  
with the Retreat to follow.

\$30 per person - Scholarships available

**Reservations are required to help with planning. Call Kitty Green at  
563.299.9245 or email Kitty at  
[wgpres@yahoo.com](mailto:wgpres@yahoo.com)**

Sign ups will also be taken after  
all Masses on the weekends of  
February 14th-15th and 21st-22nd.

**Deadline for reservations is February 22nd**

**This Lenten Retreat is presented by  
the St. Timothy's Women's Guild.**






## **Parish Faith Formation Presentation**

**A Lenten Journey into the Book of Jonah: A Call to Conversion, Mercy, and Mission**

This Lent step into one of the most powerful and surprising books of Sacred Scripture.

Join **Dr. Gian Mettifofo, O.P.** for a spiritually enriching presentation exploring the Book of Jonah—a story of resistance, judgment, mercy, and conversion that speaks powerfully to the human heart.

-  **Sunday, March 8, 2026**
-  **Immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass**
-  **Church Office**

All parishioners are welcome.

Come, listen, reflect, and allow God's Word to call you anew to conversion this Lent.



## **2026 Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA)**

There will be a 2nd collection at all the Masses on February 28th and March 1st.



## **Young Adult Group**

This month the group will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00pm in the Hall.

# Exploring the Fullness of Our Catholic Faith

## Examine God's Plan for your Life

Imagine living your life in a whole new way. Overcoming the personal difficulties and challenges the world throws at you. Finding your particular part in what God is doing to change the world. Living a life in Christ that's a life of power.

## Uncover a Life of Freedom

To many from the outside, Christianity looks like a lot of rules and restrictions. Nothing could be further from the truth. It's a life of freedom. Freedom to make a new start. Freedom from the attachments of the world. And, freedom to make a real difference in our day.

## Meet Men Like You

Share real life stories with other men. Regular guys sharing real life stuff with openness and respect. Men taking a personal interest and willing to support one another. You'll find not only friendship with Christ, but with others.

***"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life"***



## Gain a Fresh Perspective

Explore God's amazing strategy and how it works in real life. Apply the Gospel to the practical aspects of your situation. Hear about God's personal love and learn about life in the Spirit. Uncover how you can grow in friendship with him and others. Be revived and equipped to go.

## Get Vital Answers

- What is the Meaning of Life?
- What stands in the way?
- What Does Jesus Want Us to Know?
- How Do I Respond to Christ?
- How do I Live a Life in the Spirit Today?
- What Does the Life of a Catholic Man -- Look Like?
- How Do I Move Forward As a Follower of Christ?

# Going on a RETREAT WEEKEND

## Invest One Weekend. Gain a New Life.

It's hard to uncover what God has for you when you're swept up in a world filled with demands. It's easy to have your senses dulled. To lose sight of what is important when you're running from here to there. But the need is great. The stakes are high.

Take time to stand back and catch your breath. It's worth investing one weekend. You'll gain a whole new life. Find out what thousands of others already know. This weekend delivers.

Use the weekend to take stock and see what God has in mind for you. Experience the love of Christ. Life in Christ. Life in the Spirit. A life that is transforming and lived in power. A life rich and full of purpose.

You won't be the only one who benefits. It's not just a life for you but a life that extends to others. Your family, your friends, your co-workers. That's worth a lot.

**"VIVAT  
JESUS"**

**"Jesus Lives"**

## Registration

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Business Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Single \_\_\_\_\_ Widower \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is my deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Lenten Retreat Weekend

Leader: Mike Briley  
Council 1948 - KOC  
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Location: Mission San Antonio  
Jolon, California

Weekend Cost \$ 200.00  
Deposit: \$ 25.00



San Antonio Mission

Mission San Antonio  
Jolon, California  
March 20 - 22, 2026

# Men on a Mission - - Exploring Our Faith

## Through the LENTEN RETREAT Weekend



Knights of Columbus  
Council 1948  
P.O. Box 1204  
Salinas, Ca. 93902





### **Job Opening for Director of Religious Education**

St. Timothy's Catholic Church is asking to prayerfully consider whether you, or another person, might be interested in an 8 hour per week part time position as DRE.

To obtain a job description please call the office at 805.772.2840 or email the office at [osainttims@yahoo.com](mailto:osainttims@yahoo.com).



### **Second Sunday of Lent**

#### **Stewards Go Forward**

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."

- Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, or greed. Yet, God promises to show His Stewards a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful. God calls us to be faithful."

## Important eBulletin Update

### St. Timothy's is transitioning to FLOCKNOTE

If you are not receiving the eBulletin, search for the email post from [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com). Sometimes those emails get filed away or "sent" to hard-to-find places and that should help you to "find" them! It is also helpful to add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your contact list. That will help your email provider to know that emails from FLOCKNOTE are coming from a known and trusted source!

Need more help? Click the link:

<https://help.flocknote.com/article/310-how-do-i-add-to-my-email-contact-list>

### Give Electronically:

Go to our Church website at

<http://sttimothymorrobay.org>

Click the **Online Giving** Icon, then click on the **Green \$** and you can get started!

You can also call the **Church Office** to make an **appointment with Amelia**. She would be happy to help you arrange for your automatic donations.





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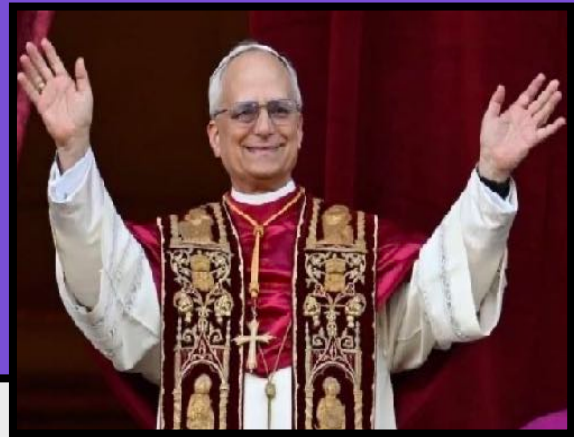
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**Office Hours:**

Monday through Thursday  
10:00am to 1:00pm

**Office Manager Hours:**

Monday 10:00am to 1:00pm  
And By Appointment



### **The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2026:**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

### **March**

#### **For Disarmament and Peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

