

**St. Timothy's Roman
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The Ascension of the Lord

La Ascension del Senor

May 17, 2026

Masses / Misas

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliation:

Saturday at 4:30pm and by appointment

All Are Welcome at St. Timothy's



St. Timothy's Services and Events

5/16 **Bethlehem Artworks Association** after all Masses
& 5/17 See page 8 for more information

5/17 **The Ascension of the Lord is Observed**

5/18 **Faith Study Group** Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

5/20 **Happy Birthday to Father Gabriel!**
Many Blessings for your special day!

5/22 **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday after 8:00am Mass

5/24 **Pentecost is Observed**

5/25 **Faith Study Group** Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

5/29 **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday after 8:00am Mass



Faith Exposed:
Regina Caeli, Apostolic Palace Library
Pope Francis on Matthew 28: 16-20
May 24, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, in Italy and in other countries, we celebrate the solemnity of the Lord's Ascension. The passage of the Gospel (Mt 28:16-20) shows us the Apostles who gather in Galilee, "on the mountain that Jesus had told them to go to" (v. 16). Here on the mountain the final meeting of the Risen Lord with his followers takes place. The "mountain" has a strong symbolic, evocative meaning. On a mountain Jesus proclaimed the Beatitudes (cf. Mt 5: 1-12); on the mountains he would retreat to pray (cf. Mt 14:23); there he welcomed the crowds and healed the sick (cf. Mt 15:29). But this time, on the mountain, he is no longer the Master who acts and teaches, but he is the Risen One who asks the disciples to act and to proclaim, entrusting them with the mandate to continue his work.

He invests them with the mission to all the people. He says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (28: 19-20). The contents of the mission entrusted to the Apostles are these: to proclaim, baptize, and to teach how to walk the path laid down by the Master, that is the living Gospel. This message of salvation implies first of all the duty of witness - without witness one cannot proclaim - to which we, today's disciples, are also called to explain the reason for our faith. Faced with such a demanding task, and thinking of our weaknesses, we feel inadequate, as the Apostles themselves surely felt. But we should not be discouraged, remembering the words Jesus addressed to them

before ascending to Heaven: "I am with you always until the end of the age" (see 20).

This promise ensures the constant and consoling presence of Jesus among us. But how will this presence be realized? Through his Spirit, which leads the Church to walk through history as a companion of every person. That Spirit, sent by Christ and the Father, works the remission of sins and sanctifies all those who are repentant and open themselves with confidence to his gift. With the promise to remain with us until the end of time, Jesus inaugurates the style of his presence in the world as the Risen One. Jesus is present in the world but in another style, the style of the Risen One, that is, a presence that is revealed in the Word, in the Sacraments, in the constant and inner action of the Holy Spirit. The feast of Ascension tells us that Jesus, although having ascended to Heaven to dwell gloriously at the right of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance and our joy, precisely from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

May the Virgin Mary accompany our journey with her maternal protection: from her may we learn the gentleness and courage to be witnesses in the world of the Risen Lord.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Let us pray to the Father for the courage to be today's disciples of Christ, bringing more members into the Church, spreading the Word of God, and loving others as Jesus taught us to love. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always; cleaning away the sins of those who repent, providing the perseverance and strength to follow His path to Heaven.
In Christ, Fr. Gabriel





The True Meaning of
“Thy Kingdom Come”
in the Lord’s Prayer

Unlock the Catechism for the Modern World

The True Meaning of “Thy Kingdom Come” in the Lord’s Prayer

This powerful petition is a cry of hope and an invitation for God’s reign to transform both the world and our hearts.

**Click on the picture above to see the video in English.
Click on the picture below to hear the podcast in Spanish.**

¿Qué significa santificar el nombre de Dios?



The Ascension of the Lord YEAR A



MAIN MESSAGE

- Jesus returns to the Father.
- He reigns as Lord over all.
- He sends us to share His message.
- He is with us always.



KEY SCRIPTURE

“I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

– Matthew 28:20



THE READINGS



FIRST READING
Jesus is taken up into heaven.



PSALM 47
God is king over all the earth.



SECOND READING
Christ is exalted above all powers.



GOSPEL
Go and make disciples of all nations.

THEMES TO KNOW



Jesus is Lord of all.



Promise of the Holy Spirit.



Called to share the Gospel.



Jesus sends us on mission.



Jesus is with us always.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US



Trust that Jesus is with you every day.



Share your faith with others.



Follow Jesus and obey His words.



Help make the world a better place.



TRY THIS!



Talk to one person this week about your faith or invite them to pray with you.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ? How does it feel to know Jesus is with you always?
- ? What can you do to share the Gospel this week?
- ? How does Jesus give you strength for your mission?



SCAN FOR MORE



St. Timothy's Catholic Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 5:30pm

Josh Blair

Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 7:00pm

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 8:30am

+ Robin Frances Hewitt-McQueen

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 10:30am

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Monday, May 18, 2026 at 8:00am

Marites Blair

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 8:00am

Communion Service

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 8:00am

Fr. Gabriel Okafor

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 8:00am

Emma Bernudez

Friday, May 22, 2026 at 8:00am

Grace Bermudez

Saturday, May 23, 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
Amparo Haber
Charlotte Koss
Michael R. Law
Fernando Macias
Lourdes Magallanes
Aldo Mauro
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

Dear Parishioners,

In the Diocese of Monterey, the Ascension of the Lord is observed on Sunday, May 17th.

In 1999, each Ecclesiastical Province in the USA was given the choice to observe the Ascension on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or to transfer the observance to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. In our Province of Los Angeles, the Ascension is observed on Sunday.



May is the Month of Mary

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today."

- St. Padre Pio



Bethlehem Artworks Association will be at St. Timothy's on May 16th and May 17th after all Masses. Stop by and see all the lovely religious artifacts from Jerusalem.



Blessing All Mothers for Their Special Day!



World Youth Day 2027
Seoul, Korea and
Nagasaki Japan
Click on the link below
for more information.

<https://jmjyouth.wetravel.com/i/69c18f70dfcef2c1b101bc40#wyd-2027-seoul-nagasaki>

Office Information

The office is open Monday - Thursday, 10:00am to 1:00pm ONLY, or by appointment. The office is closed Friday - Sunday and all holidays.

If you call, always leave a message. Your call will be returned within 24 hours. If your call is an emergency, you are encouraged to call 911 and also leave a message for the office. You will be contacted as soon as possible if it is an emergency.

Thank you for your understanding.

Flocknote Update:

Are you donating with checks, using envelopes or automatically through Vanco?

Please use the QR code to migrate to FLOCKNOTE GIVING.



Why?

- * St. Timothy's will no longer use VANCO as of May 31, 2026.
- * Envelopes will eventually be discontinued.

More information to follow.

Donating through FLOCKNOTE alleviates hours of counting, data entry and errors.

If you need help, please call the office.



Smart Giving from Your IRA or 401(k)






If you are at least 73 years of age and you have certain retirement accounts, like traditional IRAs and 401(k)s, you are required to withdraw a percentage of your savings each year, known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). RMDs are taxed as ordinary income in the year they are taken, which can increase overall taxable income and potentially push you into a higher tax bracket. Additionally, RMDs can affect the taxation of Social Security benefits, making a larger portion of them taxable as your income rises. Did you know that you can use your RMD to make a charitable gift to our parish and **REDUCE** your yearly tax burden?

Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Saint Timothy's Parish

Suppose, instead, you decide to give all or a portion of your RMD to Saint Timothy's as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), a tax-free transfer of money from your retirement account to a qualified charity. Look at the following hypothetical comparison of using a QCD to make a \$10,000 donation instead of the regular method of taking an RMD, paying taxes on that amount, and then donating the after-tax proceeds to the parish:

WHAT HAPPENS	REGULAR RMD	THE SMART WAY (QCD)
STEP 1: Withdraw from IRA	Take an RMD of \$10,000 and add it to your yearly income	Your IRA custodian sends \$10,000 RMD directly to St. Timothy's Parish. Our Federal Tax ID number is: 94-1658139
STEP 2: Pay your taxes	You owe taxes on the \$10,000 withdrawal	You owe \$0 in taxes on the QCD (not counted as income)
STEP 3: Make a donation and specify its use by the parish	Make your after-tax donation to Saint Timothy's Parish	Already done! St. Timothy's receives the full \$10,000 donation as a QCD

Benefits of Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution:

-  Lower taxes, more money in your pocket
-  Counts as all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution
-  May lower Medicare premiums and Social Security taxes
-  Works even if you don't itemize deductions
-  No complicated tax calculations needed


Getting Started - It's Easy!

STEP 1: Contact your IRA custodian (bank, brokerage, etc.)

STEP 2: Request a form to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution

STEP 3: Provide Saint Timothy's tax information: Saint Timothy's Catholic Church, 962 Piney Way,
Morro Bay, California 93442, Federal Tax Identification Number 94-1658139

STEP 4: Keep records for tax filing

 **Questions?** For more information and help through the process, please contact us at (805) 772-2840 or email us at legacy.sttims@yahoo.com.

The examples in this document are for informational purposes only and do not constitute legal or tax advice. Please consult with qualified professionals when making decisions about charitable giving and taxes.

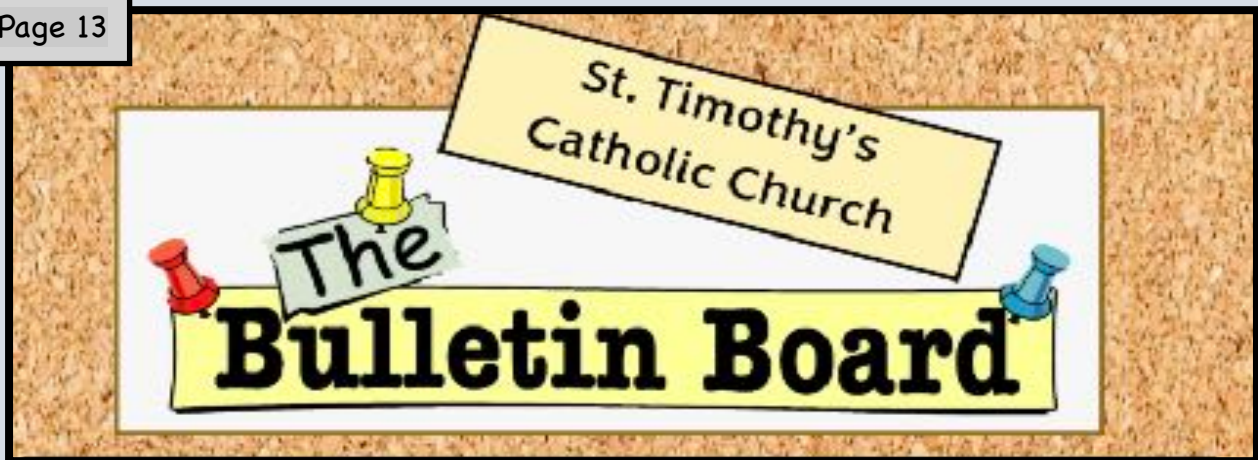


MAKE A LASTING GIFT TO

OUR PARISH

BECOME A LEGACY PARTNER





The Ascension of the Lord

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - John 13:34

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part - Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used, or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone who doesn't look like you.

- * Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God.
- * It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives.



- * Sign up today to attend one of the WWME weekends on July 10-12, 2026 in Danville, CA, or August 21-23, 2026 in Sonoma, CA. Go to wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!

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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.

May

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

