

**St. Timothy's Roman
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

May 3, 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

5/2 & **Ministry Fair** Saturday & Sunday after Masses

5/3 See page 8 for more information

5/4 **Faith Study Group** Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

5/5 **Young Adults Meeting** Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Hall

5/7 **Morning Mass** Thursday at 8:00am resumes (not 9:00am)

5/7 **Memoir Legacy** Thursday at 3:00pm in the Church Office

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

5/10 **Happy Mother's Day to All Mothers**

5/11 **Faith Study Group** Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

5/13 **Women's Guild Italian Night** Wednesday at 5:30pm

See page 7 for more information

5/14 **Memoir Legacy** Thursday at 3:00pm in the Church Office



Faith Exposed:
Regina Caeli, Saint Peter's Square
Pope Francis on John 14: 1-12
May 7, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good afternoon,

The Gospel of today's Liturgy (Jn 14:1-12) is taken from Jesus' last discourse before his death. The disciples' hearts are troubled, but the Lord speaks reassuring words to them, inviting them not to be afraid. He is not abandoning them, but is going to prepare a place for them and to guide them towards that destination. The Lord today thus shows us all the wonderful places to go, and, at the same time, tells us how to get there, shows us the way. He tells us where to go and how to get there.

First of all, where to go. Jesus sees the disciples' distress, he sees their fear of being abandoned, just as it happens to us when we are forced to be separated from someone we care for. And so, he says: "I go to prepare a place for you ... that where I am you may be also" (vv. 2-3). Jesus uses the familiar image of home, the place of relationships and intimacy. In the Father's house - he says to his friends, and to each one of us - there is space for you, you are welcome, you will always be received with the warmth of an embrace, and I am in Heaven to prepare a place for you! He prepares for us that embrace with the Father, the place for all eternity.

This Word is a source of consolation, and it is a source of hope for us. Jesus does not separate from us, but has opened the way for us, anticipating our final destination: the encounter with God the Father, in whose heart there is a place for each one of us. So, when we experience fatigue, bewilderment and even failure, let us remember where our life is headed. We must not lose sight of the destination, even if we run the risk of overlooking it, of forgetting the final questions, the important ones: where I am going? Where am I walking towards? What is it worth living for? Without these questions, we compress our life into the present, we think we must enjoy it as much as possible and end up living day by day, without purpose, without a goal. Our homeland, instead, is in heaven

(cf. Phil 3:20); let us not forget the greatness and the beauty of our destination!

Once we have discovered the target, we too, like the apostle Thomas in today's Gospel, wonder: how can we get there, what is the way? At times, especially when there are major problems to face and there is the sensation that evil is stronger, we ask ourselves: what should I do, what path should I follow? Let us listen to Jesus' answer: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). "I am the way." Jesus himself is the way to follow to live in truth and to have life in abundance. He is the way and therefore faith in him is not a "package of ideas" in which to believe, but rather a road to be travelled, a journey to undertake, a path with him. It is following Jesus, because he is the way that leads to unfailing happiness. Following Jesus and imitating him, especially with deeds of closeness and mercy towards others. This is the compass for reaching Heaven: loving Jesus, the way, becoming signs of his love on earth.

Brothers and sisters, let us live the present, let us take the present in hand, but let us not be overwhelmed; let us look up, let us look to Heaven, let us remember the goal, let us think that we are called to eternity, to the encounter with God. And, from Heaven to the heart, let us renew today the choice of Jesus, the choice to love him and to walk behind him. May the Virgin Mary, who following Jesus has already arrived at the goal, sustain our hope.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Remember the words of Our Savior to His disciples on the eve of His departure, conveying not a feeling of loss, but of preparation for their reunion in Heaven. Pray for God's help to follow the way of Jesus, loving the Father and caring for our brothers and sisters. We have an open invitation to Heaven; follow His path.
In Christ, Fr. Gabriel





Whose Kingdom Do We Really Belong To?

Unlock the Catechism for the Modern World

Whose Kingdom Do We Really Belong To?

No. earthly kingdom is perfect. So whose kingdom are we really longing for?

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

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



¿A Qué Reino Perteneecemos?

St. Timothy's Catholic Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 5:30pm

+ Marge Engblom

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 7:00pm

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 8:30am

+ Patricia Marie Robertson

+ Arnie Ballesteros

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:30am

+ Oscar Munoz

Monday, May 4, 2026 at 8:00am

+ Arnie Ballesteros

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 8:00am

Communion Service

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 8:00am

Communion Service

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 8:00am

+ Arnie Ballesteros

Friday, May 8, 2026 at 8:00am

+ Arnie Ballesteros

Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 8:00am

+ Arnie Ballesteros

+ Socorro Ballesteros

+ Felicio DeLaCruz

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

Women's Guild
Italian Night
Wednesday, May 13th
at 5:30pm

Join us for Italian themed dishes and desserts to be enjoyed with friends or welcome a new friend to the table!

During the evening, we'll have a presentation of photos and interesting facts about some of the Cathedrals and Basilicas that were visited during the St. Timothy's Pilgrimage to Italy this past fall.

Bring a friend!





**First Communion 2026
Congratulations!**



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

The Young Adults Group

Meeting on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00pm in the Hall.

Ministry Fair

Saturday and Sunday, May 2nd and 3rd after Mass

"...serve the **LORD** with gladness; come before him with joyful song. Know that the **LORD** is God, he made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the flock he shepherds." - Psalm 100: 2-4

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.

Stop and Think Drill
You are encouraged to participate for 5 minutes.

Thank you!

- Stop what you are doing.
- Think about what you would do right now if someone came to the church (or where you are) with a weapon.
- Remember RUN, HIDE, FIGHT:
 - 1st option - where would you run to?
 - 2nd option - if you can't run where would you hide. Does your door lock or have windows? What are your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for hiding.
 - 3rd option - worse case scenario! What can you use as a weapon?



Once you have stopped and thought about these things, take a moment to review the locations of the following:

- Nearest exit
- Nearest fire extinguishers
- Nearest First Aid
- Nearest AED

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

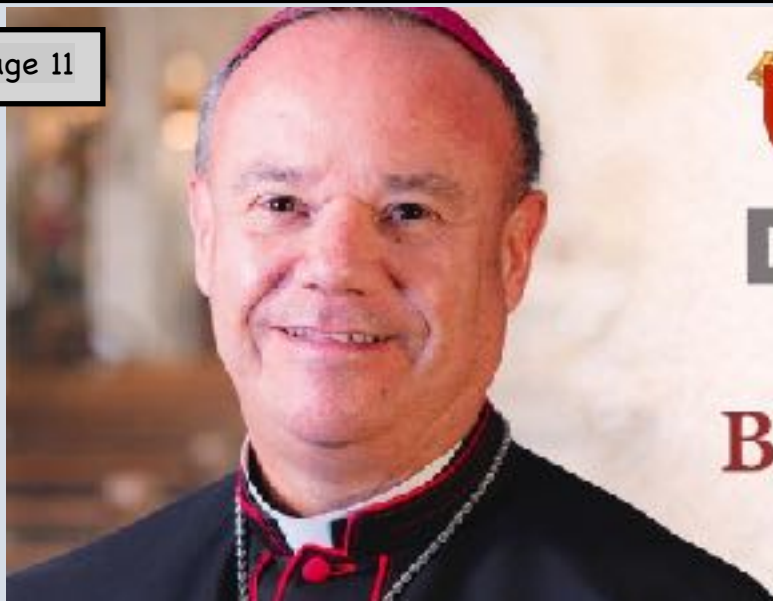
St. Timothy's has concluded phase 1 of the migration into Flocknote. St. Timothy's is using Flocknote to send communications. If you are not receiving the eBulletin, please contact the office or see us at our table during the Ministry Fair.

St. Timothy will begin Phase 2 into Flocknote in May. All parishioners donating via Vanco will be asked to enroll in Flocknote online giving, and discontinue Vanco.

Flocknote is a one stop system saving the office hours of work, and helps in avoiding countless errors. It is a truly user friendly system. You will be able to access online giving, prayer requests and all ministry information.

New parishioners who choose to enroll in automatic donations may also begin to enroll in Flocknote. For more information, you may click the URL to enroll: <http://sttimothysmb.flocknote.com/> or text TIMOTHYMB to 84576 to join.

"Sign Up Weekend" will also be hosted during the Ministry Fair on May 9th and 10th after all Masses.



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MEET BISHOP

RAMÓN
BEJARANO

Please take a few moments to watch **A Shepherd's Heart - a conversation with Bishop Ramon Bejarano**, recorded shortly after his installation. In this interview, Bishop Bejarano reflects on his story, his life of prayer, and his vision for the Diocese of Monterey and much more. Access the interview by clicking on the picture above.



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CONOZCA AL OBISPO

RAMÓN
BEJARANO

Por favor tome un momento para ver **Un Corazon de Pastor - una conversacion con el Obispo Ramon Bejarano**, grabado poco despues de su instalacion. En esta entrevista, el obispo Bejarano comparte su historia, su vida de oracion y su vision para la Diocesis de Monterey y mucho ma. Puede acceder al enlace haciendo clic en la imagen de arriba.



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.

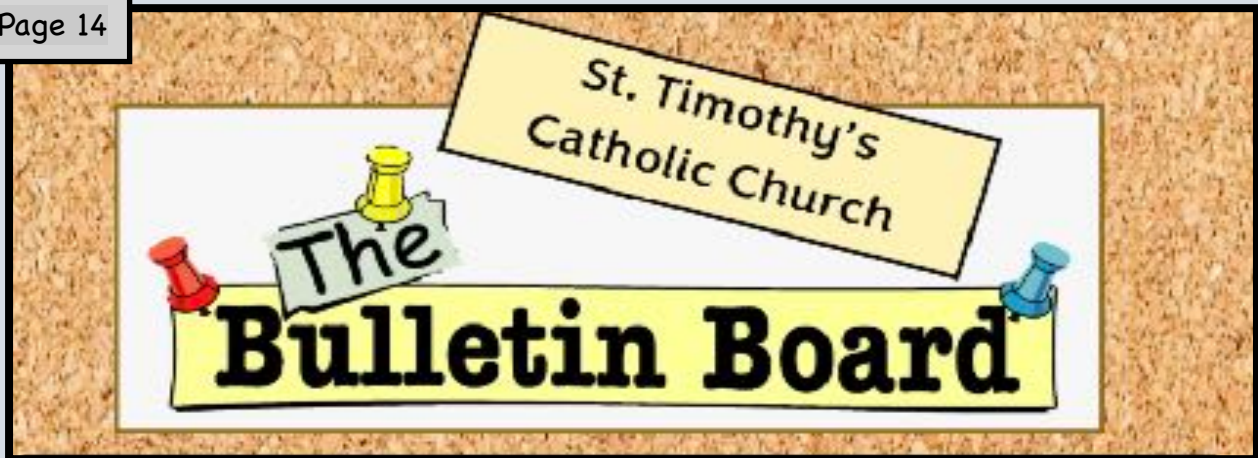


MAKE A LASTING GIFT TO

OUR PARISH

BECOME A LEGACY PARTNER





Fifth Sunday of Easter

"... Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" - John 21:17

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

- * 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 offer married couples as 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 Sonora, 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.

April

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

