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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— AUGUST 23RD, 2026
"YOU ARE PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH ."



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples who people believe he is. While many identify him as a prophet, Simon Peter professes that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus praises Peter for this profession of faith, recognizing that it has been revealed by God. He calls Peter the "rock" upon which he will build his Church and gives him a special role of leadership and authority.

Peter's faith becomes the foundation of the Church, which continues to rest on the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord. Yet Peter's

understanding will later be challenged when he struggles to accept Jesus' suffering and death, reminding us that following Christ requires trusting God's ways rather than our own.

XXI DOMINGO ORDINARIO— AGOSTO 23, 2026
"TÚ ERES PEDRO Y SOBRE ESTA PIEDRA EDIFICARÉ MI IGLESIA"

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús pregunta a sus discípulos quién dice la gente que es Él. Mientras muchos lo identifican como un profeta, Simón Pedro profesa que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios.

Jesús elogia a Pedro por esta profesión de fe, reconociendo que le ha sido revelada por Dios. Lo llama "la roca" sobre la cual edificará su Iglesia y le confía un papel especial de liderazgo y autoridad.

La fe de Pedro se convierte en fundamento de la Iglesia, que continúa edificándose sobre la verdad de que Jesucristo es el Señor. Sin embargo, más adelante, Pedro tendrá dificultades para aceptar el sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús, recordándonos que seguir a Cristo requiere confiar en los caminos de Dios y no solamente en los nuestros

SILENT MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH



Written by Gail Quinnan & Trudy Dowd (Editor's note: Originally published August 2025 and updated for this edition of the bulletin).

Have you ever wondered who launders the altar linens? Or maintains the votive candles? Or counts the money collected at weekend Masses? What about our parish vehicle, the Tahoe? Who makes sure it's gassed up and running smoothly? **These are the jobs done by volunteers at quiet times when no one is looking and only noticed when they are NOT done. These are some of the Silent Ministries:**

Laundering Altar Linens – Rich Ring, Dianira Selis, and Helen Russo

Liturgical Altar Décor and Flower Arrangements – Gail Quinnan

Money Counting/Posting/Banking – Doug Davis, Rebecca Bayless, Sherry Dodsworth and Gail Quinnan

Filling of Votive Candles – Rich Ring and Gail Quinnan

Keeping the flower vases inside the church full - Dianira Selis and Lupe Osornio

Collecting and Posting of the AMA funds – Malcolm Colvin

Maintaining, Ironing and Cleaning our two Palls for Funerals – Patti McAleer

Care and Maintenance of the Tahoe – Jim Rice

Upkeep of the COVID and St. Francis Gardens – Alex Gray

Upkeep of the Geraniums and Succulents on the Patio of the Parish Hall – Helen Russo

Watering the many Poinsettias on the Altar at Christmas and the Lilies at Easter – Helen Russo

Creating and Managing the Lector and Eucharistic Minister Calendar – Chris Haupt

The Yearly Typing and Mailing of Parishioner Donations (for tax purposes) – Alex Gray and Gail Quinnan

When told we were planning to feature these ministries in a bulletin article, one parishioner replied, “But it’s such a small thing I do.” We are reminded of a quote by Sister Teresa, “I may not be able to do great things, but I can do small things with great love.” Our church could not run smoothly without these acts of kindness and love. We offer deep gratitude to these Silent Ministers, and to all who quietly offer their services to support the life of our parish.



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that following Him means more than simply believing in Him it means taking up our cross and giving ourselves generously in love. When we place Christ at the center of our lives, even our sacrifices can become paths to deeper joy and purpose. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the many kind gestures and thoughtful wishes I received from so many of you on my birthday. May God reward you. Shalom!



Fr. Jhonnatan

MASS INTENTIONS AUG 22ND – AUG 30TH

Saturday Aug 22nd 4:30: + **Brian Coughlan**

Mass in Cachagua 7:00pm

Sunday Aug 23rd 9:00: + **Jim Arnold**
11:00: + **Health & Healing of Pat Lucido**

Wed. Aug 26th 12:00: + **Joaquin Ceyala**

Thurs. Aug 27th 12:00: **Health of Bob Hinson**

Fri. Aug 28th 12:00: + **Ellen Bates**

Saturday Aug 29th 4:30: + **Tina Biegel**

Sunday Aug 30th 9:00: **Healing of Baby Charlie Martin**

11:00: + **Maria Apolonia Reyes & + Martha Crow**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

8/9/26 General Fund \$4,031

8/9/26 Mission Appeal \$3,112

8/16/26 General Fund \$1,896

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



Diocese of Monterey

Prayer & Message from the Most Reverend Ramón Bejarano,

“For all those suffering from the recent earthquake in Colombia—for the victims, for those who have lost everything, and for the first responders, medical personnel, rescue teams, and organizations providing relief. We pray to the Lord.”

“Por todos aquellos que sufren las consecuencias del reciente terremoto en Colombia: por las víctimas, por quienes lo han perdido todo y por los equipos de rescate, el personal médico, los grupos de emergencia, y las organizaciones que brindan ayuda. Oremos al Señor.”



In solidarity with those who have lost everything we prayerfully encourage parishioners to donate directly:

[Colombia Earthquake Relief:](#)
[Donate Now to Help Families | CRS](#)

Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay is hosting, “**Night of Hope to celebrate a Decade of Impact**” on **August 28** at the beautiful **Hacienda Courtyard at Santa Catalina School** from **5 to 7 pm**. A [raffle](#) will cap off the evening. All proceeds are going to support our local babies and children in need through our baby bundles, car seats and literacy program. We can all make a difference by participating in making this once-in-a-lifetime fund-raising event a great success!

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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 PM in the Church

4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in

Cachagua

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

*"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of
prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the
heart of life is service."*

— St Teresa of Avila

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Finance Council
Faith Formation
Bereavement Ministry
Human Trafficking
Music Ministry
Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental
Manna Ministry

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Coffee Hospitality
Sacristans
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