

St. Michael's Catholic Church Updates

Women's Bible Study Explores Prophet Elijah

Beginning Friday, 11 September 2026, the parish of Holy Cross, 210 High Street, will offer a women's Bible study featuring Faith and Fire: Elijah by Priscilla Shirer.

The study will meet at 9am in Room 106 of the Pastoral Center, with participants also able to join remotely via Zoom. Faith and Fire: Elijah explores the life and ministry of the Old Testament prophet Elijah, inviting participants to reflect upon his faith, obedience, and reliance upon God.

New participants are welcome. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, call or text Kathy at 831-818-3034.

Bereavement Ministry Monthly Discussion

The Bereavement Ministry of the parish of Holy Cross, 210 High Street, meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pastoral Center for a bereavement support discussion.

The gatherings provide an opportunity for those experiencing grief to reflect on the emotional and spiritual challenges that often follow loss, including feelings of anxiety, uncertainty, and distress. Such experiences, sometimes described as a form of deep unease or "angst", are a common part of the grieving process and may become more pronounced after the loss of a loved one.

Those who have experienced a recent loss are especially encouraged to attend. Individuals who are unable to participate but wish to receive a summary of the discussion may contact the parish office at 831-423-4182.



Hospitality Schedule

August 23

Bring something to share or just bring yourself.

And we need volunteers for setup and cleanup!



Gospel for August 23, 2026

Faith in God is the rock on which the rest of Jesus' community will stand, and this rock is what our faith stands on. Peter, and now the church, opens the door of the revelation of God to God's people and to the world. During our lives, our faith can grow, develop or get stuck. Many people seem to try to live from a faith that has not grown since their schooldays. Some continue to pray in a way that is too simple for the complexities of life, or live with an image of a fearful and punishing God. Instead of growing in faith, there are many who have given up faith in a false God, false ways of prayer, and simplistic answers to big questions. Faith is a gift that needs nourishing.

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Our Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Choir Members are too many to list. If you need any of these services or are interested in helping, please contact the individual or the parish office.

For Confessions and Baptisms, contact Fr. Roy at 831-335-4657.

Parish office hours: MWF, 9-11am.



Second Collection Schedule

August 23: Religious Education

St. Michael Plate for June

The plate for June was **\$5189**. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John's Schedule

Sat 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm: Mass
Sun 8:30am: Mass
11:30am: Mass
Wed 11:30am : Mass
Thu 9:30am: Mass
Fri 10:00am: Adoration
11:30am Mass

St. Michael's Schedule

Sun 10:00am Mass
Wed 9:30am Mass



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Tattoo Removal Program	Watsonville (831) 722-2675
	San Luis Obispo (805) 541-9110

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Readings for the Week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3,6,8/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-13,17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3,14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26

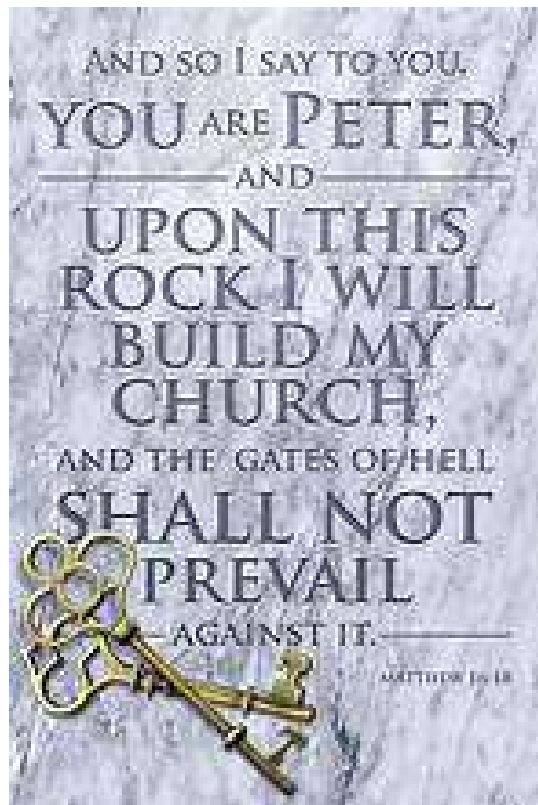
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18/Ps 128:1-2,4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13,18-21/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6,8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

**Pope's Intentions for August****For evangelization in the city**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

How to Request a Mass Intention

To request a Mass intention, complete a mass intention envelope 2 weeks before the requested date of your intention and place in the collection basket. Envelopes can be found at the back of the church.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Prayer for Vocations**

Eternal God...Bless your Church with holy and faithful Priests, Deacons, Brothers, and Sisters. Give those you have called to the married state, and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son, so that in him, with him, and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Eileen Verutti, John Ronald Metoyer, Rowan Vetter Hohmann, Fr. Matthew Spencer, Lori Collins, Sedona Maver, Ryan Flynn, Leah Duncan, David Ramirez, Sr., Sr. Barbara Long, Susan Quinn, Suzanne Colombo, Helen Colombo, Caitlyn Neithardt, Phil Johnson, Jennifer Nida, Julia Mailes, Stephen Alvarez, Peyton Stuart, Caeissa Benton, Joe George, Emily Clark, Caitlyn Jiperr, Rex Scates, Helen Dolce, Robin Minaggi, June Anderson, Jean McCarthy, Bob Cutter, Ellen, O'Sullivan, Georgia Zaborowski, Dehanna Mattson

Please pray for them and for those who care for them. If you know of parishioners who could be added to this list, please call the rectory.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Michael Loeffler, Breda Kilmartin, Russell Prock, Pope Francis, Donna Edward, Larry Shaw, Marie Puccinelli, Mary Hammer, Michael Donnelly, Christopher Metoyer, Richard Dow, Paul Kilmartin, Joe Hammer, Evelyn Cakebread, Chris Guerrero, Fr. Michael Cross, Walt Johnson, Margaret Kliegel, Jim Grewer, Carol Clark, Norma Revazzi, James Mckenny, Jack Verutti, Joel Benjamin, Anne Isaacs, Jennifer Imrie, Cliff Fredrickson, Reed Porter, Vivian Vallier, Frances Perry, Mark Hubenette, Robert Wells, Fr. Bob Murrin

If you have a loved one or know of someone who has recently passed, please let us know so we can remember them in our prayers.