

St. Michael's Catholic Church Updates

Pope Leo XIV Appoints 6th Bishop of Monterey

Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Most Rev. Ramón Bejarano, Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego, as the 6th Bishop of Monterey in California, bringing new leadership to the Central Coast diocese at a moment of heightened attention following recent liturgical and pastoral developments. Bishop Bejarano succeeds the Most Rev. Daniel E. Garcia, who was recently installed as Bishop of Austin, Texas. The Diocese of Monterey spans much of California's Central Coast and includes a Catholic population of more than 360,000 faithful.

Ramón Bejarano was born on 17 July 1969 in Seagraves, Texas, to parents of Mexican heritage. Shortly after his birth, his family returned to Juan Aldama in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. In 1987, his family relocated to California's Central Valley, where he worked in agricultural and maintenance jobs before entering seminary formation. Bejarano studied philosophy at the Diocesan Seminary of Tijuana, earning a Master of Philosophy degree, and later completed a Master of Divinity at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Stockton on 15 August 1998 at the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Stockton. His priestly ministry included assignments as parochial vicar at the parish of Saint George in Stockton and the parish of Sacred Heart in Turlock, followed by service at the parish of the Holy Family in Modesto. He later served for more than a decade as pastor of Saint Stanislaus in Modesto and was named rector of the Cathedral of the Annunciation in 2019.



Hospitality Schedule

January 11
January 25.

If you can help with setup or cleanup, please see Ann or Phil.



RESPECT LIFE MASS 2026

The annual Respect Life Mass will take be celebrated on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Madonna del Sasso Pro-Cathedral, 320 E. Laurel Dr, Salinas, CA 93906. All parishioners of the Monterey Diocese are encouraged and invited to attend this annual mass.



Gospel for January 4, 2026

Perhaps the gospel never commits to the number of magi because we are all invited to count ourselves among their company. The infancy narrative in the gospel of Matthew reminds us of the fragility of life encountered on the journey: the vulnerability of an infant and their post-partum mother; the vulnerability of refugees at the mercy of strangers; the vulnerability of children threatened by violence.

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St. Michael's Volunteer Staff

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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

Jan 11: Church Maintenance

St. Michael Plate for October

The plate for November was \$5327.02,. 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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Financial Stability Services	Seaside (831) 393-3110
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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 January 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3,5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7-8,10-12/Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4,7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17/Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6,9/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-4,3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17

Pope's Intentions for January**For Prayer With The Word Of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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

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

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, MaryEllen Grewer, Fr. Dick Clark, Bishop Richard Garcia, Marsha Nord

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.

