



SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL

Diocese of Monterey

January 11, 2026 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor - 11 de Enero del 2026

“AND A VOICE CAME FROM THE HEAVENS, SAYING, ‘THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.’”
—MATTHEW 3:17



“Y OYÓ UNA VOZ QUE DECÍA DESDE EL CIELO: ‘ÉSTE ES MI HIJO MUY AMADO, EN QUIEN TENGO MIS COMPLACENCIAS.’”
—MATEO 3,17

CATHEDRAL HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

7:00 AM—7:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS

4:00 PM Vigil

SUNDAYS

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM (*)

12:00 PM *en Español* (**)

5:30 PM

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY – FRIDAY

7:45 AM & 12:15 PM

***Children’s Mass** on the Fourth Sunday of the Month

****Bilingual Mass** on the Second Sunday of the Month

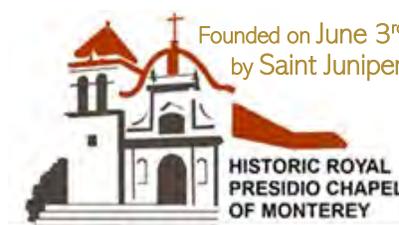
PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

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OF MONTEREY



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year A) by young-catholics.com

The Baptism of the Lord Year A reminds us of Jesus' mission and God's saving plan. It shows us how Jesus was chosen and sent to bring light and salvation to all people.

- **Jesus as God's Servant:** Jesus is revealed as the chosen servant, sent to bring justice and peace. The first reading shows God's delight in His servant who brings hope to the nations.
- **The Anointing of Jesus:** Jesus is anointed by the Holy Spirit to carry out His mission. The second reading highlights how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power to heal and bring peace.
- **The Call to Humility:** Jesus' baptism shows His humility as He steps into the water with sinners. The Gospel shows Jesus identifying with those He came to save.
- **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** The Spirit comes upon Jesus to strengthen Him for His mission. The Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit plays an important role in Jesus' work.
- **The Father's Love and Approval:** God the Father declares His love for His Son. This moment shows Jesus as the beloved Son, fulfilling His mission with the Father's approval.
- **Light for All People:** Jesus is sent to open the eyes of the blind and free the oppressed. The first reading points to His mission to bring light to those in darkness.

The Baptism of the Lord Year A teaches us about Jesus' mission and our call to follow Him. It reminds us of the Father's love, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the hope Jesus brings to all.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of the Month
(8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

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Every Friday
(7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

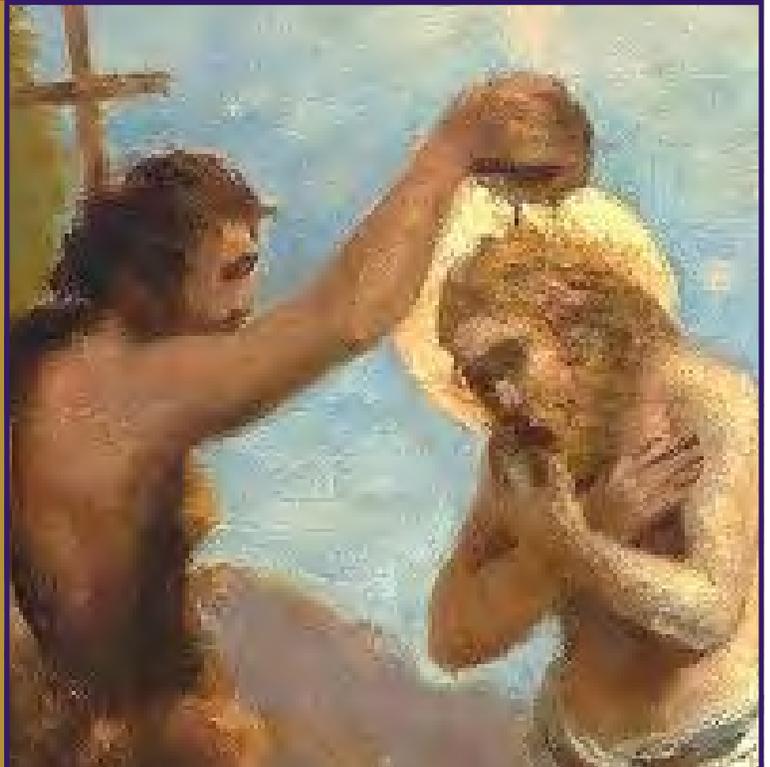
At the RECTORY

(By the Carport next to restrooms)

Also available by appointment

EVENING PRAYER

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.



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Mass Intentions Jan. 10th – Jan. 18th

Saturday, Jan 10 -

4:00 pm: +Kay Russo
+Alice Wabby
+Deceased members of the Gallaro Family

Sunday, Jan 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30 am: +Peter Anthony Davi
Int. of Marisol Ruiz-Sosa

9:00 am: +Kay Russo
+Primo Ursua

10:30 am: +Mary Denech
+Carol Aspesi
+Kay Russo

12:00 pm: Int. de la Familia Perez
Int. de la Familia Mendoza
Int. de la Familia Cardenas

5:30 pm: For All SCC Parishioners

Monday, Jan 12 - (ORDINARY TIME begins)

7:45 am: Int. of George Gomez

12:15 pm: +Mitzi Leiker
+Maria Tringali

Tuesday, Jan 13 -

7:45 am: +Dr. Rafael Mercado

12:15 pm: +Carmel & Ivan Picinich

Wednesday, Jan 14 -

7:45 am: +Rev. Mike Russo

12:15 pm: +Rev. Owen Stephen Wims

Thursday, Jan 15 -

7:45 am: +Reid Isaksen

12:15 pm: +Gary Williams

Friday, Jan 16 -

7:45 am: Int. of Ksenija Halamandaris

12:15 pm: +Johanna & John Crivello
+Frank Bruno
+Mike Riso

Saturday, Jan 17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot

4:00 pm: +Rawls Frazier
+Alice Wabby
Int. of Salvador Gutierrez & Family

Sunday, Jan 18 - II ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am: +Mirek Zahradka

9:00 am: +Mateo & Ursula Ciolino
Int. of Urbano Gutierrez & Family
Int. of Antonio Gutierrez & Family

10:30 am: +Giuseppe, Christina & Leonarda Aliotti
+Francine (Fran) Aliotti
+Francesco & Francesca Aliotti

12:00 pm: Int. of Esperanza Cardenas
5:30 pm: For All SCC Parishioners



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

by Sr. Sharon McMillan, SNDdeN

Merry Christmas! The holy Season of Christmas draws to an end today. It may not seem obvious how the feast of the Baptism of the Lord fits into the realities of the Christmas/Epiphany period. Recall that for Christians, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the incarnation of the Son of God in human flesh. The feast of Epiphany emphasizes the earthly manifestations of this blessed fact. The epiphanies (or manifestations or appearances) of the incarnate Jesus begins with the proclamation of the birth of “the King of the Jews” by the magi to all of Jerusalem. The Church then considers today’s feast another epiphany or manifestation of who Jesus is. Matthew’s Gospel today speaks of Jesus’ baptism as well as the Father’s proclamation that Jesus is the chosen one in whom the Father is pleased. A third epiphany or revelation of Jesus that Church tradition celebrates is the miracle of his changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana – what St. John will call “the first sign” of Jesus’ identity in his Gospel. The Church celebrates 3 “epiphanies” during the Christmas Season: the revelation of Jesus’ birth to the magi, the Father’s revelation of Jesus by his words at his baptism, and the revelation of Jesus’ divine power in changing water to wine. May the depth and richness of this holy season draw our hearts and minds into the presence of Jesus now and always.

The Gospel Matthew 3:13 - 17 St. Matthew describes the baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit of the adult Jesus in a richly symbolic way. Jesus’ baptism unfolds in the form of a drama in two parts. The first part focuses on Jesus’ acceptance of his mission. Jesus comes to John to be baptized, but John objects and insists that, rather, he needs to be baptized by Jesus. Jews from throughout Palestine felt the urgency to express to God their awareness of their need for repentance. So many devout Jews flock to this public sign of repentance offered by John the Baptist. Jesus of course had no need of such a sign, and in Matthew’s Gospel, John recognizes who it is who is approaching him. He is the Lamb of God who is without sin, who is the one who takes away the sins of the world. But by asking John for this immersion in water, Jesus identifies himself with sinful humanity and signals e. the complete gift of himself he is willing to make. By accepting baptism, Jesus consents to an entire life which will be offered for the forgiveness of humanity’s sins, a life lived in unflinching love of the Father and love of each member of the human family.

The First Reading Isaiah 42:1 – 4, 6 - 7 Chapter 42 of the Prophet Isaiah comes from a section of writings called the “Book of Consolation” in which God promises an end to the people’s exile and a new exodus into the Promised Land. God through Isaiah’s word also promises a servant who will establish justice for the people. This servant will be filled with the Spirit of God. He will open the eyes of the blind and bring freedom to those who live in darkness. Christians find the complete fulfillment of this prophecy in Jesus who is the Father’s Suffering Servant. And we recognize in the Father’s words at Jesus’ baptism the fulfillment of this prophecy that Jesus is truly the “chosen one in whom the Father is well pleased.”

The Second Reading The Acts of the Apostles 10:34 - 38 St. Luke describes, in this second volume of his writings, how God sent St. Peter to the house of Cornelius, a Gentile Roman centurion, who asked to be received into the Christian faith. Although Peter was at first unwilling to associate with non-Jews, he had a vision that informed him clearly that “God shows no partiality.” All who walk in God’s ways are acceptable to God. Peter’s speech to Cornelius is the essence of early Christian preaching about Jesus. He was sent by God with the Holy Spirit and power and went about doing good and healing. Death could not defeat Jesus, and God raised him on the third day. Jesus appeared to Peter and to all “who were chosen by God as witnesses” to his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. As Peter spoke, the Holy Spirit fell upon Cornelius, who then with his whole household was baptized into new life with Christ.

PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING ESPECIALLY FOR:

Eloise Sierra, Rosa Caruso, Harold Jackson, Madeline Gourel, Christa Erlat, Jeannine Beaumont La Force, Christina Mora, George Terrell, Laura Hastings,, Lisa Guidone, Diane Davies, Linda Gnipp, Cathy Shelton, Kevin Ferguson, Maureen Ferguson, Lynn Hammond, Sharron & Peter Erickson, Kelemete Fanene, Amelia Battistella, Debra G. Bomactao, R.C., Charlotte Lombardi, Shirley Stagar, Meredith Tibbey, Natalie Hinojosa, Bill Martinez, Margaret Pittelkow, Terry Nance, Anna & Joe Smith, Katrina Lund Madison, John Wallingford, Reyna Castellanos, Ana Flores Hernandez, Carol Clayton, Marisa Martinez, Michael Leonard, Nick Venturino, Sophia Isabella Carlson, Ryan Braff, Roger Thorsnbury, Bill Martinez, Marlyn Padilla, Lenice Bleckbee, LuLuBelle Johnson, Jacob Jenkins, Marita Esteban, Ellen Barrett, Lieland Axel Hensley, Oscar Brown, Desmond Fischer, James Yoshida, Jeff Devens, Mary & Jackson, Mary Ann Cutino, Janice Rayman, GiGi Andrada, Angelina Diaz, Dolores Billa, Benny Benedictos, Edward Hanratty, Vicky Juarez, Estrellita Quindara, Arthel Cake, Maryellen Aisenberg, Kian Anabo, Gabriel Hernandez, Sandra Ontiveros, Angie & Rosario Favalora, Delgado Family, Danny Aliotti, Anna Fierro, Marlyn Padilla, Gary Giboney, Jeremiah Mekhael, Matthew Ferguson, Jim Kern, Jesus Villa, Dee Powell, Nguyen Family, Alan Dougherty, Chris Wallingford, Juanita Escovido, Lesley Anne Stephens, Mary Spry, Mia Gatagna, Diane Wallingford, Eduardo Perez, Ernie Damasco, Susan Barron, Alex Ponce, Dolores Howard, Amelia Davila, Tuney Panggat, Eugene Merkel, Alice Alado, Ryan Cahallan, Colleen Kahn, Matt Ferguson, Jayme Layman, Ninfa Mineo, Phil Maestas, Kaitlyn Williams, John Mulchaey, Paul Naewman Lee, Anthony Campo, Lia Nevoloso, Baldo Amato, Hailey Mann, Jenna Roscelli, Tony Davi, Susan Luke, Joanne Reyes, Kontrena McPherson, Doug Wachter, Gary Kuennen, Allegra Scarano, Sherry Tyler, Susan Dodds, Demetrio Santiago, Sebastian Saldana, Jasmin Reate, Martha Rodriguez, Maria Valtierra, Tom Ghigliotto, Loretta Manjor, Most Rev. Sylvester Ryan, Richard & Penny Cruickshank, Denis Marie Martin, Gary Kress, Nina Andrada, Sandra Logsdon, Philippos Savvas Christoforou, Irving Argüello, Sonia Sharp, Erik Elken, Nora Dial, Judy Fisher, Louise Demateo, Anne Roberts, Randy Riddle, Romulo Uy, Julie Jordan, Leigh Franklin, Lynette Puccinelli, Sheila Bowman, Bonnie O'Brian, Jose Ordaz, Jerry Simonich, Arturo Bazaldua, Margie Pruitt, Eilene Troncatty, Gary Barlettani, Gill Berger, Ellen Ladd.

Please call the office to Add, Remove OR Update names in our prayer list. Thank you! 831-373-2628 x10

SCC Office Carpeting Project

Dear SCC Parish Family,

We are pleased to share that the much-needed carpeting project in our Cathedral Office is currently underway. This improvement will enhance the comfort, appearance, cleanliness and functionality of the space where so much pastoral and administrative work takes place in service to our parish community.

We sincerely thank you for your generous support of this project through your financial contributions and for your kind patience during this time of transition and minor disruption.

Your continued prayers and understanding are deeply appreciated as we work to complete this effort. May God bless your generosity and reward your patience!

Sincerely,
Father Ommar



Proyecto de alfombrado de la Oficina de SCC

Estimada familia parroquial de SCC:

Nos complace informarles que el tan necesario proyecto de instalación de alfombras en la oficina de nuestra Catedral está en marcha. El proyecto mejorará la comodidad, apariencia, limpieza y la funcionalidad del espacio donde se realiza gran parte del trabajo pastoral y administrativo para el servicio de nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Les agradecemos sinceramente su generoso apoyo a este proyecto a través de su ayuda económica y su amable paciencia durante este período de transición y pequeñas molestias.

Agradecemos profundamente sus oraciones y su comprensión mientras se trabaja para completar este proyecto. ¡Que Dios bendiga su generosidad y recompense su paciencia!

Atentamente,
Padre Ommar



THE REMAINDER OF THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY COLLECTION TOTALS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OUR NEXT BULLETIN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, AND...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT THROUGHOUT 2025!

BEFORE



AFTER



San Carlos Cathedral Office's *new* CARPET PROJECT has begun!

Please pardon the mess.

Special Thanks to:

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January 2026



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>JANUARY 1ST SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</p> 	<p>HOLY FAMILY 28</p> <p>7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass 10:30am—Children's Mass 12:00pm—<i>Misa</i> (Español) 5:30pm—Mass</p>	<p>(OFFICE – CLOSED) 29</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—Mass 7:00pm—<i>Evening Prayer</i></p>	<p>OUR LADY OF BETHLEHEM 30 (OFFICE – CLOSED)</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—Mass</p>
	<p>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 4</p> <p>7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass 10:30am—Mass 12:00pm—<i>Misa</i> (Español) 5:30pm—Mass</p>	<p><i>Saint John Neumann</i> 5</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—Mass 7:00pm—<i>Evening Prayer</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—Mass</p>
	<p>BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11</p> <p>7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass 10:30am—Mass 12:00pm—<i>Misa</i> (Bilingual) 5:30pm—Mass</p>	<p>(ORDINARY TIME begins) 12</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—Mass 7:00pm—<i>Evening Prayer</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—Mass</p>
	<p>II ORDINARY TIME 18</p> <p>7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass 10:30am—Mass 12:00pm—<i>Misa</i> (Español) 5:30pm—Mass</p>	<p>[Martin Luther King Jr. (USA)] 19 (OFFICE – CLOSED)</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—(NO MASS) 7:00pm—<i>Evening Prayer</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—(NO MASS)</p>
	<p>III ORDINARY TIME 25</p> <p>7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass 10:30am—Children's Mass 12:00pm—<i>Misa</i> (Español) 5:30pm—Mass</p>	<p><i>Saint Timothy & Saint Titus</i> 26</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—(NO MASS) 7:00pm—<i>Evening Prayer</i></p>	<p><i>Saint Angela Merici</i> 27</p> <p>7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—(NO MASS)</p>

*Welcome Bishop
 Ramon Bejarano!*

Welcome to Monterey!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero Año Nuevo!



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 (OFFICE – CLOSED) 7:45am—Mass 12:15pm—(NO MASS) 6:00pm—Misa (Bilingual) 7:00pm—Holy Hour of Gratitude	MARY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1 (OFFICE – CLOSED) 7:45am—(NO MASS) 9:00am—MASS 12:15pm—(NO MASS)	Saint Basil & Saint Gregory 2 (OFFICE – CLOSED) 7:45am—Mass 8:30am—Exposition 12:15pm—Mass 7:00pm—Adoration “Divine Mercy”	3 2:30pm—Confessions 4:00pm—Mass
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7:45am—Mass <i>Saint Agnes</i> 21 12:15pm—(NO MASS)	7:45am—Mass 22 12:15pm—(NO MASS)	7:45am—Mass 23 12:15pm—(NO MASS) 7:00pm—Adoration “Divine Mercy”	Saint Francis de Sales 24 2:30pm—Confessions 4:00pm—Mass
7:45am—Mass <i>Saint Thomas Aquinas</i> 28 12:15pm—(NO MASS)	7:45am—Mass 29 12:15pm—(NO MASS)	7:45am—Mass 30 12:15pm—(NO MASS) 7:00pm—Adoration “Divine Mercy”	Saint John Bosco 31 2:30pm—Confessions 4:00pm—Mass



¡Bienvenido Obispo Ramón Bejarano!

¡Bienvenido a Monterey!



Sunday, JAN. 11th
REGULAR CLASS *
***Meeting with Parents**

Domingo, 11 ENE.
CLASE REGULAR*
***Junta con Padres**

NEXT
Sunday, JAN. 18th
NO CLASS

PROXIMAMENTE
Domingo, 18 ENE.
NO CLASE

SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL
CHILDREN'S
CHOIR

San Carlos Cathedral Children's Choir
 January 2026 Rehearsals will be in the
 Parish Office at 2:15pm on:



- **Tuesday, January 14th**
- **Tuesday, January 21st**

The next Children's Mass will be on
Sunday, January 25th at 10:30 AM.

More info, contact:
SANDRA LOGSDON at
music@sancarloscathedral.org

Thank you again to all our Choirs and Cantors at all our Christmas Masses.

Special thanks to our Children's Choir under the direction of Sandra Logsdon.

Thank you all to our SCC Liturgical Ministries:

- Environment
- Ushers
- Sacristans
- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers



As we end Christmas Season...
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all
 and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!**



Office of Youth Ministries
 Diocese of Monterey in California





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San Carlos Children's Liturgy of the Word



"Let the children come to Me!" (Mt 19:14)
Bring your child to Christ!

Children are invited to come forward and participate in the reading and sharing of Sacred Scripture, every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

DID YOU KNOW THAT..?

Jesus' baptism symbolizes his identity as God's Son and His role as the living presence of God on earth. He welcomes His own baptism as an example for the rest of us and as a sign of His true identity and his role in bringing justice and peace to the world.



¿SABÍAS QUE...?

El bautismo de Jesús simboliza su identidad como Hijo de Dios y su papel como la presencia viva de Dios en la tierra. Él acepta su propio bautismo como un ejemplo para el resto de nosotros y como un signo de su verdadera identidad y de su papel en traer justicia y paz al mundo.

Church Chuckles

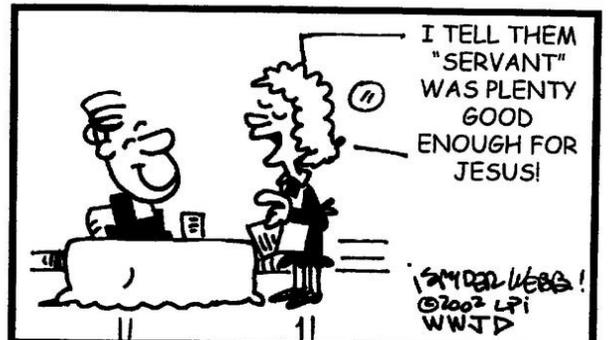
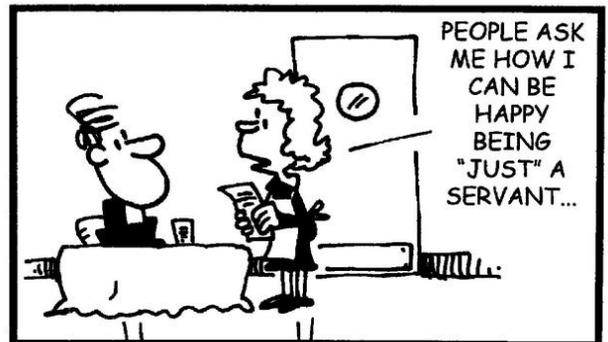
The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. Mt 3:16
Al salir Jesús del agua, una vez bautizado, se le abrieron los cielos y vio al Espíritu de Dios, que descendía sobre él en forma de paloma Mt 3,16

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



SMOKELESS!
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After several months of waiting, an update is finally here!

NEW PROJECT: NEW PEWS FOR SAN CARLOS!

We are happy to announce that this project is finally ready to *begin* on Jan. 25th!
Thanks to your generous contributions to the 2025 A.M.A.

We will be working with:



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San Carlos School's Annual Fund.
We have raised 56% of our \$65,000 goal so far!

The Annual Fund helps bridge the gap between our
families' tuition costs and our operational needs.
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providing your **NAME** and
NUMBER, so that we may give
you more detailed information
and instructions.





DIOCESE of MONTEREY



On December 17, 2025, the Holy Father appointed Bishop Ramón Bejarano, as the next bishop of the Diocese of Monterey.

In the Latin Roman Catholic Church, the installation (or canonical possession) of a new diocesan bishop is the solemn liturgical act by which he officially takes charge of the diocese to which the Pope has appointed him. This rite typically occurs within a Mass that is celebrated in the cathedral church; or for pastoral reasons, could be done in a different venue.

The key elements of the Mass of Installation of a new Bishop, include:

- *Reception at the Cathedral door*—the new bishop is welcomed by clergy, diocesan representatives and the diocesan faithful.
- *Reading of the Apostolic Letter* (Papal Bull or Mandate)—This official document from the Pope is proclaimed publicly, confirming the appointment and granting authority.
- *Seating in the Cathedra*—The bishop is led to the bishop's chair (cathedra) in the Cathedral, the symbol of his teaching authority and pastoral office. He takes his seat, signifying he now governs the diocese in Christ's name as its chief shepherd, teacher and priest.

The Installation Mass will mark the end of the *sede vacante* (vacant see) period and the beginning of Bishop Bejarano's exercise of episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Monterey.

The ceremony itself emphasizes communion with the Pope, the College of Bishops, and the local faithful, highlighting the bishop's role of shepherding the diocese with fidelity to the Gospel. It is a moment of joy and prayer for the new era of grace in the local Church of the Diocese of Monterey.

NOTE: *Bishop Bejarano's Installation Mass will be announced once final details are confirmed.*

El 17 Diciembre 2025, el Santo Padre nombró a Monseñor Ramón Bejarano, como próximo obispo de la Diócesis de Monterey.

En la Iglesia Católica Romana de rito latino, la instalación (o posesión canónica) de un nuevo obispo diocesano es el acto litúrgico solemne mediante el

cual asume oficialmente mando de la diócesis a la que el Papa lo ha nombrado. Este rito suele celebrarse dentro de una Misa en la catedral; o, por razones pastorales, puede realizarse en otro lugar.

Los elementos clave de la Misa de Instalación de un nuevo obispo incluyen:

- *Recepción en la puerta de la catedral*—el nuevo obispo es recibido por el clero, los representantes diocesanos y por los fieles.
- *Lectura de la Carta Apostólica* (Bula Papal o Mandato): este documento oficial del Papa se proclama públicamente, confirmando el nombramiento y otorgando la autoridad.
- *Entronización en la cátedra*: el obispo es conducido a la cátedra episcopal en la catedral, que es símbolo de su autoridad magisterial y oficio pastoral. Toma asiento, lo que significa que ahora gobierna la diócesis en nombre de Cristo como su pastor principal, maestro y sacerdote.

La Misa de Instalación marcará el final del período de *sede vacante* y el comienzo del ministerio episcopal del Obispo Bejarano en la Diócesis de Monterey.

La ceremonia enfatiza la comunión con el Papa, el Colegio Episcopal y los fieles locales, destacando el papel del obispo como pastor de la diócesis, con fidelidad al Evangelio. Es un momento de alegría y oración por la nueva etapa de gracia para la Iglesia local de la Diócesis de Monterey.

NOTA: *La Misa de Instalación del Obispo Bejarano se anunciará una vez confirmados los detalles finales.*