



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2026

G O S P E L M E D I T A T I O N

Matthew 13:44-52

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. “It’s supposed to be God’s Kingdom on earth,” he said, “ but it’s full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can’t the Church just be better?” That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus’ parables in today’s Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,” yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God’s reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God’s quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church’s flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church . Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



READINGS
FOR THE
WEEK

Monday– Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Tuesday– Mi 6:1-4,6-8/Mt 12:38-42
Wednesday– Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Thursday– Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
Friday–Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday– 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Sunday–1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

STEWARDSHIP
CORNER

July 12, \$ 2,241.80
Catholic Relief \$ 1,603.41

Thank you for your very generous and continued support to the parish!

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm: Lector: Brenda Zanger
Ministers: John Garioto, Barbara Hawkins
Robert Groeling
Server: Mary Perez
Sunday 7:30am: Lector: Kim Giles
Minister: Denise Palmer
Server: Noah Giles
Sun 9am : Lector: Stacie McGrady
Minister: Patsy Pence, Julie Young
Nancy Tulchinsky
Servers: Isabella Godinez
Sun 11:15am:
Lector: Lourdes Langford
Ministers: Katerina Hicks, Mary Macias
Lillian Casey
Server: Zane Berrios

Upcoming Events

July 23– Finance Meeting 5:30pm
Pastoral/ Finance Dinner 6pm

Aug-3 Baptism Prep Class
Pre registration is required.
Call the office for more information.

AA Meetings are offered in our parish hall each
Sunday and Wednesday evening at 7pm

88th Annual Parish Barbecue Kickoff Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the kickoff meeting for our 88th Annual Parish Chicken BBQ! We will be discussing plans for this year’s barbecue and are hopeful that all of our committee chairs will be able to attend. If you are unable to be present, we kindly ask that you send someone to represent your committee.
Date: Monday, July 27th
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Parish Hall
If you have any questions, please contact Stacie McGrady at (831)455-5098 or contact the parish office.
We look forward to seeing everyone as we begin planning another successful barbecue!



Parish News!!!

- Would you like to serve your parish? Call the office today, we are in need of ministers, lectors and servers at each Mass.
- Our Livestream Sunday 9am Mass can be found on our YouTube page.
- Each Friday morning prior to the 8:30am morning Mass you are welcome at 8:00am for prayer of the Holy Rosary.
- AED’s are located at the entrance to the church to the right of the stairs under the choir loft and also in the hall near the front door.
- Baptism Preparation is a 2 month process. Prep classes for Parents and God-parents are held once a month. Prior registration in the office is required.

Prayer Requests



If you or a member of your family would like our faith community of Immaculate Conception Church to join you in prayers for special needs, call the parish office. Names will be removed periodically. If your loved one has been removed and is still in need of prayers please let us know.

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: Elza Paul, Theresa Villareal, Sophia Moreno Diaz, Sierra & Ben Diaz, Leticia Flores– McPerson. Lynell Hoffington, Linda Morse, Roberta Paul, Mina Cardenas, Mary Mitchell, Yvonne Silveira, Jenny Jud, Don Velasquez, Gia Garioto, Maggie Garcia, Ellen Emma. Ofelia Aguirre, Phyllis Cruz, Kathleen Connoly, Wes & Betty Brookshire, Patrick Dooling, John Mitchell, John Garioto, Michael Mitchell, Steve Markowski, Lily Klauer, Miranda Lee, Isaac Lee, Diane Alves, Angelita Aguirre, Matt Acconero, Isaias Perez, Sally Stephenson, Oscar Carrillo, Margie LeGrand, Nicholas Matos, Tanner Ullon, Jeff French, Vince Milazzo, Colleen Aguirre, Martin Vallejo, David Shields, Presley Dias, Anita Pedrazzi, Jude Wong , Octaviano Luna, Joe Postigo, Johnny Bermio, Corylan Stranski, Kay Soares, Doris Stubben, Gigi Cutillo, Juliana Barrios, Evelyn Scally, Loise Callens, Joey Dias, Phillip Cosentino, Dian Markowski, Rogerio Moitoso, Frank & Teresa Viera, Sharon Hawkins , Loly Munro, Dee Ketchum, Emma Herrera, Rohit Sharma, Daniel Lee ,Drea Cedillo, Kelly & Mitchele, Diane Schneider, Oralía Alvarez, Rich Bermea , Jose B Garcia, Antonio De la Torre, Apolinaria Salinas. Gabriel Ponce , Samuel Molina

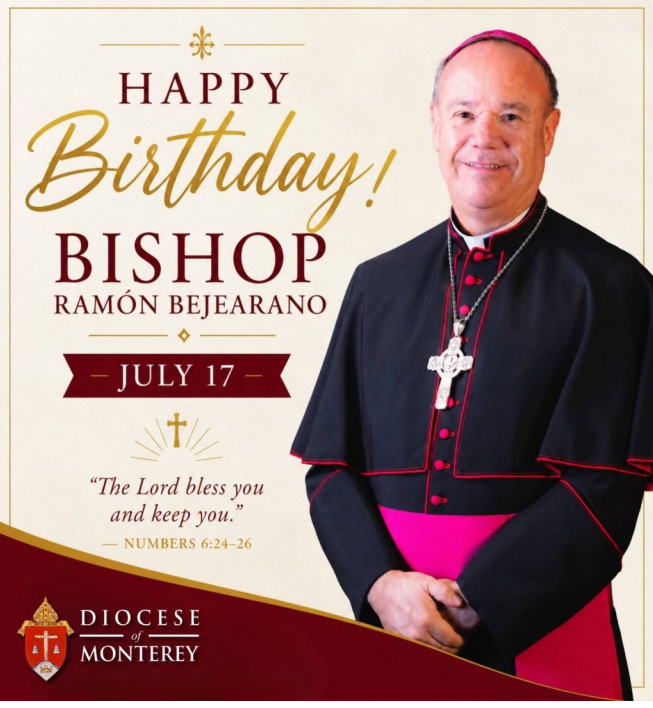
Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Joan Ramos, Josephine Cain

Birthday Blessings to
Bishop Ramón Bejarano

We extend our heartfelt birthday wishes to The Most Reverend Bishop Ramón Bejarano.

May God continue to bless you abundantly with wisdom, strength, good health, and peace as you lead and serve the Diocese of Monterey with faith, grace, and dedication.

Happy Birthday
Bishop Bejarano!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18
5:00
†Chuck Hawkins *req. by: Barb Hawkins*
†Josephine Cain *req. by: Brian & Claudia*
Sunday, July 19
7:30am
†Felipe Velazquez *req. by: Family*
9:00am
†John Mitchell *req. by: Mary Mitchell*
11:15am
†Laura Chin-Loy *req. by: Wong Family*
Monday, July 20
8:30am
Health of Rohit Sharma
req. by: Dr Sharma
Tuesday, July 21
No Services
Wednesday, July 22
No Services
Thursday, July 23
8:30am
†Maria Rodriguez *req. by: Reyes Family*
Friday, July 24
8:30am
Steve & Trinh Umfleet

Donuts & Coffee



Join us this weekend
after the Sunday 9am
Mass for donuts and coffee.
Everyone welcome!

Religious Education Update:

Leader: Dee Ketchum

1st Communion: Registration is open.
Forms can be picked up in the office.

Confirmation: : Registration is open.
Forms can be picked up in the office.

O.C.I.A class: Registration is open.
Forms can be picked up in the office.
Volunteers Needed

Our Religious Education Program is in need of teachers and teacher assistance. If you or someone you know would be a great fit for our program, please contact Dee at **628-3060**. We would love to welcome dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their faith and support our children in their spiritual growth. Thank you for your support!