

AUGUST 23, 2026

21th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" and Simon Peter answers,
"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" —*Matthew 16:13-20*



OUR LADY of the PILLAR CHURCH

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Masses at Our Lady of the Pillar

Monday — Saturday: 8:00 am (English)

Monday — Saturday Recitation of the Holy Rosary
after 8 am masses (English)

Friday: 12 p.m. Noon Latin Mass ("Novus Ordo")

Saturday: 5 p.m. (English) & 7 p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 8 a.m. (English) & 10 a.m. (English)
12 p.m. (Español) & 6 p.m. (English)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturdays: 4 - 5 p.m. (or by appointment)

24/7 Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel

English info: Juliette Kulda (650)283-6175

Info. en Español: Lupe Zavala (650)438-6068

Emma Moctezuma (650)455-8509

Masses at St. Anthony's, Pescadero

696 North Street, Pescadero

Sunday: 9 a.m. (English) 6 p.m. (Español)

Masses at Our Lady of Refuge, La Honda

146 Sears Ranch Road, La Honda

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

English Baptisms: 2nd Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Bautismos en Español: 1^{er} y 3^{ro} Sabado a las 11:00 a.m.

Platicas Pre-bautismales: 3^{er} Jueves del Mes a las 7:00pm.

Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" C. S. Lewis, in Mere Christianity, has this to say: Jesus goes around "talking as if He was God. He claims to forgive sins." "Now unless the speaker is God, this is really so preposterous as to be comic. We can all understand how a man forgives offences against himself."... But what would we think of a man who *announced that he forgave you for stepping on someone else's toes or stealing their money?*

"Yet this is what Jesus did." "He...behaved as if He was the party chiefly concerned, the person chiefly offended in all offences. This makes sense only if He really was the God whose laws are broken... in every sin. In the mouth of any speaker who is not God, these words would imply... a silliness and conceit unrivaled by any other character in history. "Yet... even His enemies... do not... get the impression of silliness and conceit." "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic... or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

AUGUST 22 - 29, 2026

Our Lady of the Pillar, Half Moon Bay

Saturday Night, AUGUST 22

5:00 pm † Climaco Ferreira da Cunha
† Lynnette Giusti
7:00 pm † Celia Perez Sarabia

Sunday AUGUST 23

8:00am † Climaco Ferreira da Cunha
† Joan & Adelina Lopes
10:00am † Arnaldo, Michael Rodrigues & Family
† Major Robert Dee United States Air Force
12:00pm † Santiago Badajos Acosta

6:00pm † Frank, Tony Vaz & Parents

Monday AUGUST 24

8:00am † Larry Abando
† For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday AUGUST 25

8:00am † Manuel, Maria Ferreira & Family

Wednesday AUGUST 26

8:00am † Maria Rocha Pires & Family
† For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday AUGUST 27

8:00am † Yoaquim Balbina & Maria Gomes
† Arnaldo, Michael Rodrigues & Family

Friday AUGUST 28

8:00am † Ramona Viloría
† Guadalupe Hernandez Fonseca

Saturday AUGUST 29

8:00am † Beverly Santiago

Mass Schedule and Intentions at our Missions

St. Anthony's, Pescadero

Sunday AUGUST 23

9 a.m. (Eng) † Tony & Frank Vaz
6 p.m. (Esp)

Our Lady of Refuge, La Honda

Sunday AUGUST 23

10:30am

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

The Church depends on the support and generosity of its members to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, educate its youth, and care for the elderly.

Our parish goals for this year's Annual Appeal are:

	Assessment	Collected	Balance
OLP	\$ 79,311	\$ 55,500	\$ 23,811
St. Anthony's	\$ 5,802	\$ 5,802	\$ 0
OLR	\$ 4,718	\$ 4,718	\$ 0

This year's theme is from 1 Corinthians 10:31

¿Quién Decís que Soy Yo?

Jesús preguntó a sus discípulos: "¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del Hombre?" C. S. Lewis, en Mero Cristianismo, comenta lo siguiente: Jesús va por ahí "hablando como si fuera Dios. Afirma perdonar los pecados." "Ahora bien, a menos que quien habla sea Dios, esto resulta tan absurdo que llega a ser cómico. Todos podemos entender cómo un hombre perdona las ofensas cometidas contra sí mismo"... Pero ¿qué pensaríamos de un hombre que anunciara que te perdona por haberle pisado los pies a otra persona o por haberle robado su dinero?

"Sin embargo, eso es lo que hizo Jesús." "Él... se comportaba como si fuera la parte principal afectada, la persona principalmente ofendida en todas las ofensas. Esto solo tiene sentido si Él era realmente el Dios cuyas leyes se quebrantan... en cada pecado. En boca de cualquier persona que no sea Dios, estas palabras implicarían...una insensatez y una soberbia sin parangón en ningún otro personaje de la historia." "Y, sin embargo... ni siquiera sus enemigos... tienen la impresión de que fuera un insensato o un soberbio." "Aquí intento evitar que alguien diga esa gran necedad que la gente suele decir sobre Él: "Estoy dispuesto a aceptar a Jesús como un gran maestro de moral, pero no acepto su pretensión de ser Dios." Eso es precisamente lo que no debemos decir. Un hombre que fuera simplemente un hombre y dijera las cosas que dijo Jesús no sería un gran maestro de moral. O bien sería un lunático... o bien sería el Diablo del infierno. Debes elegir. O bien este hombre era, y es, el Hijo de Dios, o bien un loco o algo peor. Puedes tacharlo de loco, puedes escupirle y matarle como a un demonio; o puedes postrarte a sus pies y llamarle Señor y Dios. Pero no vengamos con tonterías condes-cendientes sobre que fue un gran maestro humano. Él no nos ha dejado esa opción. No pretendía hacerlo."

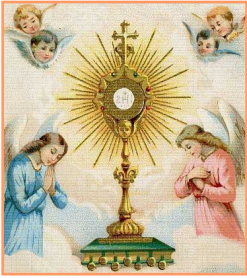
Your Offerings Supporting our Parish

Collections for Aug 15 – 16

	1st Collection	2nd Collection
Our Lady of the Pillar	\$ 5,665	\$ 1,975
Saint Anthony	\$ 468	\$ 110
Our Lady of Refuge	\$ 390	\$ 104

Upcoming Second Collections

Aug 23	Carmelite Missionaries of Saint Thérèse
Aug 30	St. Vincent de Paul
Sept 6	Building Fund
Sept 13	Church of Latin America



SIGN UP FOR A HOLY HOUR TODAY

English: Juliette Kulda (650) 283-6175
Español: Lupe Zavala (650) 438-6068
 o Emma Moctezuma (650) 455-8509
<https://OLPA.WeAdoreHim.com>

Register Now!

First Communion Class English— Two-Year Program

Come to the Parish Office Monday thru Friday
 From 8 a.m.—12 p.m. or 1 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Take an Application Form from the Church,
 fulfill its mandatory requirements and return it to the Office.
 (Incomplete forms will not be accepted)

First year class begins on:
 Sep. 24th From 3:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Catechist: Paul & Sam Lippert

Second year class is begins on:
 Sep. 10th From 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Catechist: Paul Kulda

Ya estamos registrando!

Primera Comunión

Programa de dos años en Español

Venga a la oficina de Lunes a Viernes
 de las 8:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. y de 1:00 a 4:30 p.m.

Por favor tome una aplicación y los requisitos
 del vestíbulo de la iglesia y regrésela a la oficina.
 (Aplicaciones incompletas no serán aceptadas)

Las clases comienzan el:
 Primer año Lunes Sep 14, 2026 de 6:00pm.-7:15pm.
 Segundo año Martes Sep 15, 2026 de 6:00pm.-7:15pm.

Registration is open for the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is now a two-year program.

1st Year is available to any student, 7th or 8th grade & older.

It is focused on growing the student's knowledge of the faith.

*(THIS group will then continue its 2nd yr in Sept. 2027
 and be Confirmed in May 2028.)*

Please take an application from the Church, read
 about our mandatory requirements, and return it to the Office.

(Incomplete forms will not be accepted)

Questions? Call Yesenia: 650-726-4674
 Office Hours: Monday thru Friday
 8 a.m. – 12:00 & 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pray for Our Parishioners Who are Sick Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

*May God's healing power
 fill them with strength and hope.*

Marina & Mickey Williamson, Raquel Corona, Rich Perez, Helen Victa Castillo, Maria P. Nuñez Merlo, Consuelo Villa, Alberto Villaseñor, Adriana Rivas, Michael White, Shana Reallypond, Sylvia Allen, Marge Healy, Carlos Sánchez, Virgilio Vilorio, Leslie Henry, Mariland Damron, Thanna Warren, Henry Schoop, John Denny, Pauline Bilafer, Rey Caloca, Glenn Gonzales, Lynn Gijon, Bob Mazzetti, Michael Schnabel-Kuehn, Sally Ann Thomas, Tiesha Kelly, Charles Decoteau, Nicole Barros, Patricia Bolfin, Louise Luteran, Adelaida Villarreal, Michael Abeyta, Mary Elliot, Lucy Lopez and Minerva Contreras, Mary Elliott.



Church Votive Candles

If you want to purchase votive candles for use at home, you may do so at the Parish Office or at the Gift Shop for \$5 per candle. Please do not take candles from the candle racks inside the church or the chapel.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

(Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion)

English and Spanish Programs

If you are seeking God's love through Jesus Christ & wish to inquire about receiving the Sacraments of Initiation:

Call the Parish Office: 650-726-4674 or

Email: office@ourladyofthepillar.org



This Fall 2026 *PLEASE* take a stand for LIFE!

From September 23 – November 1 commit to one hour **weekly** at the

40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil:

2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City.

Meet many other faithful committed Catholics.

It's easy.

Schedule your Lenten commitment through Jessica:
 phone/text 650-918-9119, or email

themunns@yahoo.com

or schedule yourself online at:

www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

God will surely bless you for it –

you will not be at the vigil alone –

and you may save a life!

Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco

...to serve the poor
is to go to God...

- St. Vincent de Paul



The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is looking for a volunteer with a truck, who can help us pick up food donations. We need help twice-a-month on Monday mornings and occasionally on Friday mornings when our regular volunteers are not available. Many thanks.

Call Nancy Clarkin at **650-726-8177**



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Did you know? The Knights of Columbus Council:

- ◆ Has purchased more than 1,800 ultrasound machines for pregnancy care centers around the world.
- ◆ Has raised money to provide wheelchairs to over 140,000 people around the world.
- ◆ Provides an annual \$5,000 scholarship to the OLP Academy in our own parish.

Your Knights Council is part of an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, to serve others, to protect our families, and to defend values in an ever changing world.

Light refreshments will be served.



The Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Pillar is now a TWO-Year Program (for youth 7th grade thru High School)

REGISTRATION after Masses on Sundays ► August 16 & August 23
-or- come to the office during the week.

NEEDED: 3 certificates - ◆ Birth ◆ Baptism ◆ First Communion

✓ Classes offered: Mondays 3:45 pm / Tuesdays 3:45 pm / Wednesdays 7:00 pm
More info, please call the office: 650.726-4674

Women's Sacred Scripture Group...



The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

This study will focus on the "writing" prophets and includes the major prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel.

YOU will: ◆ understand who the prophets were ◆ the message they proclaimed ◆ and how their words continue to call us into a deeper relationship with God today!

Thursday mornings, 10:10-12 noon ✨ **Begins Sept 24** (10 weeks)

Online Access to videos - if unable to attend all sessions - **Scan to Register**

Facilitators: Anne Martin and Terry Giorgetti 408-497-9276 Call if questions 📞

Newcomers welcomed ✨

