ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

360 Park Ave., Cayucos, CA, 93430 | Office: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.

Mass Times | Sundays at 10 a.m. | Saturdays at 5 p.m. | Weekdays at 9 a.m.
Spanish Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays | Rosary at 8:30 a.m. on weekdays
Adoration on Fridays after 9 a.m. Mass | Reconciliation on First Saturdays at 4 p.m.

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May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	**16**	+Bill Lyons
Sun.	**17**	+Joe I. Silva
Mon.	**18**	+Aggie Wisniewski
Tues.	**19**	+Larry Clark
Wed.	**20**	St. Joseph's Parishioners
Thurs.	**21**	Terry & Judy Ann Cross
Thurs.-Spanish	**21**	x Donaciana Morales y Manuel Mora
Fri.	**22**	+Mary Fatooh
Sat.	**23**	+Bill Lyons
Sun.	**24**	+Cathy Clark

Marian Feast

On Monday, May 25, we will celebrate a relatively new Marian Feast, *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*. This Obligatory Memorial was established in 2018 and is observed yearly on the Monday after Pentecost. This Memorial begins the season of Ordinary Time. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. with the Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

Message from Father

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Our Gospel from Matthew brings us to the final meeting between Jesus and His disciples before He returns to the Father. Standing on the mountain, Jesus gives them a mission that continues even today: *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Before He ascends, the Lord does not leave His disciples with fear or uncertainty. Instead, He leaves them with a mission, a promise, and His presence.*

The Ascension is sometimes misunderstood as Jesus "leaving" the world. But this feast is not about absence — it is about a new way of Christ being present among us. The Lord who ascended into heaven remains with His Church, guiding, strengthening, and accompanying His people through the Holy Spirit, through the Word of God, and especially through the Holy Eucharist. That is why the Gospel closes with those comforting words: *"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

And yet, Matthew also tells us that when the disciples saw the Risen Lord, "they worshiped, but they doubted." Even in that sacred moment, some still struggled. Jesus, nonetheless, entrusted them with His mission because He does not wait for perfect people before He calls them. He works through ordinary men and women who are still learning to trust Him more deeply. When we carry our own questions, worries, or uncertainty, the Lord continues to call us to live our faith faithfully in our homes, in our parish, and in our daily relationships with our hearts always lifted toward Him.

As a parish community, may this feast renew in us the awareness that we are not alone. May the Ascended Lord keep all of us close to Him and strengthen us in the mission He has entrusted to His Church.

I also wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who prepared for the pastoral visit of Bishop Bejarano. Words can hardly express how grateful I am for each one of you. Your dedication, generosity, and zeal made this visit truly possible. Our parish has been truly blessed by your presence and your love for this community. God bless all of you.

Fr. Martel

Annual Ministries Appeal

The theme this year's Annual Ministries Appeal is, "Walking in His Light as Messengers of Hope." The AMA supports vocations and seminarian formation as well as the Hispanic, Youth and Young Adult ministries of the diocese. Our goal is $11,800 and we have already received $4,045. with an additional $3,400 in pledges. Any donations in excess of our goal will be returned to our parish. Please donate online using the QR code or return your donation in an envelope found in the pews. Be sure to specify our parish in Cayucos since there are other St. Joseph parishes in the diocese. Thank you.

Plant Care

Do you like to garden? The parish has many indoor and outdoor plants in need of care. Please call the office if you would like to help in this important ministry of keeping the sanctuary, vestibule, and church yard looking beautiful.

Mass Readings

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Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11;
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6);
Ephesians 1:17-23;
Matthew 28:16-20

Pentecost Sunday

Next week will be the celebration of Pentecost. Feel free to wear red.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Weekly Adoration

Everyone is welcome to come for Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Bingo Night on May 20

The next Bingo Night is on **Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m.** Entry packs are $15, with free snacks such as hot dogs and popcorn. Please, no one under the age of 18.

Father's Day Cards

Both Masses on Father's Day weekend will be offered for our living and deceased fathers. Cards are available in the hall and can be given to fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, adopted fathers, and spiritual fathers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED

We are refreshing our parish sick list. Many people were on our sick list for a very long time and we were not sure if they were still in need of prayer. Please let us know if you have a loved one you would like to add to the prayer list.
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Thank you.

Steve Santi
Stan Piwowarski
Jim & Joanne Tobias
Innette Starkenburg
Steve Buller
Mary Moloney
Mickey Bruno
Gary & Bonnie Nelson
Butch Rambaud
Eric Solum
Glen Bennett
Bonnie Bowman
Bill Mazzacane