My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Again, I’m grateful that we are together to experience the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ. This week, Jesus reminds us that it is through our faith — our belief in Him that we will be given eternal life: “Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.” Even in difficult times, we have to rely on God to guide the way. I encourage you to ask our Lord Jesus to stay with you. This is where safety and comfort are found.

Nuevamente, estoy agradecido que podemos estar juntos para experimentar la bondad de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Esta semana, Jesús nos recuerda que es por nuestra fe en él que nos dará la vida eterna. Jesús nos dice, “cada uno que escucha a mi Padre y aprende de él viene a mi.” Incluso en tiempos difíciles, tenemos que confiar en Dios para que el guíe nuestro camino. Los animo que le pidan a Jesús que se quede con ustedes esta semana. En el encontramos seguridad y confianza.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel

As a Catholic community, we strive to grow in faith together through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
It's Hospitality Sunday!
Join us after mass for our monthly fellowship gathering in the Church Hall after mass. — come to help us make it a memorable for everyone. Stop by the special table to learn how you can make a special contribution to Our Lady of the Pillar just by shopping at Safeway.

We have a new member joining our Community!
Olivia Solange Tinoco is being baptized this weekend on Saturday, August 11. Welcome Olivia!

Back to School Blessing— August 19
At the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses, we will be coming together to offer a special blessing and prayer for all our parish youth leaving or returning to school away from home.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Special Mass Schedule for Vigil and Feast Day
TUES August 14 7:00 pm (Spanish) Fr. Juan Manuel
WED August 15 8:00 am (English) Fr. Onubogu
7:00 pm (English) Fr. Charlie
Pescadero-SA 7:00 pm (Spanish) Fr. Juan Manuel

What your donations mean to our parish...
Last weekend, you contributed $1,632.81 to our Building Fund for which we are most grateful.

Many of you have been wanting to learn more about our progress on the New Hall renovation, how your donations are contributing, and what is left to do to finish the remaining repairs. Most of all, you’ve asked us why these repairs are so important to the well-being of our parish and its ministries.

In response to your questions, we are preparing a Parish Report. The aim is to inform you and also inspire everyone to get personally involved, joining together to celebrate our progress and achieve the goals for completing the work. The Parish Report will be presented at a parish community dialogue. We will be announcing the date and specific plans in our August 26 bulletin. We all have a role to play. We hope you will join us to support your parish.

Jesus, son of Mary
The first time I experienced the festival of the Assumption of Mary in Italy was while visiting my family at Lago Maggiore, the great lake which separates Italy from Switzerland. It was August 15th and the People of God were celebrating everywhere. Church bells were ringing out all day with masses being celebrated with great solemnity. People were feasting at the local restaurants — and the evening sky was lit up with a spectacular show of fireworks. The memories have stayed with me.

The Assumption of Mary is her heavenly birthday — the day the Church recalls that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul. Clearly, this was a wonderful gift God gave personally to Mary, but what does it have to do with you or me?

In the Last Supper account, given in John’s Gospel, we find a clue. Jesus tells his disciples — and each of us, "I am going to prepare a place for you, so that where I am you also will be." As inheritors of God’s promises through our Baptism, we are assured that like Jesus, we will rise again. We will have a glorified body, as did Christ after his resurrection.

Mary is the first Christian for whom Jesus "prepared a place." As she is now, so we will be. The goodness, beauty, and compassion that Mary is now will be ours on the Last Day, when we take our place — the one that Jesus prepared for us.

Come celebrate this wonderful feast of hope!

Wednesday, August 15
Masses at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm (English)
St. Anthony’s at 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday evening Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Peace,
Fr. Charlie
As we welcome Archbishop-Designate Cordileone, we are learning he has many distinguishing qualities as a leader of faith. Below are several that stand out…

- He is a canon lawyer with a dedication to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, the mass celebrated according to the Missale Romanum, 1570. It is used today according to the 1962 edition put into effect by Blessed Pope John XXIII.

- He is multi-lingual with reading and speaking fluency in English, Spanish, and Italian.

- He finds special meaning in symbols. Two examples, show up in his chosen coat of arms: His Italian surname, Cor Di Leone, means lion-hearted — and July is a significant month to him, related to his priestly and episcopal ordinations. Learn more: www.catholic.com/profiles/bishop-salvatore-cordileone

Our Lady of the Pillar has a wide array of organizations, committees, faith formation groups, and service organizations that serve our parish community. For a complete list and meeting times, go to parish website: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups. The list is also posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

Sacrament Preparation

- Baptism
- Marriage
- Communion in the Home
- Anointing the Sick

For preparation information, visit our website at www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments or call the Rectory 726-4674.

Pray for Our Parish Family Who are Sick

Pray that God’s healing power will fill them with strength and hope. To add a name, please call the Church Office 726-4674. Each name is put on the prayer list for 3 weeks; to extend the time, please call to confirm.

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 11
8:00 am Manuel Ferreira+, Ann Kindl+
5:00 pm Joe Goulart+, Manuel & Sophia Cunha+, Dr. Edward Lilly+
8:00 pm Adrian Almaguer+, Maria Luisa Ruiz+

Sunday, August 12
8:00 am Joe Garcia+, Eduardo & Maria Silveira+
10:00 am Serafina & David Teixeira+, Barbara & Jose Alves+
12:00 pm Maria Luisa Ruiz+
6:00 pm Joaquim+, Balbina+ & Maria Coelho+, Laura & Joe Santos+

Monday, August 13
8:00 am Zoe Bautista+, Manuel Machado+, Mary Beffa+

Tuesday, August 14
8:00 am O.L. & Katie McGuire+, Frances+, John+, Rosemary+, & Helen McGhee+

Wednesday, August 15
8:00 am Francisco & Florinda Ferreira+, Frank Sr. & Mary Vaz+

Thursday, August 16
8:00 am Francisco Costa+, Nellie Alfonso+, Maria Silveira+, Manuel Machado+

Friday, August 17
8:00 am Rosanna & Clifford Hollander+, Rita Grodt+, Larry Johnson+

Saturday, August 18
8:00 am Virginia & Antonio Coelho+, Mary Jane Murphy+
5:00 pm Belmira Vaz+, Carlos Vaz+

Pescadero - St. Anthony’s
Saturday, August 11 6:00 pm For the Parish
Sunday, August 12 9:00 am For the Parish

La Honda - Our Lady of Refuge
Sunday, August 12 10:30 am For the Parish