My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We welcome you! We learn another valuable lesson from our Lord Jesus Christ in Mark’s Gospel. He teaches us how important it is for us to listen to the many ways God speaks to us and strengthens us every day. One example comes from people who show up to test our faith—to discourage us. Jesus tells us to “dust off our feet” and continue to do as He taught us: To live by His example. I encourage you to keep His message in mind and in your heart—and when your faith is tested, put it to work.

¡Les damos la bienvenida! Aprendemos otra lección valiosa de nuestro Señor Jesucristo en el Evangelio de Mark. Nos enseña cuán importante es para nosotros escuchar las muchas maneras que Dios habla con nosotros y nos refuerza cada día. Un ejemplo viene de personas que aparecen para probar nuestra fe—que nos desalientan. Jesús nos dice “desempolvar los pies” y continuar hacer como nos enseñó: Para vivir por Su ejemplo. Les pido mantener su mensaje en la mente y en el corazón—y cuando su fe sea puesta a prueba, la pongan a trabajar.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel
Our Lady of the Pillar Parish turns 144 Years Old!
Join us after mass next week for a “celebration toast” and blessing to commemorate this milestone together: Saturday, July 21 after the 5:00 pm mass and Sunday, July 22 after the 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 Noon masses. [Photo: First Communion Class 1918]

"Youth Encountering Spirit: Called and Qualified" Leadership Training for Youth Ministry: Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11—9:00 am - 5:00 pm; for 6th-8th grade and 9-12th grade. Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/youth-confirmation

We Welcome a New Member to Our Community – Payton Laura Costa is being brought to the waters of Baptism Sunday, July 15. She is the daughter of John and Kerri Costa. Welcome, Payton!

Full House for Hospitality Sunday! With everyone’s contributions, it became an abundant brunch for all. Thanks to Bob Fernandez for cooking the delicious frittata...and special thanks to Michael and Kathy Minasi for hosting this parish gathering for all of us last Sunday.

Thanks to the St. Anthony Society for sharing the wonderful celebration of the feast with all of us last Sunday.

Parish Council meeting this Thursday July 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Get free Legal Assistance Wednesday July 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Senior Coastiders Ted Adcock Community Senior Center, 535 Kelly Avenue. Call for appointment 650 726-9056.

Contributing in Your Own Way

Our parish has many needs and many of you tell us you would like to find your own way to contribute. Below are three new ways to give. Learn more on our website: ourladyofthepillar.org/other-ways-contribute

- Buy your groceries at Safeway.
- Make a Gift DONATION through our website.
- Choose from the “2nd Offerings” list on our website.

Jesus, the Exorcist
Did you ever notice that movies about exorcism never take place in whitewashed protestant churches? When was the last time you saw a rabbi called to drive out demonic forces? It just doesn't happen. One reason the Catholic Church is associated with exorcisms is the far-reaching effect of the English Gothic horror novels of the 19th Century and their subsequent renditions on the silver screen. You know the score: graveyards after midnight, wispy howling spirits, black-robed monks sprinkling holy water, and more. Another reason is simply that Jesus believed in them, spoke to them, and liberated those who were possessed. In today's gospel, Jesus gives this power to his disciples.

Evil comes in many forms. Ask any priest about his experiences and you will be hard-pressed to find one who has not encountered some hair-raising event in his ministry. Though it may seem farfetched, it is safe to say that most of us experience inexplicable, tangible evil of some sort at some time in our lives. At those moments, we pray with Jesus, "...deliver us from evil."

Peace,
Fr. Charlie

NEW on Our Parish Website

Why I go to MASS? An inspiring VIDEO to help you —or someone you know — rediscover the answer to this question. ourladyofthepillar.org/why-i-go-mass
Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 14
8:00 am Manuel Ferreira & Family+
5:00 pm Jose Silveira+, Belmira Vaz+, Casimer & Adelina Podwojski+

Sunday July 15
8:00 am Michael Rodrigues+, Jihan Abdel-Gawad+, Manuel Machado+
10:00 am Luis & Bernardette Belo+, Jose & Maria Matos+, Jonathan & Joanne Ching (living)
6:00 pm Salustiano Bettencourt+, Dennis (living)

Monday, July 16
8:00 am Maria Silveira+, Manuel Machado+

Tuesday, July 17
8:00 am Nelda Aquino+, Manuel Machado+, Joe A. Lourenco+

Wednesday, July 18
8:00 am Ruth Dussai+, Salustiano Bettencourt+

Thursday, July 19
8:00 am Gerald Helms+

Friday, July 20
8:00 am Francisco Costa+, Rosanna & Clifford Hollander+, Rita Grodt+, Larry Johnson+

Saturday, July 21
8:00 am Virginia & Antonio Coelho+, Dolores E. McDonald+
5:00 pm Bernadette Austin+, Isabel Gregorio+, Joe Goulart+

Pescadero - St. Anthony’s
Saturday, July 14 6:00 pm For the Parish
Sunday, July 15 9:00 am For the Parish

La Honda - Our Lady of Refuge
Sunday, June 15 10:30 am For the Parish

Supporting Our Parish

July 7 and July 8
Offering: $3,941.74
AAA: $2,383.69

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St. Anthony’s

June 30 and July 1
Offering: $5,091.39
Building Fund: $1,591.39

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Sacrament Preparation

Baptism: Infant baptisms are celebrated in English on Sunday. Pre-Baptismal classes are by appointment only; held on 4th Thursday each month at 7pm in the Rectory’s Conference Room. Call Rectory for information: 726-4674

Bautismo en Español son celebrados el primer y el tercer sábado del mes a las 12:00. Las pláticas prebautismales son el jueves previo al primer Sábado del mes. Solicitar en la oficina el calendario de las fechas del año. Las platicas son las 7:00 p.m. en el hall viejo que esta a un lado de la iglesia.

Marriage: Couples planning to marry, please contact a parish priest at least six months prior to your wedding. Our parish marriage preparation program is required of all couples.

Communion in the Home: The priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring communion to the sick and elderly in their homes. Ministers to the homebound are also available.

Anointing the Sick: First Friday each month during the 8am Mass. This sacrament is celebrated for all those seeking the healing power of Christ. A request may be made when a family member goes into the hospital or moves to a nursing facility.

Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments

Parish Organizations and Services

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, check the new parish website at www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups This list is also posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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 us to confirm.

Tony Azevedo  Nancy Madieros  Josefa Ritscher
Jessica Jeanes  Bill Madlem  Karen Ross
Betty Hernandez  Christina Masters  Aida Sagabaen
Barbara Kaposky  Robert Mazzetti  Rosario Sales
George Kelly  Jane McCoy  Caritina Segura
Jose Luis  James Morris  Cherie Schwing
Gabriela Leon  Pete Parks Jr  Paul Shephard
Deanna Mack  Lupe Perez  Frank Swick
Mary Ann Pimentel  Josefina Villegas

“Our Lord is ever present among those who believe in him.”

— St. Francis of Assisi

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