



St. Angela Merici Parish

**Mass Times**

Tuesday - Friday 8:30am

Saturday Evening 5:00pm

Sunday, 8:00am, 10:00am  
and 12:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday, 9:00am or  
by appointment only

**OUR PARISH COMMUNITY  
MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the family of Saint Angela Merici, a welcoming community with a rich heritage, live our Baptismal call to become the Body of Christ through Eucharist, Evangelization and Stewardship.

**Fourth Sunday of  
Lent**

**March 30th, 2025**

**Laetare Sunday!**

**Lenten Food Drive**

Our Parish is conducting a FOOD DRIVE to help supply non-perishable food items, through the parish FOOD CUPBOARD, to those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Each week we will suggest one or two items we need. Of course you may donate any of the items, at any time, and they will be gratefully accepted.

WEEK 5: April 5 - Pasta Sauce in a Jar  
WEEK 6: April 12 - **Low Sugar** Cereal

Pastor: Fr. Peter Crivello 146 8<sup>th</sup> Street Pacific Grove, California

Parish Office Hours: 9am-3pm, M-F

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If you are looking for staff specific email addresses,  
please pick up an information card in the Library or Vestibule.

**Parish Website:**

[www.stangelamericipacificgrove.org](http://www.stangelamericipacificgrove.org)



**Come Experience God's Mercy!  
Parish Reconciliation Service  
This Wednesday, April 2nd, 6:30PM  
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**Instagram:**  
[@saintangelamericipg](https://www.instagram.com/saintangelamericipg)

**Parish YouTube Channel:**  
[@SaintAngelaMericiPacificGrove](https://www.youtube.com/@SaintAngelaMericiPacificGrove)

**Facebook Page:**  
St. Angela Merici Pacific Grove

## Sunday Scripture Discussion Questions

### First Reading

How does God take care of you in your daily life? Was God as present to the Israelites in their daily lives in the Promised Land as in the desert? Is this true for you, metaphorically speaking?

### Second Reading

“... behold, new things have come.” Does God continue to do “new things?” Could our synodality in the Church be a new way of God speaking to us and the world?

Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., says in his poem, *That Nature is a Heraclitean Fire*, “I am all at once what Christ is since he was what I am.” Does this mean that Christ lives within us if we consent?

### Gospel

1. When the Pharisees accused him of eating with sinners, Jesus responded with the parable of the Prodigal Son. In what way was Jesus “prodigal?” What was Jesus telling us about God’s forgiveness? In the story did the son have to ask for forgiveness or did he just start on the road back home? Do you forgive easily? Is it easy or difficult for you to ask for forgiveness? What are your feelings about the older brother’s behavior in this parable?

2. What does Pope Francis’ fictional story below tell us about the Father?

I would like to recount a fictional story, but one that helps illustrate the heart of the father. There was a pop theatre production, three or four years ago, about the prodigal son, with the entire story. And at the end, when that son decides to return to his father, he talks about it with a friend and says: “I’m afraid my father will reject me, that he won’t forgive me.” And the friend advises him: “Send a letter to your father and tell him, ‘Father, I have repented, I want to come back home, but I’m not sure that you will be happy. If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window.’”

And then he began his journey. And when he was near home, at the last bend in the road, he had the house in view. And what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere! The Father welcomes us like this, completely, joyfully. This is our Father!

Pope Francis, Angelus, 27 March 2022

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### Cards for the Elect

Please continue to pray for the Elect of our parish who will be entering our holy Catholic Church this Easter. We will celebrate the Third Scrutiny with them at the 10AM Mass on Sunday, April 6th. Cards will be available after all the Masses next weekend for you to sign and wish them well on their continued faith journey.

### Saturday, March 29th, 5:00pm

Dorothy Johnson - Parish  
Marjorie McClure - Parish  
+Gaspar Cardinale - Debbie and Doug Otmar



### Sunday, March 30th, 8:00am

+Leo Valdez - Letty Valdez

### Sunday, March 30th, 10:00am

+Peter, Angela, Eleanor, and Jack Balesteri  
+Phoebe Croonquist - Sally Struever

### Sunday, March 30th, 12:00pm

Crystal Floras - Angie Favalora  
+Joseph Vecchio - Roger Grace

### Tuesday, April 1st, 8:30am

Peace in our world

### Wednesday, April 2nd, 8:30am

+Alice Wabby

### Thursday, April 3rd, 8:30am

Richard Demko - Abby Pfeiffer  
All Souls

### Friday, April 4th, 8:30am

+Martha Maria Silva - Oldemiro Silvo

### Saturday, April 5th, 5:00pm

The households and families of our parish community

### Sunday, April 6th, 8:00am

+Dr. David Clark

### Sunday, April 6th, 10:00am

+Anthony Giuseppe Catania  
+Isidoro Fred Cosentino and John Cosentino

### Sunday, April 6th, 12:00pm

+Mr. and Mrs. Paul Torrente and Vince - Family  
+Mr. and Mrs. Horace Russo and Vince - Family  
+Judite Gonsalves - Dora Coelho

### Please remember in your prayers:

\*Lula Ayres, \*Velma Balesteri, \*Rosie Bauman, \*David Bergstrand, \*Connie Bettencourt, \*Nicole Buck, \*Jenny Burke, \*Marty Burgoon, \*Salome Cabral, \*Zosia Chciuk, \*Delia Cohen, \*Jim and Roz Cunningham, \*Lydia DeLeon, \*Dorothy Fagundes, \*Maria Garcia, \*Frankie Gorman, \*Diane Griffin, \*Martha Harroway, \*Ernie Hazard, \*Ron Horner, \*Linda Ishii, \*George Klepar, \*Laura Lockett, \*Marjorie McClure, \*Fr. Bill McNichols, \*Sr. Teresa McShane, \*Marek Maciaga, her family and friends, \*Martha Martinez, \*Maria Miguel, \*Evangeline Marrujo, \*Judy Neary, \*Stana Oven, \*Victoria Parker, \*Marianne Powers, \*Karen Ratto, \*Tony Sandoval, \*Carolyn Schenk, \*Mike Selbicky, \*Michael Swanson, \*Cindy Tiberend, \*Bill Tullius, \*Catherine Vogel, \*Denise Vukas



## SUNDAY WEEKLY COLLECTION 03/23/2025

**Sunday Weekly Collection: \$ 14,330**  
**Electronic Funds: \$ 3,854**  
**Total: \$ 18,184**

**Weekly Budgeted Goal: \$ 7,307**

### AMA Progress

**\$95,200.50 has been pledged; \$66,272.55 has been donated; 128 households have donated.**

**Thank you for your donations and your prayerful consideration of support for the Annual Appeal.**

### Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b / Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 / Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 / Jn 7:40-53

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:** Is 43:16-21 / Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11



### Scrutinies

The Scrutinies are three special rites that help the Elect prepare to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. These rites take place during Lent on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays. The rite takes place after the homily, with the Elect coming forward with their sponsors. The assembly is invited to pray in silence. The priest lays his hands for a brief moment on the head of each Elect. The Elect are then sent forth to reflect on the Word. Year A readings are used for the Scrutinies. **The Third Scrutiny is at the 10:00AM Mass on April 6th. (Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45).**

### Learners and Returners

**Mondays, March 10th-April 14th  
7:00-8:30PM in the Parish Hall**

Saint Angela Merici presents a six-week program for those who seek a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Catholic in today's world. For more information or to R.S.V.P. please call the parish office, Paul Klein (831-646-8866), or Abby Pfeiffer (831-402-1187).

Please note the scheduled topics below:

**March 31:** *Different Traditions of Catholic Prayer*

**April 7:** *The Sacraments: Encounters with the Living God*

**April 14:** *The Role of the Bible in the Church Today*

## This week at St. Angela Merici

Mon. 03/31	7:00pm	Learners and Returners	LgHall
Tues. 04/01	8:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 3:30pm 4:40pm 7:00pm	Mass SCC SVdP Food Cupboard Faith Formation Class Children's Choir 40+ Singles Meeting	Ch Lib SmHall LgHall Ch SmHall
Wed. 04/02	8:30am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Mass Adult Confirmation Class Lenten Reconciliation Service	Ch Conf Ch
Thurs. 04/03	8:30am 1:00pm 2:00pm 6:00pm	Mass SVdP Food Cupboard SCC Choir	Ch SmHall Lib Ch
Fri. 04/04	8:30am 11:30am	Mass Stations of the Cross	Ch Ch
Sat. 04/05	9:00am 9:30am 5:00pm	Reconciliation SVdP Food Cupboard Mass	Ch SmHall Ch
Sun. 04/06	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Teen Program	Ch Ch Ch LgHall

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA SOCIETY

Portuguese Sweet Bread sale  
 Sunday, April 6, 2025  
 \$20.00 per loaf

**PRE-ORDERS ONLY  
 NO SALES AT THE DOOR  
 MARCH 30, 2025  
 LAST DAY TO ORDER**



Please fill out an order form in the vestibule of the church and drop it in the box provided. You can pick up the bread in the parish hall from 8:00A.M. to 12:00P.M. on Sunday, April 6th. Your donation will be distributed in August to several organizations, such as St. Angela Merici, Red Cross, Wounded Warrior, and St. Jude.

Thank you for your support!

### 40+ Singles Meeting

**Tuesday, April 1st, 7PM in the small parish hall**

We are St. Angela's parishioners, over 40 years of age, single or single again, who are interested in making new friends, taking part in social activities, sharing opportunities for spiritual growth and becoming involved in volunteer projects that will benefit our parish, our community, and ourselves. **New members welcome!**

For more information, call David (582-7951) or Ellen (320-7990).



## Examination of Conscience

An examination of conscience is the act of looking prayerfully into our hearts to ask how we have hurt our relationships with God and other people through our thoughts, words, and actions. We reflect on The Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church. The questions below help us in our examination of conscience.

### My relationship with God

Do I pray daily?  
Do I take care to deepen my relationship with God?  
Do I make time to reflect with God on the events of my day?  
Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?  
Do I honestly give thanks to God in good times and in bad?  
Do I place all my anxieties into God's hands?  
Do I trust God, no matter what?

### My relationship with my family and friends

In my family, do I do my best to be patient and loving?  
Do I respond with generosity to requests for help from my children (or my parents)?  
Do I make sincere efforts to control my anger?  
Do I hold onto grudges and resentments?  
Do I pray for those who hurt me?  
Do I ask forgiveness of those whom I have hurt?

### My relationships with my brothers and sisters in the world

Do I pray for those who are suffering in my city, my state, in other parts of the world?  
Do I perpetuate racism or prejudices in my attitudes and actions?  
Do I make fun of others who are less fortunate?  
Do I set aside money to give to charity?  
Do I recognize the face of Christ in all those around me?  
Do I make efforts to care for the environment and help others to do so?  
Do I build up peace in my family, in places where I work and interact with others?  
How do I feed the hungry, care for the sick, visit prisoners, and welcome strangers?



**Saint Vincent de Paul Food Cupboard**  
serves those with low income, fixed or income and are in need of food.

The Food Cupboard is in the small parish hall, located at ground level at the back of the church building 362 Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove.

**Tuesday, April 1st, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**  
**Thursday, April 3rd, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**  
**Saturday, April 5th, 9:30am - 11:00am**

Clip and share this information with someone who could benefit from it.

### Thank You from Saint Vincent de Paul

Thanks to the generous donations of cash and items to sell in our thrift stores, SVdP is able to assist our neighbors in need with various items of support, including food, clothing, transportation and more. In 2024, we provided 5,720 of our neighbors with assistance valued at \$104,864!

**Our next Fifth Sunday collection is at this weekend's Masses, March 29th and 30th.**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### 2025 Lenten Parish Mission

We hope you were able to join us last week for some or all of the St. Angela Merici Mission, *Sealed with the Cross*, lead by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM. We thank Fr. Albert for his engaging and inspiring exploration of God's identity as "proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with the cross." If you are interested in hearing more from Fr. Albert, he will be leading a Triduum Retreat (April 17-20) in Danville, CA. For more information, contact Kateri at [katerik@sandamiano.org](mailto:katerik@sandamiano.org) or 925-837-9141 x315.



The Pastoral Council would love your feedback on the mission. Speak to someone on the council after mass or email, Jordan, [jordan@stangelamericipacificgrove.org](mailto:jordan@stangelamericipacificgrove.org).

## Planning for Triduum and Easter Sunday

**Holy Thursday**  
**Thursday, April 17th**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**7:00PM**

**Good Friday**  
**Friday, April 18th**  
**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**  
**3:00PM**



**Holy Saturday**  
**Saturday, April 19th**  
**Great Easter Vigil**  
**8:00PM**

**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 20th**  
**Mass**  
**8AM, 10AM, 12PM**

Please Note:

Morning Mass is not celebrated on Holy Thursday and Good Friday;  
There are no confessions on Holy Saturday;  
We will not have 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday.