

St. Philomene Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Office Hours
Monday (Closed)
Tuesday - Friday
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday:	5:00 PM - English 7:00 PM - Español
Sunday:	9:00 AM - English 12:00 PM - Español
Tuesday:	8:15 AM - English
Wednesday:	9:00 AM - English
Thursday:	8:15 AM - English
Friday:	8:15 AM - English

Confession | Confesiones

Saturday
4:00pm-5:00pm inside the Church.

Baptisms

Call the Parish Office for preparation times.
Llame a la oficina parroquial para agendar un bautizo.

Weddings & Quinceañeras

At least six months notice required.
Se requiere un aviso de al menos seis meses.

Parish Staff

Personal parroquial

Rev. Victor Gutierrez *Pastor*
Kerri Bray-Smith, *School Principal*
Gabriela Valadez, *Secretary*
Diana Jimenez, *Bookkeeper*
Music Director
Janitor
Miluska Beltran, *Volunteer Rel. Ed. Director*



Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

St. Philomene Parish Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Philomene Parish, are a communion of brothers and sisters united by our communion with Jesus Christ who gathers us and empowers us with His Holy Spirit to worship God in faith through the celebration of the Sacraments, prayers, evangelization and loving communion and service. We rejoice and embrace the diversity of all our members as a gift from God.

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

Background on the Gospel

A single candle, placed in a darkened Winter window, will charm us.

Picture it in your mind and then compare it to a room with powerful fluorescent lights. In the latter, every nook and cranny gets equal light, lots of it. There are no shades of grey. The wrinkles and imperfections of a human face want to run and hide because all their mess is made very obvious.

Jesus is a great light after all. He is relief from the dark that we all walk in.

Now think of a room lit by several candles. Somehow the better parts of each face are brought out and the flaws are left kindly in the background. Such lights pardon our imperfections and grant us a kind of glow.

Jesus is that kind of light. Not a searchlight from which no flawed, fumbling thing can escape. He came as a simple candle, a forgiver of souls, a quiet lover of human faces.

There is a passage in the First Reading for Sunday that is quoted word for word in Sunday's Gospel.

Background on the Gospel

have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.

Here, Jesus is a great light after all. He is relief from the dark that we all walk in. He is divine brilliance.

But the Gospel has him ambling along by the Sea of Galilee like an ordinary person. Strolling. How can this illustrious beam of light be dim, like the rest of us?

Some speculations:

Maybe he is especially vital, the type that people are attracted to. Maybe he is someone you and I would automatically want to follow. After all, on Sunday we will hear about two sets of brothers who drop everything and go after him: Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, and then James and John—the sons of Zebedee, or “sons of thunder,” as Jesus will call them later. None of these men are fools. They would not follow just anyone. Jesus must have been a very appealing person.

So, did they see him as a “great light”? Did they somehow acknowledge that grave darkness would be dispelled by him? They probably had heard from the Baptist that Jesus was “The Messiah,” the one that the Jews had been awaiting for such a long time.

Yet this Sunday we learn that Jesus' light did not infringe on every precious cranny of people's lives, as a searchlight might do. He was like a quiet glow, a candle in the window. His armies did not savage all in their path. His light was not a huge bolt of lightning. It was, impossibly, a quiet flicker that hurricane winds tried and tried to put out, but could not. Seen in this way, Christ's light was indeed great, but in a new way, in an ordinary, diffused way. One that could suffer on our behalf.

Pope Benedict XVI put it like this:

God's sign is simplicity. God's sign is the baby. God's sign is that he makes himself small for us.

This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby—

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera Lectura

Isaías 8,23-9,3

El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas ha visto una gran luz.

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 26,1.4.13-14

El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación.

Segunda Lectura

1 Corintios 1,10-13.17

Pablo exhorta a la comunidad de Corinto a permanecer unidas como personas bautizadas en el nombre de Cristo.

Evangelio

Mateo 4,12-23

Jesús comienza a predicar en Galilea y llama a sus primeros discípulos.

Antecedentes del Evangelio

Una sola vela, colocada en una ventana oscura de invierno, nos cautivará.

Imagínenla y compárenla con una habitación iluminada con potentes luces fluorescentes. En esta última, cada rincón recibe la misma cantidad de luz, muchísima. No hay matices de gris. Las arrugas e imperfecciones del rostro humano parecen querer esconderse porque todas sus imperfecciones se hacen muy evidentes.

Jesús es una gran luz. Él es el Alivio de la oscuridad en la que todos caminamos.

Ahora piensen en una habitación iluminada por varias velas. De alguna manera, se resaltan las mejores cualidades de cada rostro y los defectos quedan discretamente en segundo plano. Esta luz perdona nuestras imperfecciones y nos otorga una especie de resplandor.

Jesús es ese tipo de luz. No un foco que no deja escapar nada imperfecto ni torpe. Él vino como una simple vela, un perdonador de almas, un amante silencioso de los rostros humanos.
domingo.

Antecedentes del Evangelio

Hay un pasaje en la Primera Lectura del domingo que se cita palabra por palabra en el Evangelio del Domingo. Han visto una gran luz; sobre los que habitaban en la tierra de tinieblas ha brillado una luz.

Aquí, Jesús es, después de todo, una gran luz. Es el alivio de la oscuridad en la que todos caminamos. Es el brillo divino.

Pero el Evangelio lo presenta caminando a orillas del Mar de Galilea como una persona común.

Paseando. ¿Cómo puede este ilustre rayo de luz ser tenue, como el de nosotros?

Algunas especulaciones:

Quizás era especialmente vital, del tipo de persona que atrae a los demás. Quizás era alguien a quien tú y yo querríamos seguir automáticamente. Después de todo, el domingo escucharemos sobre dos pares de hermanos que lo dejan todo y lo siguen: Simón Pedro y su hermano Andrés, y luego Santiago y Juan, los hijos de Zebedeo, o «hijos del trueno», como Jesús los llamará más tarde. Ninguno de estos hombres era tonto. No seguirían a cualquiera. Jesús debió ser una persona muy atractiva.

Entonces, ¿lo vieron como una «gran luz»?

¿Reconocieron de alguna manera que la profunda oscuridad sería disipada por él? Probablemente habían oído de Juan el Bautista que Jesús era «el Mesías», aquel que los judíos habían estado esperando durante tanto tiempo.

Sin embargo, este domingo aprendemos que la luz de Jesús no invadió cada rincón de la vida de las personas, como lo haría un potente reflector. Era como un brillo suave, una vela en la ventana. Sus ejércitos no arrasaron con todo a su paso. Su luz no fue un enorme rayo. Fue, increíblemente, un suave parpadeo que los vientos huracanados intentaron apagar una y otra vez, pero no pudieron. Visto de esta manera, la luz de Cristo fue realmente grande, pero de una manera nueva, de una manera ordinaria y difusa. Una luz que podía sufrir por nosotros.

Mass Intentions

Intenciones de la Misa

Sat	Jan 24	5:00 pm	Peter de Fea †
		7:00pm	Marcos Sandoval Guillermo Quintero Lori Hanna Cirilo Estrada Perez † Martina Mota † Jose Jesus Alcaraz † Laura Godoy † Maria Consuelo Gonzalez †
Sun	Jan 25	12:00pm	Daniel Maciel (H) Elias Maciel † Daniel Maciel Soto †

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Prayers For The Recently Deceased

Oremos por los recién fallecidos

Myrna Rodrigues	Maria Elena Villalobos Rosas
Dee Rentaria	Adriana Isabel Peña
Jonathon Keeber	Bladimir Zarate
Mary Tietrasritta	Susan Farwell
Juan Carlos Sanchez	Gudelia Marin Hernandez
Philip Weiderberger	Frederick Trejo
Francisco Sanchez	Alicia Castañeda

Events of the week

Mon	Jan 26	7: 00pm	Grupo de Oración
Tues	Jan 27	6: 00pm	
Thu	Jan 29	7:00 pm	Adoración Eucaristica y Confesiones
Sat	Jan 31	4:00pm	Penance Service

Weekend Collections

Colectas de Ofertorio del Fin de Semana

January 18, 2026

Sunday Collections:
Second Collection:

\$ 4,473.06

No Second Collection

I would like to thank you all for your generous donations for the upkeep (physical and pastoral) of our beloved Parish! Let us together continue the mission of Jesus! May our God abundantly bless you and your families!

Rev. Victor Gutierrez

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Por favor mantenlos en tus oraciones

Bobby Zoppi	Mary Francis Keenan	Guillermina Quintero
Guillermo Villagomez	Martha Villagomez	Onofre Gonzalez
Mike Askew	Benny Reynaga	Isac Gonzalez
Joey Platina	Efrain Muro	Melody Mendoza
Angelica Flores	Kathy Harreld	Wilma Mendoza
Octavio Corona	Delilah MacFall	Josefina Mendoza
Audrey Martin	Aurelia Barajas	
Nicolas Vargas		

ST. PHILOMENE DUAL LANGUAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DISCOVER
THE DIFFERENCE A SECOND LANGUAGE CAN MAKE

Open House

Sunday
January 25, 2026
10:00 am - 12:15 pm

Tour our school, visit our classrooms, learn about our Spanish Dual Language Program, and enjoy a performance by our very own St. Philomene School Ballet Folklórico.

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2320 El Camino Ave., Sacramento

English:

St. Philomene School is excited to celebrate our annual Catholic Schools Week. We will open the week with our Annual Open House, beginning with a 9:00 a.m. Mass. Families and parishioners are warmly invited to tour our school, visit our classrooms, and enjoy a performance by our very own St. Philomene School Ballet Folklórico.

Our school welcomes all students who are interested in a Dual Language Catholic school education, regardless of economic status. If you are interested in supporting or sponsoring one of our students, please contact the school office at 916-489-1506.

Spanish:

La Escuela St. Philomene se complace en celebrar nuestra Semana Anual de las Escuelas Católicas. Iniciaremos la semana con nuestra Jornada de Puertas Abiertas (Open House), comenzando con una Misa a las 9:00 a.m. Invitamos cordialmente a las familias y feligreses a recorrer nuestra escuela, visitar los salones de clase y disfrutar de una presentación de nuestro propio Ballet Folklórico de la Escuela St. Philomene.

Nuestra escuela da la bienvenida a todos los estudiantes interesados en una educación católica de doble inmersión, sin importar su situación económica. Si está interesado(a) en apoyar o patrocinar a uno de nuestros estudiantes, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la escuela al 916-489-1506.

Sharing God's Bounty

"For over 40 years, Sharing God's Bounty has provided a free sit-down meal to those in need in Sacramento. Our volunteers serve "dignity", a hot nutritious meal, and bread/farmer's market bags every Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm.

If you wish to volunteer and/or donate, please visit our website at www.sharinggods bounty.com for additional information."

Durante más de 40 años, Sharing God's Bounty ha brindado una comida gratuita a quienes la necesitan en Sacramento. Nuestros voluntarios sirven "dignidad", una comida caliente y nutritiva, pan y bolsas de mandado todos los martes por la tarde de 6:30pm a 7:30pm. Si desea ser voluntario o donar, visite nuestro sitio web www.sharinggods bounty.com para obtener más información.

St. Philomene Food Closet

SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD PROGRAMS:

Local food programs need your help to feed our neighbors in need. Participate by becoming a volunteer, donating fresh produce and shelf-stable items, or donating financially—together we can feed the most vulnerable in our own communities. To find a local food program, please visit: <https://scd.org/news/faith-action-diocese-urges-support-local-food-programs-amid-rising-need>

APOYANDO LOS PROGRAMAS LOCALES DE ALIMENTACIÓN:

Los programas locales de alimentación necesitan tu ayuda para alimentar a nuestros vecinos necesitados. Participa como voluntario, donando productos frescos y alimentos no perecederos, o hacienda una donación económica; juntos Podemos alimenar a las personas más vulnerables de nuestras comunidades. Para encontrar maneras de ayudar o para encontrar un programa local de alimentación, visita: <https://scd.org/news/faith-action-diocese-urges-support-local-food-programs-amid-rising-need>

Saint Philomene Church

EUCCHARISTIC

Adoration & Confessions

THURSDAYS

7:00pm - 8:00pm

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

-St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Iglesia de Santa Filomena

ADORACION

Eucarística & Confesiones

THURSDAYS

7:00pm - 8:00pm

"Mil años disfrutando de la gloria humana no valen ni siquiera una hora dedicada a la dulce comunión con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento."

-St. Pio de Pietrelcina



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If you are unable to make this date, you can register for any of the other Women's Retreat on the Registration Form. Registration forms are available online or at the exit to the parking lot.

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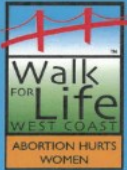
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Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 24, 2026



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.
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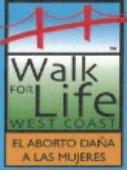
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**VIERNES
2/20/2026
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.**

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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in our Parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered with St. Philomene, please fill out this form and place it in the Collection basket or mail it in to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless you!

Registration/Change of Address: Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

I want to register in the parish. I have changed my address; my envelope # is _____

Name: _____ Envelopes: Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____