



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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*January 7, 2024*

May we see the star of Jesus along the way  
so that we may always seek the Lord, encounter  
Him, and offer Him the treasure of our lives.

--FR. MAURICIO T. ULEP, CMF

*Epiphany  
of the Lord*



## Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Residence: Rev. George DaRoza

Off./Min. Coordinator : Janet Money

Bookkeeper: Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Organist: Sheila Wilkins

Cantor: Gina Dowen

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am – 4:30 pm

Friday 9 am – 1:00 pm

## Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

## Sacrament of Confession :

Tuesday 9 am - 9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm

( no reconciliation on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> &  
Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>)

## Library Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday - 9 am - 12 pm

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

*This feast marking the end of Christmas is called "Epiphany."* In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also in his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana. In the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church, Theophany – as Epiphany is known in the East – commemorates the manifestation of Jesus' divinity at his Baptism in the River Jordan.

However, the meaning of the feast goes deeper than just the bringing of presents or the end of Christmas, says Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo, a Melkite Catholic priest and founding executive director of the Virginia-based Institute of Catholic Culture.

"You can't understand the Nativity without Theophany; or you can't understand Nativity without Epiphany."

The revelation of Christ as the Son of God – both as an infant and at his baptism – illuminate the mysteries of the Christmas season, Fr. Carnazzo said.

"Our human nature is blinded because of sin and we're unable to see as God sees; God reveals to us the revelation of what's going on."

While we in the Western church celebrate of Epiphany (which comes from Greek, meaning "revelation from above"), and the Eastern church celebration of Theophany (meaning "revelation of God"), have developed their own traditions and liturgical significances, these feasts share more than the same day.

"The Feast of Epiphany, or the Feast of Theophany, is a very, very early feast," said Fr. Carnazzo. "It predates the celebration of Christmas on the 25th."

In the early Church, Christians, particularly those in the East, celebrated the advent of Christ on Jan. 6 by commemorating Nativity, Visitation of the Magi, Baptism of Christ and the Wedding of Cana all in one feast of the Epiphany. By the fourth century, both Christmas and Epiphany had been set as separate feasts in some dioceses. At the Council of Tours in 567, the Church set both Christmas day and Epiphany as feast days on the Dec. 25 and Jan. 6, respectively, and named the twelve days between the feasts as the Christmas season.

Over time, the Western Church separated the remaining feasts into their own celebrations, leaving the celebration of the Epiphany to commemorate primarily the Visitation of the Magi to see the newborn Christ on Jan. 6.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Churches' celebration of Theophany celebrates Christ's baptism and is one of the holiest feast days of the liturgical calendar. [Epiphany concludes the Christmas season and segues into "ordinary" time. This is a time that separates Advent, and Christmas from Lent, the Easter season and finally to the Octave of Easter. So, Christmas is more than just the Nativity, Christmas trees, presents and parties, but something deeper and more profound. As it is said, let us celebrate the season for a reason.]

Courtesy of the Catholic News Agency (CNA) 2013.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - Men's Ministry

10 AM – St. Anne's Library

Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

10 AM Bible Study- Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> - Anointing of the Sick

After 8:15 AM Mass in the Church

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Chinese New year celebration after all the masses

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 01/06	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 01/07	9:00 AM  11:00 AM	† Lydia Haley Sp. Int. Andrew Baker  † Simon Choy
Monday 01/08	8:15 AM	† Katherine Grant
Tuesday 01/09	8:15 AM	† Fran McDonnell
Wednesday 01/10	8:15 AM	† Dan Sharkey
Thursday 01/11	8:15 AM	† Diva Orsolini
Friday 01/12	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena
Saturday 01/13	8:15 AM	† Cecilia DaRoza Orella † Natalia DaRoza

Kind Attention :

"Parishioners had been receiving text messages supposedly from Fr. Leonard, asking for multiple Apple Gift cards, or something similar. Fr. Leonard would not send text messages or email requesting for gift cards or money. This is a scam. Please delete those messages. See Fr. Leonard if there are any concerns."

## St. Anne's Society News

The Christmas Bazaar, held the first week of December, was again a huge success.

Thanks to Chairperson Gale Lydecker and her huge group of volunteers. The Bakery, Jewelry shop, silent auction and raffle were all winners!

There are too many people to mention here, but we are fortunate to have so many bakers, contributors, donators and purchasers.

Financially it was the best ever! **Thanks to everyone who participated.**

**We are thankful to our sponsors.**

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Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
Parish Council	Paul Molloy	925-323-0730
Parish Finance Council	Peter Newell	925-891-4479
St. Anne's Society	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
Ushers	Penny Corempas	925-938-3543

**Bulletin:** If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlights by email contact the parish office at [info@stanneswc.org](mailto:info@stanneswc.org). Bulletin is also available on our website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org)

THIS  
PARISH  
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Please visit our parish website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org) for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of "This Parish Life" by Fr. Leonard.



The following non-perishable items are needed at St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on a regular basis and are usually in short supply and not provided through the food bank.

Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank.

Toilet Paper	Oatmeal—small packets	Ketchup
Shaving Items	Chicken Broth	Coffee
Toothbrushes	Top Ramen	Water
Paper Towels	Cleansing Wipes	Tea
Mustard	Pasta / Pasta Sauce	Mayo
Body wash	Soup / Broth	Box Fruit Juice
Peanut Butter	Jam / Jelly	Cereal

With your generous donation of gift cards, St. Anne's donated \$1,615 from our Thanksgiving collection and \$2,975 worth of Safeway, Target, Kohls and Trader Joe's gift cards to St. Mary Parish's St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Thank you for helping those in our community to have a brighter Christmas season.

**2024 calendars** are available. They are located at each entrance of the church.

In addition to the church's information, it lists all the feast days and holy days for the year.



St. Anne's Parish would not be here without your generous donations throughout the year. Thank you for supporting our parish. The 2023 Annual Tax Substantiation letters will be mailed to registered parishioners by the end of January.



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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Don Corempas	Jeanette Martini	Lois Belmessieri	Robert DeGraca
Bob Pape	Edward Regan	Jeff Westerfield	Mark Suprachauna	Robin Duggan
Caroline George	Elaine Chiou	Joe Cellucci	Martin Keegan	Robert Kraftschik
Carter Whitlatch	Ellen Stevens	Josay Hayes	Megan Smith	Ron Barajas
Cass Candell	Ev Eaton	Kathleen Rose	Michael Dunn	Tom & Vicki Hughes
Cathy Grimesey	Felice Santos	Karen Salchett	Mike Abell	Wayne & Maria Sylvia
Chris Ramirez	Fr. Anthony Chang	Karl Kropp	Pamela Maria	
Cathy Bridges	George Slinsen	Kathleen Clemons	Patricia Carey	
Debbie Campbell	Jannet Tuvilla	Linda Podesta	Richard Daniels	

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151