



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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The Baptism of the Lord

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Library Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Res.: Rev. George DaRoza

Office/Ministry: Rachelle Harmon

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

What inspires me to continue as a priest? That's a question I often ask myself almost every day. And as I ponder that question, I think back over these last twelve years and come to realize that you, the parishioner, have given me that purpose, that love of my priesthood. The Holy Spirit guides me on this wonderful and rewarding journey, but it is you that reinforce that gift God has given me.

Recently I started viewing videos of men and women who take this journey and answer the call each man and woman hears and each of us answer that call in many different ways. Some enter a silence one can only find in a contemplative place, a monastery or convent. Others, like myself, answer the call as a secular or diocesan priest. As diocesan priests we are in the frontlines of Christ's church. We pass to you the teachings of the magisterium, the sacraments and sacramentals; we are the ones who baptize your children, who hear confessions and provide comfort and prayer in those times of need. We stand and witness at your weddings and preside over your loved ones at funerals. It is the priest who assist the bishop to provide the necessary and real things that make us unique among others.

Sometimes I sit in my chapel, reading in the morning hours the writings of the church fathers, scripture and praying the rosary. All of these things' priests, and religious promise to perform each and every day. It is not a task that is difficult, but it does require us to sometimes stop, breathe, and settle down to prayer. Prayer can come easily or not. And when we do have difficulties in praying that is when we work harder at it; we don't give up simply because the moment is not there.

As the church approaches the Lenten season let me remind all of us that as practicing Catholics we are required to abstain from certain foods and drink; to give of ourselves through almsgiving, and most importantly to prepare ourselves for Christ's passion and resurrection, we do this by attending mass regularly, and going at least once during the Lenten season and certainly before partaking of the Easter Liturgies to reconciliation what is commonly referred to as confession.

In my own practice of "giving something up" for Lent, I tend to replace that something with an action more meaningful, something more valuable and charitable. It has been my custom for many years to take those monies I would've spent on whatever it is, and donating the proceeds to the poor or food bank.

Let me suggestion this to you; if you do plan on making a Lenten sacrifice, I urge you to first pray, then discern what is it that God is calling you to give up; it can be a hard and difficult question to answer but it shouldn't be such a hard task to achieve; what I ask of you to do is something I would ask of myself.

For your spiritual reading pleasure, I will post on our parish website a list of reading suggestions you might find useful as part of your personal faith journey.

For the next two weeks before Ash Wednesday and Lent begins, I would like to encourage you to discern what your sacrifice will be and what you will replace that sacrifice with.

Lent is a time for penance, to seek change and to make changes or a conversion to one's life.

St. Paul and St. Augustine are two great examples of a real conversion, a change so different, so profound and so complete that it boggles the mind to say the least. Can we make a conversion such as those? Maybe. What I am hoping for is that you and I find something that will change us in some way, in an interior way and in a way we all can see. God bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays, January 14th & 28th
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

10:00 am
Men's Ministry
Parish Hall

Thursday, January 16th

11:00 am
Grieving Ministry
Parish Hall

Monday, January 20th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Parish Office Closed

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles
10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



DAILY
READINGS

 Thank You

A large
"THANK
YOU!" to
all those
who
attended

this last Wednesday's Homebound Communion Retreat. Eucharistic Ministers are a vital part of the Catholic Church assisting priests during mass to distribute communion. Many of our Eucharistic Ministers also distribute communion to the homebound who are unable to attend mass due to illness or physical disability.

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers pray with the people they visit, bring them church bulletins so they can keep up-to-date with parish news, provide prayer pamphlets and rosaries along with distributing communion.

Eucharistic Ministers volunteers can have a set facility they visit, see 1 or more people on a regular basis or visit on an as-needed basis. If you missed training and would still like to volunteer, call the office for additional information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/11	5:00 PM	† Donald J. Poirier
Sunday 1/12	9:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors
	11:00 AM	† Angela Marrujo † Julie Marrujo
Monday 1/13	8:15 AM	† Maureen Bertoli
Tuesday 1/14	8:15 AM	† Patrick Henneberry
Wednesday 1/15	9:00 AM	† Angela Marrujo
Thursday 1/16	8:15 AM	† Maureen Bertoli
Friday 1/17	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Living & Deceased Members of the Ouyang & Loong Families
Saturday 1/18	8:15 AM	† Anton & Elsie Ribeiro



Are you new? Moving?
Leaving the parish? Drop
off an updated parishioner
registration card at the
office or call to deactivate
your registration.

PARISH FINANCIALS

	December
Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests	
December Donation *	\$ 62,037
Budget Donation	\$ 39,350
Excess / (shortfall)	\$ 22,687
Year to date excess/(shortfall) *	\$ 33,219
Christmas donation	\$ 19,780
Christmas Budget	\$ 22,500
Christmas excess	\$ (2,720)
Development Fund December donation	\$ 3,289
Dev Fund Year to date excess	\$ 2,665
* includes bequests and gifts	\$ 38,382

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sheila Wilkins	Kathleen Rose
Andrea Puccini	Mike Dunn
Bunk Sicotte	Tony Dunleavy
Cathy Bridges	Edward Sheehan
Joe Cellucci	Dan Feikert
Kathleen Clemons	Meri Lisa Bozzini
William Egan	Linda Ramon
Bill Burnette	Wayne Seals

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

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A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

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GRIEF MINISTRY RESUMES 1/16

Whether the death was sudden or tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion, and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief and figure out how to keep on living when a loved one is gone.



Our Grieving Ministry provides spiritual, emotional and practical support to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY

Do you enjoy Pizza Bingo and the Christmas Bazaar? The folks who put these events together every time is courtesy of the St. Anne's Society. All the money they raise goes to good causes.

The St. Anne's Society is looking for folks to serve on the board this year. It is a small group of church members that does much good for our parish and donates to other charities. Time spent is minimal.

In addition to needing board members, we also need a new President! Do you have any experience in managing employees or a bunch of kids? We need someone who can run occasional meetings, can delegate to others and keep things organized.

Email Maria Robert at Qlupe@aol.com for more information.

NO ADORATION 1/30

There will be no adoration on 1/30 due to a funeral this day. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

TAX DONATION LETTERS



Tax donation letters will be sent out by the end of January 2025.