



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025



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

Be not afraid —

The most commonly repeated phrase in the whole Bible, in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, is “Fear not!” or “Have no fear!” or “Do not be afraid!” or “Be not afraid!” These are comforting words that put me at ease especially given our current news of the world; war in the Ukraine and Israel, wildfires in the west, inflation, religious persecution in parts of Latin America and the suppression of religious freedom in China. What are we to make of all this? Be not afraid. On the one hand, God tells us that we need **not** be afraid of any person, circumstance, or created thing. God loves us and cares for us deeply; God is with us and protects us, even in times of suffering or hardship. God's faithful love extends even beyond the limits of our mortal lives. Yet with all of these horrible things happening we tend to forget how blessed we are living here in the United States and the things we share and enjoy and take for granted.

Pope Saint John Paul II used these words on many occasions to put us at ease, to remind us that God is with us, even when we think that he is not. We tend to feel alone or abandoned by God and that can be a natural way to feel. Abandoned, forgotten or lonely are feelings we all share at some point in our lives; some feel these things more often than most, but we do share these emotions in common. We are, after all, human, frail and weak at times.

On the other hand, it *is* good to have an appropriate "fear" of God, but of God alone. This "fear" is not meant as a terrified expectation of punishment, but rather in the sense of "tremendous awe" or "reverential respect," similar to but even greater than the respect we owe to persons in legitimate authority: parents, civic leaders, or religious leaders.

St. John Paul II laid out the central message of his pontificate: “Do not be afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors for Christ. To His saving power open the boundaries of states, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development.” The above quote gives me the strength required, the hope and courage I need to move forward and persevere in the face of sorrow, fear and hopelessness that sometimes I encounter as I witness the ugliness that permeates our society. Let us open up to each other and take away that fear which many of us experience, a fear that can debilitate our lives, our way of living and our thoughts and actions to each other and the those around us. Fear can stifle and sometimes prevent us from excelling in life and interfere in our relations with others. This latter part is the most damaging to our humanity as a person our existence is premised on interacting with others, to rely on others not in the material sense, but in the Spiritual sense. To be with humanity and care for our brothers and sisters is what God requires of us to be. As God is love, so must we also be like God in love. Without that love we cannot endure. It is essential then to see Christ in all and to fear not, for God is with us. God bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday, January 23rd
Every Thursday except 1st Thursday of the month
 9:00 am—12:00 pm
Adoration

Tuesdays, January 28th
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
 10:00 am
Men's Ministry
 Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 4th
1st Tuesday of every month
 after 8:15 am mass
Anointing of the Sick

PARISH FINANCIALS

December

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and 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

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 Gospel: John 2:1-11



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/18	5:00 PM	Special Intention: Joe Cellucci † Shirley Vervais
Sunday 1/19	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Special Intention: Ellie Gann Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday 1/20	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Father Leonard (birthday)
Tuesday 1/21	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Living & Deceased Members of the Da Roza & Rodrigues Families
Wednesday 1/22	9:00 AM	† Giovanni Forcina
Thursday 1/23	8:15 AM	† Julie Marrujo
Friday 1/24	8:15 AM	† Ignatius Tseng
Saturday 1/25	8:15 AM	† Robert A. Ricker



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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sheila Wilkins	Tony Dunleavy
Joe Cellucci	Edward Sheehan
William Egan	Dan Feikert
Bill Burnette	Meri Lisa Bozzini
Kathleen Rose	Linda Ramon
Mike Dunn	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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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.



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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL



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

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SAVE THE DATE! 3/3!

The next Pizza Bingo will be held on Monday, March 3rd!

Reservations are required as it is held in the Parish Center. Doors open at 5pm.

This popular and lively event is usually sold out! Deadline for reservations is **Monday, Feb 24th**.

Price of \$20/per person includes pizza, wine, beer or soft drinks, and one bingo card.

Additional bingo cards may be purchased. Tables will not be reserved.

Please include each attendee's name with check.

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