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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026



Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm
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

Sunday's Readings/Music:

1. Readings begin on page 61.
2. Hymns on page 338 (after the grey tabbed pages.)
3. Psalms follow the readings or may be noted with a Psalm # that can be looked up in the missal past the hymns.

- Gathering: #569 Sing A New Song
- 1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
- Responsorial Psalm: #27
✠: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
- 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
- Presentation of the Gifts: #504 Give Me Jesus
- Sanctus: #839
- Communion: #355 I Am The Bread Of Life
- Sending: #569 Sing A New Song

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Last Tuesday I turned sixty-six years old! Yikes! I'm sure many of you have thought the same thing as I did; how did I get here so fast?

The one of many things I am reminded of as I get older is the fact that one begins to question our mortality, our total sum of our existence; why am I here, what is the purpose of my life, what have I contributed, what is waiting for me at the end of it all. These, for me at any rate, are very important questions. It's the age-old question of why do I exist?

In the movie, "The Bridge on River Kwai", there is a moment which Alec Guinness' character, Colonel Nicholson says to Colonel Saito, the Japanese prison commandant, a line that always gets me to reflect on its profoundness, and especially now as I find myself advancing in age. Colonel Nicholson' soliloquy has a much deeper understanding than just a passing thought from a movie script:

"I've been thinking. Tomorrow it will be 28 years to the day that I've been in the service. 28 years in peace and war. I don't suppose I've been at home more than 10 months in all that time. Still, it's been a good life. I loved India. I wouldn't have had it any other way. But there are times... when suddenly you realize you're nearer the end than the beginning. And you wonder, you ask yourself, what the sum total of your life represents. What difference your being there at any time made to anything - or if it made any difference at all, really. Particularly in comparison with other men's careers. I don't know whether that kind of thinking's very healthy, but I must admit I've had some thoughts on those lines from time to time."

I have had those thoughts for quite some time now, for the most part since my sixtieth birthday and even more so today, this year. What is fascinating is I don't mind thinking in that sort of way. It gives me strength and wisdom to soldier on as the years pass me by. If we are true believers in heaven and if we believe profoundly in Christ's message of eternal life, then we should have the faith that there is something greater than what we have here and now. Life, as they say, is short and time can be as swift like that of a fast moving river.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

The words above give me much comfort for it promises Christ's followers a life eternal; a life without pain, without sadness and a life of eternal joy. As Thomas Merton writes:

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."

God bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays, January 27th
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
10:00 am
Men's Ministry
Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 28th
Every Wednesday
Bible Study
10:30 am—11:30 am
Parish Hall

Thursday, January 29th
Every Thursday except 1st Thursday of the month
9:00 am—12:00 pm
Adoration

Tuesday, February 3rd
1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass
Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, February 4th
Every Wednesday
Bible Study
10:30 am—11:30 am
Parish Hall

Thursday, February 5th
1st Thursday of every Month at 9:00 am
Holy Hour with Benediction



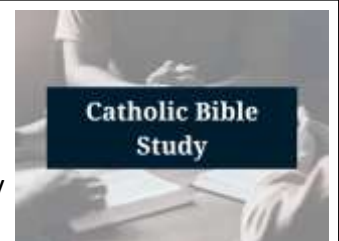
Thanks to all the volunteers who gave generously of their time and limitless talent in decorating the church for the most holy and joyous 2025 Christmas Season. Many hands make light work and all the helping hands created a beautiful Christmas setting. All in praise and honor of Jesus, the new born King.

A special thanks to the Marrujo Family for the amazing poinsettias that graced the altar and chapel.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/24	5:00 PM	† The Vervais Family
Sunday 1/25	9:00 AM	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:00 AM	† Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaBorde
Monday 1/26	8:15 AM	† The McCann Family
Tuesday 1/27	8:15 AM	† Larry Sanchez † Werner Lehmann
Wednesday 1/28	8:15 AM	† Tom Carrol
Thursday 1/29	8:15 AM	† Leslie Ouyang
Friday 1/30	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Ann Hirsch
Saturday 1/31	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake

Bible Study runs until 3/25. Late registrants are welcome. Swing by the rectory office during office hours M-Th to sign up. There is a \$25 fee for book/materials.



The subject for this year is the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Torah.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY DATES:

- Wednesday, January 28th
- Wednesday, February 4th

SAVE THE DATE!

February 9th is Pizza Bingo!

EVERY Pizza Bingo gets sold out days before the event. Make sure you have your tickets secured before this event gets sold out!



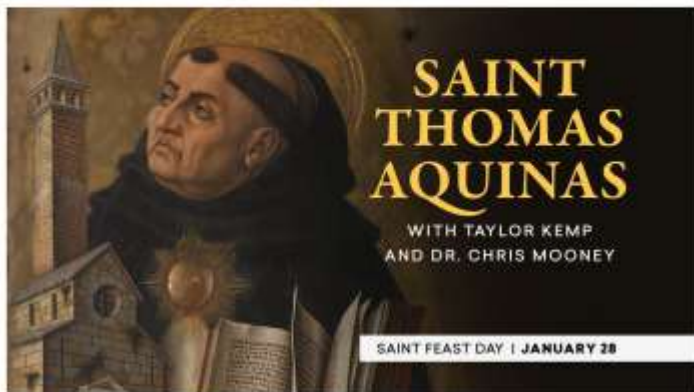
Let us pray for all those who have recently passed away...

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| † Josephine Cardaci | † Raymond Gorski |
| † Edward Emil Rinne | † Irene Gorski |
| † Elizabeth Jane Wydner | † Donna Tucker |
| † Bunk Sicotte | † Ida Castillo |
| † Francis Carion | † Dick McLean |
| † Barbara Schurhoff | † Jim Stevens |
| † Veronica Devlin | † Robert DeGraca |
| † Gerry Cunha | |

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Charles Krystofiak
Sheila Wilkins	Chuck Fontenot
Michael Dunn	Lucy Rose
Kathleen Rose	

Names are on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish to be included, removed or continued for another 4 weeks, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.



The St. Anne's Society Board along with Fr. Leonard, wishes to THANK all of the volunteers who so generously gave their time and money to the Christmas Bazaar. This was a banner year! The Gift Baskets did very well again this year. We thank all of our generous donors for their contributions to our BEST BAZAAR EVER! Our Chairman, Gale Lydecker, put it MANY hours in order to make this event happen. It would not be so successful without her astute guidance (AKA "Heavenly" guidance). We so appreciate our bakers who gave their time baking, wrapping and selling their finished products. Yes, many hands made light work. Thank you again!

Janet Welter
Publicity Chairman
St. Anne's Society Board



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



The 2026 Mass Intention Book is now open to **ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS**. If you are a long-time visitor, but not registered, you may find gold-colored registration cards at each entrance to the church to get yourself registered and submit your mass intentions.