



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22



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Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

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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

Library Hours:

Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Big plans are coming up during this time of preparation for the Lenten season.

First, a letter from the bishop's office gives all parishes of the diocese new liturgical instructions regarding posturing during the mass. *Beginning the first Sunday of Lent in addition to kneeling after the Sanctus, or the Holy, Holy, Holy, we will now kneel after the Agnus Dei, or the Lamb of God.* Now for those of you who have a difficult time kneeling you may certainly sit during those times of the mass. This is a posture that was and is part of the norms of the ritual and so our bishop wishes us to return to that to demonstrate more reverence to the action we are partaking and sharing with each other as the priest consecrates the bread and wine.

Secondly, because Easter comes to us earlier than last year we're going to adjust the time for the Easter Vigil and Holy Thursday mass to a later time to correspond to the norm of what is required in the ritual. More information will be announced as we get closer to Holy Week and Easter.

As always I try writing about something pertinent to an upcoming liturgical holiday such as Ash Wednesday or finding an article or quote that best mirrors my own understanding of what certain things mean. Here, for example, is a quote I found from **Thomas Merton regarding the beginning of Lent** by describing the act of placing ashes on one's forehead. and asking for forgiveness. Please enjoy:

In some monastic communities, monks go up to receive the ashes barefoot. Going barefoot is a joyous thing. It is good to feel the floor of the earth under your feet. It is good when the whole church is silent, filled with the hush of men walking without shoes. One wonders why we wear such things as shoes anyway. Prayer is so much more meaningful without them. It would be good to take them off in church all the time. But perhaps this might appear quixotic to those who have forgotten such very elementary satisfactions. Someone might catch cold at the mere thought of it—so let's return to the liturgy.

Nowhere will we find more tender expressions of the divine mercy than on this day. His mercy is kind. He looks upon us "according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies." In the introit we sing: "Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hatest none of the things which Thou hast made, overlooking the sins of men for the sake of repentance and sparing them, because Thou art the Lord our God. How good are these words of Wisdom in a time when on all sides the Lord is thought by men to be a God who hates. Those who deny Him say they do so because evil in the world could be the work only of a God that hated the world. But even those who profess to love Him regard Him too often as a furious Father, who seeks only to punish and to revenge Himself for the evil that is done "against Him" — One who cannot abide the slightest contradiction but will immediately mark it down for retribution, and will not let a farthing of the debt go unpaid.

This is not the God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who Himself "hides" our sins and gets them out of sight, like a mother making quick and efficient repairs on the soiled face of a child just before entering a house where he ought to appear clean. The blessing of the ashes knows Him only as the "God who desires not the death of the sinner," "who is moved by humiliation and appeased by satisfaction." He is everywhere shown to us as "plenteous in mercy"

And from the infinite treasure of His mercies He draws forth the gift of compunction. This is a sorrow without servile fear, which is all the more deep and tender as it receives pardon from the tranquil, calm love of the merciful Lord: a love which the liturgy calls, in two untranslatable words, *serenissima pietas*. The God of Ash Wednesday is like a calm sea of mercy, and in Him there is no anger."

God bless

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, January 31st

10:30 AM Bible Study- Parish Hall

Thursday, February 1st - Holy Hour

9 AM - 10 AM Holy Hour with Benediction

Tuesday, February 6th - Anointing of the Sick

After 8:15 AM Mass in the Church

Monday, February 12th

1 PM Cinema Divina - Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 13th - Mardi Gras

After 8:15 AM Mass in St. Anne's Parish Hall



HOLY HOUR with Benediction
February 1st, 2024 9am-10am
Please come and worship with us.

St. Anne's Society news



Year of the Dragon!

The St. Anne's Society will again host a celebration for **Chinese New Year** after all of the masses on the weekend of **February 10th/11th**.

All parishioners and guests are invited to enjoy Chinese fare, including Potstickers, Spring Rolls and cookies. Coffee and tea will also be served. We look forward to enjoying this festive event with you!

Save the Date

The ever-popular Pizza-Bingo will be held on **Monday, February 19th**.

More information on the attached insert!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 01/27	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 01/28	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Jose & Isabel Chua † Cirilo Roman
Monday 01/29	8:15 AM	† Leslie Ouyang
Tuesday 01/30	8:15 AM	† Bob Kennworthy
Wednesday 01/31	8:15 AM	† Lucina Supleo
Thursday 02/01	8:15 AM	† Msgr. John McCracken
Friday 02/02	8:15 AM	† Eduardo de Assis Living and Deceased members of DaRoza & Rodrigues families
Saturday 02/03	8:15 AM	† Danny & Stan Koepke

Monday, February 12th, 2024

at 1 pm

Cinema Divina

A prayerful exploration of a movie

Fr. George Da Roza



Come join me in the viewing and discussion of a 1952 black and white movie, "The Star" (90 mins), starring Bette Davis, Sterling Hayden, and a young Natalie Wood. The movie tells the story of a faded movie star and her desire to remain at the top of her game even when all indications show that it is unlikely to happen.

After the movie, we will discuss scriptural elements found in the subtext of the film, for example, how we choose to define ourselves; how we choose to live our lives; and how do we respond to the grace of God when it appears in forms different from our perceptions. A handout with scriptural references will be provided for personal reflection.

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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.



Anointing of the Sick

Is on the first Tuesday,
February 6th at the end of the
8:15 am mass, followed by
reconciliation at 9:00 am.



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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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