



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Presentation Of The Lord

February 2, 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

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Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

What are the differences between meditating and contemplating?

While attending the Seminary, I too, was a bit confused as to what the differences are between these two practices or styles; they certainly are not the same and should not be used interchangeably.

One way of making sense of the difference is to understand that, according to our Catholic faith, those who enter heaven will spend all of eternity contemplating God. This suggests to us that contemplation represents a fulfillment of all of our efforts to deepen our personal relationship with God. It has the character of a gift that is given to us through the grace of gazing at the very source of our life.

Please let us remember that the goal for all types of prayer is to help us grow in our relationship with God, to deepen our faith and to understand that relationship we so desire. So, we should not be preoccupied with the particular kind or method of prayer that we lose sight for the reason for praying in the first place.

As such, with all relationships, it requires concentrated effort on our part, but we also need to remain open to receive from the other. Amid the many distractions of our daily lives, growing in intimacy with God will not happen without putting aside time each day to focus on the essentials of our lives.

For Catholics, this means to focus on the God who has created us for Himself and who, through his Son, has redeemed us from our sins. By first giving attention to the relationship, you may then be prepared to discover what form of prayer suits you best.

Let us focus on what Meditation is and the practice one can achieve through it. There are many different kinds of meditation, but they all involve an engaged form of mental activity, a deep concentration of the moment. When we meditate, for example, we do the work in order for us to achieve the desired result of it. We might read the Gospel and ponder its meaning, *Lectio Divina*, in itself and for our own lives. We can meditate on the mysteries of the faith, as we do when reciting the Rosary. This helps us to see that two elements of meditation are some type of “raw material” and a disciplined practice.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church points out, in meditation the “mind seeks to understand the why and the how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what God is asking.” (CCC 2705).

Let’s take an example. I’ll use the Gospel passage narrating the miracle of the loaves and fishes in Matthew’s Gospel, which I believe best illustrates itself to meditation on a number of levels. We might find ourselves thinking about the hunger many people endure without food and drink. Which in turn could lead us to think of those in the world, perhaps in our own city or neighborhood, who suffer from the lack of nutritious and healthy food. Or sometimes our thoughts may touch us about ourselves with; our own hungers for example and not just a physical hunger but a spiritual hunger. We may focus our attention on the disciples and how helpless they must have felt when Jesus told them to provide food for the people themselves, echoing the helplessness we can often feel in the face of the needs of others. Or we may meditate on the miracle itself.

That is a powerful lesson in trust and humility, recognizing how much good, through the power of God, can be done with the few resources at our disposal. We may also wish to ponder the abundant mercy of Jesus, whose compassionate heart responds to the material and spiritual hungers of the crowd.

Finally, we may do well to meditate on Christ’s gift of himself in the Eucharist, so clearly foreshadowed in the blessing and breaking of the loaves. All of this, in turn, will lead us in the direction of contemplating the immensity of God’s love for us.

For now let us meditate on this Sunday’s Gospel and how the readings of today can impact on our lives and how best to meditate on those words we hear today. Amen.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, February 6th
1st Thursday of every month at 9:00
Holy Hour with Benediction

Thursday, February 13th/20th/27th
Every Thursday except 1st Thursday of the month
9:00 am—12:00 pm
Adoration

Tuesdays, February 11th & 25th
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
10:00 am
Men's Ministry
Parish Hall

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2/1	5:00 PM	† Msgr. John T. McCracken
Sunday 2/2	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors Special Intention: Living & Deceased members of the Da Roza & Rodrigues Families
Monday 2/3	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Nicole Vanhatten & Jonathan Clugston
Tuesday 2/4	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Living & Deceased members of the Tavares, Da Roza & Rodrigues Families
Wednesday 2/5	9:00 AM	Special Intention: Mark & Carmen Vanhatten
Thursday 2/6	8:15 AM	† Dan & Stan Koepke
Friday 2/7	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Living & Deceased members of the Ouyang & Loong Families
Saturday 2/8	8:15 AM	† Ferdinand Piglowski

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Has it been a while since you were an altar server? Have you never been an altar server? It's okay if it's been a while or you have no experience. We can train you!

What do altar servers do? Servers process with the cross. They carry the incense and censer or assist the priest when he receives the gifts from the people. Servers assist in the washing of hands by the priest, and assist the priest as necessary. In the absence of a sacristan, the servers may prepare the altar and sacred vessels before Mass.

If you are interested, call the rectory office or email rharmon@stanneswc.org for more information or to set up training.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sheila Wilkins	Wayne Seals
Joe Cellucci	Andrea Puccini
Edward Sheehan	Bunk Sicotte
Dan Feikert	George Pfautsch
Meri Lisa Bozzini	Martin Keegan
Linda Ramon	Cathy Bridges

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.



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The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries

The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



Join us after the 9 am and 11 am masses on 2/9 to celebrate Chinese New Year!

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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