



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your

light
must
shine

FEBRUARY 5

before others, that they may
see your good deeds and
glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Residence: Rev. George DaRoza

Off./Min. Coordinator: Janet Money

Bookkeeper: Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Organist: Sheila Wilkins

Cantor: Gina Downen

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am – 12:30 pm & 1pm - 4:30 pm

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8:45 am - 12 pm

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

Be not afraid was last week's text and this week I would like to encourage you to keep the faith.

What does it mean when someone says to you, "keep the faith"? To keep the faith means to remain optimistic about a person or situation, especially when faced with challenges. Often said imperatively as a phrase of encouragement or reassurance.

In 2 Timothy it reads: **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith..."**

Keeping the faith requires remembering what brought us to faith in the first place. We need to be intentional about remembering God's grace in our lives, the gift we were given at our baptism and the faith we receive through example and the action of the Holy Spirit are sources as people of God we can count on. God is there for us even if we should lose our faith in Christ or God, they will never leave us. As we read in letter to the Hebrews 12:1b-3 says, "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." These are encouraging words that should guide us throughout our earthly journey. Keeping the faith requires a love of truth and a commitment to the Word of God. A commitment we try to maintain and sometimes fail. But we know that God is always there watching, waiting and giving us the grace necessary to continue and to amend whatever situation we may find ourselves.

Many lose that faith, and just as many find it again and again. In many cases that faith does return and it returns in times of despair, or periods in our lives when situations are their darkest and that is when we find that we didn't lose our faith, but that our situation only blocked it from our sight.

Keeping faith also involves growth in Christ. Jesus is the author of our faith (the one who initiated the relationship), and He is the perfecter of our faith (the one who will see it through to the end). From beginning to end, Jesus is the source of our faith. We remember what He has done, and we look forward to what He will do. Practically, this involves having an active prayer life, studying God's Word, and digging in to His truth.

Men and women in religious communities also struggle with their faith, but as religious they do not easily give up or give in to abandoning their faith in God, in Jesus Christ and in their community of like minded brothers and sisters. And just as these religious communities find ways of instilling and finding that faith they thought they lost, so too you can do the same.

Keeping the faith is also about lay and parish community. The Christian life is not lived exclusively between God and the individual; it is lived in community with other Christians. Hebrews 10:23-25 says, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful". And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Fellow believers can encourage us to keep the faith. They can exhort us when we are going astray. They can join in our gladness and in our sorrow (Romans 12:15). Community is important and necessary for the believer to find strength and support, especially during this time in our world's history. Keep the faith, and never allow the Evil One to discourage you from that faith and grace God has gifted you and me. Our faith will be challenged. But it is not only in the difficult times that we dig in our heels and fight for our faith. No, we contend for our faith always.

What we do today prepares us for what is in store tomorrow. God is always at work in our lives. **God bless.**

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, February 6th
10 AM– Coffee Chat

Monday, February 13th
5 PM– Pizza Bingo

Tuesday, February 14th & 28th - Men's Ministry
10 AM– St. Anne's Library

Wednesday, February 22nd - Ash Wednesday

Monday, February 27th - Movie Afternoon
1 PM - "Of Gods and Men"

Wednesday, March 1st
11AM ~ Lenten Reflection Series

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES:

If you are having trouble getting through on our main telephone line, our apologies.

You can reach us at **925-932-3335**

We are working with the phone company to fix the line but there is a delay and we apologize any inconvenience caused.

PARISH FINANCIALS

December 2022

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

December & Christmas donation \$80,027

Monthly Goal \$38,450

Excess - December \$41,577

Year to date excess \$7,565

Development Fund (YTD) \$32,471

Thank you for your generous donations!

Bulletin: If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlight by email contact the parish office at info@stanneswc.org



St. Anne's Parish Community - Home | Facebook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 02/06	8:15 AM	† Annette Gosky
Tuesday 02/07	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of Ouyang & Loong families
Wednesday 02/08	8:15 AM	† Elsa Yam
Thursday 02/09	8:15 AM	† Rich Carpenter
Friday 02/10	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Ana Geiser
Saturday 02/11	8:15 AM	† Cirilo Roman
	5:00 PM	† Tom Sparacino
Sunday 02/12	9:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
	11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Christian & Michelle Geiser

PIZZA—BINGO

St. Anne's Society is hosting the ever-popular Pizza/Bingo party. This event will be in the Parish Center on Monday, February 13th. Doors open at 4:30pm.

All parishioners and their guests are invited to attend.

The cost for this event is \$18 per person, including a choice of three delicious pizzas, beverages, and one bingo card. Additional bingo cards are available for purchase at \$1 each. Raffle tickets will also be sold.

SPACE IS VERY LIMITED, so get your reservation and check in early.

Make check payable to: **St. Anne's Society**. Check and a list of attendees can be mailed to:

Karen Kelly
3032 Rossmoor Pkwy Apt 8,
Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, February, 8th 2023**. There will be no late reservations/entry.

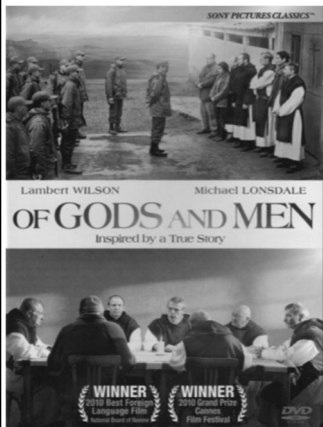


PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gloria Pearce	Karen Salchett	Jannet Tuvilla
Ron Barajas	Dona Newell	Edward Regan
Cathy Grimesey	Carolyn Collins	Jason Navaro
Josay Hayes	Chris Ramirez	Robert Kraftschik
Sandra Chafe	Kathleen Clemons	Bev Regan
Pamela Maria	Tom & Vicki Hughes	Carol Hannon
Caroline George	Thecla Justen	Betty Hernandez
Kay Woodruff	Hogey Hogenboom	Tom Mader
Pat Rollo	Michael Dunn	Kevin Kelly
Fr. Anthony Chang	Vincent Riggio	Larry Maday
Joe Cellucci	Karl Kropp	Jeff Westerfield
Cheryl Spitz	Martin Keegan	Terri Riggio
Anthony Curtell	Bonnie Walsh	Richard Daniels
Roberta Bowen		

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

February 27th, 2023 - Movie Afternoon



"Of Gods and Men" is a 2010 French drama film directed by Xavier Beauvois, starring Lambert Wilson and Michael Lonsdale. Its original French language title is *Des hommes et des dieux*, which means "Of Men and of Gods" and refers to a verse from the Bible shown at the beginning of the film.

It centers on a true story that happened in the monastery of Tibhirine, where nine Cistercian monks lived in harmony with the largely Muslim population of Algeria, until seven of them were kidnapped and assassinated in 1996 during the Algerian Civil War. Largely a tale of a peaceful situation between local Christians and Muslims before becoming a lethal one due to external forces, the screenplay focuses on the preceding chain of events in decay of government, expansion of terrorism, and the monks' confrontation with both the terrorists and the government authorities that led up to their deaths.

Please visit our parish website www.stanneswc.org for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of Coffee chat with Fr. Leonard.

You can listen to Fr. Leonard's podcasts on Spotify and other Podcast platforms. "The Parish Life", is available in all podcast platforms.

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
Parish Council	Paul Molloy	925-323-0730
Parish Finance Council	Peter Newell	925-891-4479
St. Anne's Society	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
Ushers	Fran Long	925-939-5151



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.

Toilet Paper	Hand Soap	Ketchup
Shaving Items	Toothpaste	Coffee
Cup of Noodles	Top Ramen	Water
Paper Towels	Mustard	Tea
Cleansing Wipes	Toothbrushes	Mayo
Body wash	Shampoo	Conditioner
Laundry Detergent	Fruit Juice	New Socks

Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank.

With your generous donation of gift cards, Fr. Leonard presented over \$3500 worth of Safeway, Target, Kohls and Trader Joe's gift cards to Fr. Fred at St. Mary Parish's St. Vincent de Paul pantry. The gift cards were distributed to clients at several St. Vincent de Paul locations in the East Bay. Thank you for helping those in our community to have a brighter Christmas season.

THANKS!!! to our anonymous sponsors.

If you would like to help offset our printing cost in 2023, please contact Aileen @ 925-932-3335.