



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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FEBRUARY 11, 2024

6th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." - Mk 1:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

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Cantor: Gina Dowen

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

Parish Office will be closed on Monday February 19th for Presidents' Day

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday I present to you the first of a three part article by one of the church's greatest theologians, **Karl Rahner**. I hope you find these articles of interest as I did when I first read them while attending graduate school.

This article is in regards on what it means to love Jesus.

Karl Rahner, S.J., was indisputably one of 20th-century Catholicism's preeminent and most influential theologians.

One of his writings that has always fascinated me is an essay entitled "Christian Living Formerly and Today." The essay appeared just as the Second Vatican Council was ending. It contains the prophetic and often-quoted sentence: "The devout Christian of the future will either be a 'mystic'—someone who has 'experienced something'—or will cease to be anything at all."

The essay strikes me as prophetic because in the ensuing 55 years since it first appeared, there has been a catastrophic decline in the Western world in the number of active and committed Catholics. To designate oneself as "none" (at least from the religious point of view) can indeed sound like "ceasing to be anything at all."

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The reasons for the decline are of course many. They are both ecclesial (the sexual abuse scandal prominent among them) and cultural (the sexual revolution, the prevalence of a consumerist mindset and more). But, guided by Rahner, one might justly ask: Does it also indicate a deficit of "experience?" Put even more provocatively: Is it the failure to actually become a "mystic," one who has experienced the faith at a certain depth and intensity?

Yet the Rahner essay also contains some perplexities.

For example, it was always puzzling to me why Rahner said "experience something," rather than experience Someone. For at the center of Christian faith and living, formerly and today, is Jesus Christ. As the Letter to the Hebrews confesses: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and for the ages"—a profession of faith notably echoed by the Second Vatican Council's "Gaudium et Spes." At the very heart of St. Paul's apostolic vocation lies his faith experience of the Lord Jesus, "who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). And, in the Letter to the Ephesians, he prays earnestly that all the saints may come "to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge" and thus "be filled with all the fullness of God" (Eph 3:19).

Thus I was delighted when another essay by Rahner appeared some years later. In 1982, only two years before his death, he wrote an article entitled "What Does It Mean to Love Jesus?" Though dense, in the usual Rahnerian manner, it focused explicitly upon the Christian's relation to his or her living savior. Rahner insists: "One can love Jesus, love him in himself, in true, genuine, immediate love." And he includes these remarkable words (spoken, he tells us, to the surprise of a rather "rationalistic" colleague): "You're actually only really dealing with Jesus when you throw your arms around him and realize right down to the bottom of your being that this is something you can still do today."

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Next week I will present the conclusion of this article. *Until then, Peace.*

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, February 10th & Sunday 11th

Chinese New Year celebration after all the masses

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

Tuesday, February 13th - Men's Ministry

10 AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

9 AM - Mass

1 PM - Mass

(Ashes will be distributed during the mass)

Wednesday, February 14th

10:30 AM - No Bible Study

Friday, February 16th

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

After the 8:15 am mass on Fridays during Lent in the Church

February 14th – Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is NOT a holy day of obligation, but it marks the beginning of the Lenten season. The day is chosen based on the fact that it is 40 days before Good Friday. It is, however, a day of fast

and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. Fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity beyond what is prescribed by the law. **Masses at 9 am & 1 pm - Ashes distributed during Mass.**

Ash Wednesday envelope is in your box. The collection is designated for Rice Bowl.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 02/10	5:00 PM	† Gregory Currivan
Sunday 02/11	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Michael Kelly Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday 02/12	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased members of Sommers and Pfautsch families
Tuesday 02/13	8:15 AM	† Tonie Toler
Ash Wednesday 02/14	9:00 AM 1:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Thursday 02/15	8:15 AM	† Wen- Yin Chen † Carole Zimmerman
Friday 02/16	8:15 AM	† Ferdinand Piglowski
Saturday 02/17	8:15 AM	† Jerry & Emma Moore

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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St. Anne's Society presents again!!

Pizza Bingo Night

Monday, February 19th

Doors open at 5 pm

All parishioners and guests are invited to this ever-popular event. Reservations are required as it is held in the Parish Center with limited capacity.

This event usually sells out early!

Price is \$18 pp including one bingo card, choice of pizza, salad and complimentary wine and soft drinks.

Extra bingo cards available for purchase at the event

Checks payable to : *St. Anne's Church*

(Please include each attendee's name in the check).

and mail to **Karen Kelly**

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No Reserved tables.

The deadline for checks received is

Thursday, February 15.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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