



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## APPROACHING AUTHENTICITY TEMPTATION

### 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 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 19<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day**

# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

This is a continuation of last week's article on Karl Rahner. I hope you enjoy this second installment just as much as you enjoyed last weeks.

So the Christian of the future will be one who has experienced a life-changing encounter with the living Jesus Christ. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est," "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, who gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction."

And this encounter gives rise to a relationship with Jesus that certainly admits of endless growth and deepening but is even now marked by intimate knowledge and love—"abiding" in him, as Jesus himself exhorts the disciples during the Farewell Discourse in John's Gospel. Indeed, as this relationship, this abiding matures, it more and more assumes the form of whole-hearted attention to and affective embrace of the one whom one loves. Indeed, "a throwing one's arms" about the Lord of one's life, as Rahner rather boldly declares to the evident dismay of his scholarly colleague.

Rahner certainly does not envision a "physical" embrace. Nonetheless, the embrace of Jesus is uniquely "tangible," enlisting the full range of what the mystical tradition terms the "spiritual senses." One recalls Augustine's exultation in the magnificent Book Ten of his *Confessions*. Here Augustine struggles to give voice to the experience of his love for God and admits it far transcends physical sweetness or fragrance, brightness or beauty. And yet, he affirms: "in a sense I do love light and melody and fragrance and food and embrace when I love my God...when that light shines upon my soul which no place can contain, that voice sounds which no time can take from me, when I breathe that fragrance which no wind scatters, I eat the food which is not lessened by eating, and I lie in that embrace which satiety never comes to sunder."

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Note how Augustine draws upon physical sensory experience—sight, hearing, tasting, touching—to point toward the experience of senses transformed so as to perceive the hidden but real presence of God in Christ. Thus Augustine confirms (or better "inspires") Rahner's conviction that in the today of faith one can embrace the very Lord of life. For Augustine confesses that he could only find the way to the true God when he "embraced the Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all things, God blessed forever," yet who humbled himself to embody and become the believer's spiritual food and drink.

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

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*



## LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

10:30 AM - Bible Study

Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

4 PM - Taizé Prayer Service in Church

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

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

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> - Men's Ministry

10 AM - St. Anne's Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Anointing of the Sick

After 8:15 AM Mass in the Church

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 02/17	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 02/18	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Charles Seals - Sylvia Sp. Int. Anne Bernstein
Monday 02/19	8:15 AM	† Candelaria Supleo
Tuesday 02/20	8:15 AM	† Wilfried Weihrich
Wednesday 02/21	8:15 AM	† Lucina Supleo
Thursday 02/22	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Charito & Sal Aguas
Friday 02/23	8:15 AM	† Frank Virsik
Saturday 02/24	8:15 AM	† Cirilo Roman



We invite you to experience St. Anne's Taizé Prayer Service on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4 PM.

### What is Taizé Prayer?

Taizé is a form of Christian prayer originating from the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé in France. One is invited to rest in God through the singing of psalm verses and other simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection.

### News from St. Anne's Society

"Save the date" - Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, cocktails, dinner and entertainment for St Patrick's Day Party.

More info to follow!

### February Mass Count.

At all weekend masses in February, ushers will be taking a headcount, as we do each year.

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

## MINISTRIES

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	Penny Corempas	925-938-3543

**Bulletin:** If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlights by email contact the parish office at [info@stanneswc.org](mailto:info@stanneswc.org). Bulletin is also available on our website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org)

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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

*Let us pray for all those who have died during this time.*



*Geraldine Pyle*

*Curtis Hagan*

*Bruce Heppenstall*

*Ann Sarazen*

*Geraldine Bagley*

*Michael John Adza*

*Our prayers and condolences for all the family members and friends grieving the loss.*

## 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*