



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

1600 Rossmoor Parkway  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595  
Email: [info@stanneswc.org](mailto:info@stanneswc.org)

Phone: (925) 932-3335  
Emergencies: (925) 932-3335 ext. 14  
[www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org)



"But I say to you,  
love your enemies  
and pray for those  
who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44

Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co. Inc. - Photos: © iStock / AdobeStock  
Excerpts from the *Lectio for Mass* © 2001, 1998, 1987, 1986, 1970, CCD.

## **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

## **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

**Parish Office will be closed on Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day**

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

*Ash Wednesday* is coming up this week and I started thinking about what will I "give up" for Lent, but more importantly, what will I replace the thing I'm giving up?

Many, including myself, say things like, "*I'm giving up chocolate, or coffee or some sort of food or activity I enjoy*". All of these things are good, but I'd like to take this a step further, why not replace those things with something else.

The main purpose of "*giving up* " things in Lent *is to bring us closer to God; to prioritize God; to put God in the center of our minds and lives; to make God the focal point.* And what better way of doing that is to take up reading spiritual books or helping others in need that we haven't done so before. The church offers many different devotions and meditations, it's just a matter of searching those things out and then practicing them during this time. Catholics meditate and engage in mental prayer to be able have an intimate conversation and relationship with God. But it can be difficult to know how to do this or even where to begin. The desire to enter into a relationship with God is written on the hearts of everyone, as Saint Augustine writes in his Confessions, "*You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.*" Perhaps Augustine's most often quoted phrase, it captures something that resonates deep within the human person. Restlessness is that desire to be filled and fulfilled. We are hardwired to want to know something that is beyond ourselves, beyond the known world and to enter into something that is wholly different than what we are experiencing now.

God in His infinite wisdom and goodness calls each of us to interact with Him on a level that allows us to engage in some deeper meaning, and become one with Him, knowing Him intimately.

A dear friend of mine tells me her best time with God is in chapel, with a cup of coffee in hand and rosary beads in another. She likens this to hanging out with a good friend and conversing and praying together. As Catholics we understand that God is love, and the embodiment of truth. To know God is to know what love is and to understand truth. Additionally, the more you know who God is and the better relationship you have with Him, the better you know yourself as you are made in His image and likeness. Mental prayer is about growing in knowledge and admiration of God and in virtue.

With that, I am encouraging you *to seek out, to search deep in your own mind, soul and heart, the direction you want to travel during this Season of Lent.* It's good you give up a material thing, but lets spend some time discerning something that will bring us closer to the Lord and the Creator. *God bless.*

*Fr. Leonard Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ash Wednesday

9 AM- Mass & distribution of ashes

1 PM - Mass & distribution of ashes

### Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> - Movie Afternoon

1 PM - "Of Gods and Men"

### Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> - Men's Ministry

10 AM- St. Anne's Parish Hall

### Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

11AM ~ Lenten Reflection Series

### Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

4 PM - 5 PM Taize

## PARISH FINANCIALS

January 2023

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

January donation \$39,902

Monthly Goal \$41,667

Shortfall (\$1,765)

Development Fund -January \$3,309

Thank you for your generous donations!

### Collection for Bishop's Appeal - February 19.

The theme for 2023 was chosen by Bishop Barber - *I am with you always*. You will immediately notice that this is the same theme that the Diocese is using for our 2023 Eucharistic Revival Congress later this year. To tie the two together, Bishop Barber's thought was to use the "IHS" which is a *Christogram* of the name of Jesus, and the form of sunburst as indicative of the Eucharist. The IHS points to *who* is with me always. It connects Jesus' name to the theme and keeps Christ at the center of our lives and work.

Once again, St Anne's parish goal for 2023 will remain the same as 2022. This will be the first of two collections for 2023, beginning the Lenten season allows us to practice one of the three tenants of Lent, almsgiving.

## News from St. Anne's Society

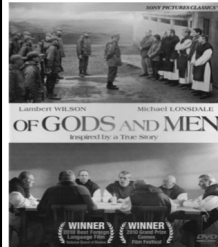
"Save the date" - Friday, March 17, cocktails, dinner and entertainment for St Patrick's Day Party. More info to follow!

Thanks to all of the helpers at the very successful "Pizza/Bingo night on Monday, Feb 13

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 02/20	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of Pfautsch & Sommers Families
Tuesday 02/21	8:15 AM	† David Camp
Wednesday 02/22	9:00 AM	† Chung C. Tsai
	1:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Thursday 02/23	8:15 AM	Thanksgiving - 66th Wedding anniversary Charito & Salvador Aguas
Friday 02/24	8:15 AM	† Simon Choy
Saturday 02/25	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. All Liturgical Ministers
	5:00 PM	† Eileen Brown
Sunday 02/26	9:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
	11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Rob & Monica LaRue

## February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Movie Afternoon



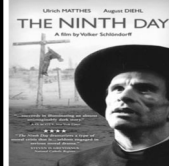
"Of Gods and Men" is a 2010 French drama film directed by Xavier Beauvois, starring Lambert Wilson and Michael Lonsdale. Its original French language title is *Des hommes et des dieux*, which means "Of Men and of Gods" and refers to a verse from the Bible shown at the beginning of the film.

## February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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. 9 am & 1 pm- Ashes, distributed during Mass (Ash Wednesday envelope is in your box)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Available Now: THE NINTH DAY



During WWII, a head priest, Henri Kremer, is mysteriously freed from Dachau concentration camp. He learns that he can return home, to Luxembourg, for a period of nine days, during which he will have to face a persuasive Gestapo chief who will put his faith to the test.

## 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	Felice Santos
Fr. Anthony Chang	Vincent Riggio	Larry Maday
Joe Cellucci	Karl Kropp	Jeff Westerfield
Cheryl Spitz	Martin Keegan	Jordan Navaro
Anthony Curtell	Bonnie Walsh	Richard Daniels
Roberta Bowen	Patricia Carey	

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 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.

Toilet Paper	Oatmeal—individual packets	Ketchup
Shaving Items	Chicken Broth	Coffee
Toothbrushes	Top Ramen	Water
Paper Towels	Mustard	Tea
Cleansing Wipes	Pasta	Mayo
Body wash	Pasta Sauce	Box Fruit Juice
Peanut Butter	Can Soup	Cereal

**From SVdP:** St. Anne's Church was especially generous, giving us over \$3,000 in gift cards last December. Because of their generosity, we will have another card giveaway for our community this Easter. During the last quarter (Oct-Dec), we had 780 visitors to the pantry, bringing food home to 2,815 people. We gave away 2,580 bags of groceries worth over \$167,700. We also helped people with car repairs and rental assistance. Your continued generosity makes all of this possible!

## MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge	925-954-1158
	Lupe Roberts	925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility Maintenance	Keith Crandall	925-932-2324
	Bob Martini	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

MAR  
1

## LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



St. Anne's Faith Formation Presents  
A Weekly Series of Studies based upon  
the Sunday Readings during Lent

For five weeks, beginning March 1st through March 29th, we will study Scripture, meditate upon the Word and contemplate its meaning and how we can apply Christ's message to our every day lives.

To study the first and second readings, responsorial psalms, and Gospels for each Sunday prior to Holy Week will give us a clearer and more profound understanding of the teachings of Christ and His Church. In addition to studying and praying, we will also discuss the context and historical background and the circumstances during Christ's life while He was preaching to the Jewish people and Gentiles.

REGISTRATION BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22ND.

Classes begin at 11:00 a.m. and each Wednesday:  
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th.

To register please call Janet Money or Aileen Baker at (925) 932-2324 or come and register at the office. Fee is \$25 per person.

For more information, please go to our parish website at [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org)

ST. ANNE'S PARISH • 1600 ROSSMOOR PKWY • WALNUT CREEK, CA.