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The First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026



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Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm
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

Sunday's Readings/Music:

1. Readings begin on page 75.
 2. Hymns on page 338 (after the grey tabbed pages.)
 3. Psalms follow the readings or may be noted with a Psalm # that can be looked up in the missal past the hymns.
- Gathering: Have Mercy On Me, O God
 - 1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 - Responsorial Psalm: #130
R: With the Lord there is mercy and the fullness of redemption. Call to Him in your trials, He will answer whenever you call.
 - 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19
 - Gospel Acclamation
 - Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
 - Presentation of the Gifts: #532
There Is A Balm In Gilead
 - Holy: #865
 - Communion: #211 Humbly Lord, We Worship You
 - Sending: Praise To You, O Christ (Instrumental)

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Wednesday we began our Lenten journey with ashes placed on our forehead and today, Sunday, our spiritual journey continues for forty (40) days until Holy Week and then Pentecost.

The First Sunday of Lent provides us the opportunity to reflect on what we truly desire to “give up”; what can I sacrifice that is meaningful; what can I give up that has substantial significance rather than renouncing some material thing, i.e. chocolate, coffee or alcohol; which is acceptable but hardly a substantial offering.

For many years I would often say I’m giving up a favorite food or some other material thing, ultimately succumbing to the thing I desire; there are some whose willpower is much stronger than mine, (I’m terrible when comes to bags of potato chips).

So, what would I suggest that has a tangible effect on this forty-day journey? Giving up a thing you love is good, but what about adding rather than taking away? Giving up a favorite food is good, but what about adding extra prayers to your daily prayer routine? How about praying an additional decade when praying your Rosary, or reading more spiritual readings? I have learned over the years as a priest that adding something more rather than less has pushed me into a deeper and more considerable appreciation of scripture and what the Lenten season is truly about. Getting closer to God and understanding salvation history in the Sunday and daily scriptural readings of the season is our ultimate goal.

A few weeks ago, I picked up a copy of Thomas Merton’s slender 1956 volume “Thoughts in Solitude”, a hodgepodge of his reflections from one of the periods at Gethsemani that he was allowed to spend in relative isolation. In my opinion, it’s not Merton’s best writing — many of the ideas are better fleshed out elsewhere — and there are times when he seems to vacillate wildly between law and gospel. But given our own intense solitude, it seemed to me the right sort of thing to read as we progress through Lent, and Merton does deliver some stirring insights for the journey.

Along with Advent, Lent is often understood as one of the two “desert” seasons in the Christian calendar, and Merton frames his time in solitude as a season in the desert. He explains it this way:

“The Desert Fathers believed that the wilderness had been created as supremely valuable in the eyes of God precisely because it had no value to men. The wasteland was the land that could never be wasted by men because it offered them nothing. [...] The desert was the region in which the Chosen People had wandered for forty years, cared for by God alone. They could have reached the Promised Land in a few months if they had travelled directly to it. God’s plan was that they should learn to love Him in the wilderness [...]”

During the next few weeks, I encourage you to stop for a moment, reflect and contemplate what you wish to give up and what you wish to add to your Lenten journey. If you choose to give up a certain food, then by all means do so. But keep in mind to also say to yourself, “What can I add to my Lenten Sacrifice”? May your Lenten journey provide you the time to reflect, contemplate, and meditate on that which is beneficial to your journey. I bid you peace.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 22nd
Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration
 After 9 am & 11 am masses
 Parish Hall

Monday, February 23rd
Lenten Talk / Soup Luncheon:
Guest Speaker: Lita Zelensky
 1 pm
 Parish Hall

Tuesdays, February 24th
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
 10:00 am
Men's Ministry
 Parish Hall

~~Wednesday, February 25th~~

Every Wednesday
Bible Study
 10:30 am—11:30 am
 Parish Hall



Friday, February 27th
Every Friday through Lent
Stations of the Cross
 9:00 am

SOUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you like to cook? Do you have a secret soup recipe that everyone loves?



St. Anne's needs volunteers to make soup (or salad!) for our upcoming weekly Lenten Talks on Mondays.

Sign up in the rectory office with your preferred dates!



Are you new? Moving? Leaving the parish? Drop off an updated parishioner registration card at the office or call to deactivate your registration.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2/21	5:00 PM	† Esther Cadena
Sunday 2/22	9:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors
	11:00 AM	† The Deceased Members of the Ardilles and Paredes Families
Monday 2/23	8:15 AM	† Chung C. Tsai
Tuesday 2/24	8:15 AM	† Gerald Cunha
Wednesday 2/25	8:15 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Thursday 2/26	8:15 AM	† David Yeh
Friday 2/27	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake
Saturday 2/28	8:15 AM	† Elsa Yam

LENTEN TALKS



St. Anne's will host weekly Lenten Talks with a soup luncheon every Monday throughout Lent at 1 pm.

The first talk will feature a guest speaker, Lita Zelensky. All are welcome!




**NO
 BIBLE
 STUDY
 2/25**

**Bible
 Study
 resumes
 3/4.**

Let us pray for all those who have recently passed away...

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| † Dick McLean | † Jim Stevens |
| † Barbara Schurhoff | † Veronica Devlin |
| † Robert DeGraca | † Gerry Cunha |
| † Constance Lambert | † Joseph Disano |
| † Chuck Cobb | † |

 Missing anything? Check our Lost & Found Monday—Thursday during office hours.



JUNE 27, 2026—Sail on the Crystal Serenity!

Alamo World Travel invites you to a Northern European Cruise Sponsored by St. Anne’s Society. 10 nights, all-inclusive cruise from Lisbon to London. For additional information, call Gale Lydecker at (925) 937-7748.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Charles Krystofiak
Sheila Wilkins	Chuck Fontenot
Michael Dunn	Linda Dunn
Kathleen Rose	

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.



Join us after the 9 am and 11 am masses on Sunday, February 22nd to celebrate Chinese New Year!

 **SAVE THE DATE!** 
March 15th is the St. Patrick’s Dinner!
Mark your calendars! Don’t miss it this year!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday after daily mass at 9:00 am throughout Lent. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ’s last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions (or stations) focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual experiences station after station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ’s last day. All are welcome.