



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



At that time
Jesus was led by
the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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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 & 1 pm - 4:30 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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The Lenten season has begun and with that comes a period of *reconciliation, prayer, fasting and of course, almsgiving.*

Let's tackle the first part of this and then discuss in subsequent letters the rest of the list.

Reconciliation as is noted, is a process of reconciling ones grievances or faults to someone you have wronged. This notion of Reconciliation, in Catholic Christian theology, is an element of salvation that refers to the results of atonement. Reconciliation is the end of the estrangement, caused by original sin, between God and humanity.

So, we ask, *why is reconciliation important to God?* He came to restore peace by reconciling all of Creation to God. Scripture says that God was reconciling to himself all things through His Son Jesus. Therefore by restoring our right relationship to God, Jesus opened the door for us to live in right relationships with each other, Creation, and ourselves. Simply put, as sinners, yes, we are all sinners, we are given an great opportunity to restore and repair the relationship we once enjoy prior to the fall in the garden. This same understanding is applied to when we are given the opportunity to sit in the confessional with a priest, who absolves us from the sins we've committed. *But are we really confessing to God alone and asking for His forgiveness? Or is there something greater here that is going on?* And the answer is **yes**. Confession as the Catholic Church defines it, is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses against God and against our sisters and brothers. Confession brings reconciliation between *God and the penitent*, between the *penitent and others*, and to the *individual penitent*. What most people don't understand about confession or reconciliation is that the priest, the penitent and God are not the only players in this drama. The reality is that you and I are reconciling ourselves to restore a friendship not just with God, but with the whole Christian community; that is with our brothers and sisters. Because when we sin, we sin against all of creation. We sin against God, and everyone around us. This action and action from the priest aids us to live a better and fuller life as Christian brothers and sisters and to fully enjoy the Grace from which this sacrament provides.

The importance of this sacrament, especially now, is for the benefit of everyone around us. Not only does it [the Sacrament of Penance] free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.*" To pardon [forgive] can bring much healing to both injured parties. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "*In him we live and move and have our being*" (Acts 17:28). God bless.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, February 27th - Movie Afternoon

1 PM - "Of Gods and Men"

Tuesday, February 28th - Men's Ministry

10 AM - St. Anne's Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 1st

11 AM ~ Lenten Reflection Series—Wk. 1
Parish Hall

4 PM - 5 PM Taize Prayer Service in Church

Thursday, March 2nd

9 AM - 10 AM Holy Hour with Benediction
~ Let us worship together in Church ~

Friday, March 3rd

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

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

Wednesday, March 8th

11 AM ~ Lenten Reflection Series—Wk. 2
Parish Hall

4 PM - 5 PM Taize Prayer Service in Church

Monday, March 13th - Coffee Chat

10:00 AM - Parish Hall

~ Fasting ~

PARISH FINANCIALS

January 2023

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

January donation \$39,902

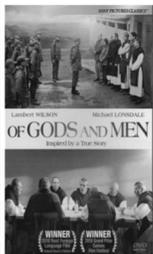
Monthly Goal \$41,667

Shortfall (\$1,765)

Development Fund - January \$3,309

Thank you for your generous donations!

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 02/27	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake
Tuesday 02/28	8:15 AM	† Ricardo DaRoza
Wednesday 03/01	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Anne's Church
Thursday 03/02	8:15 AM	† Mary Bailey
Friday 03/03	8:15 AM	† Sandi Cellucci
Saturday 03/04	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena
	5:00 PM	† Margery Hibbett
Sunday 03/05	9:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
	11:00 AM	† Lore Cuttle

News from St. Anne's Society

Reminder : St. Patrick's Dinner

Friday, March 17, from 5pm - 8pm.

Traditional Irish Dinner, catered buffet style.

Price, (Non-refundable) : \$45 per person , due prior to March 6th

Live Entertainment and Sing Along.

More information in the flyer.



We invite you to experience St. Anne's Taize Prayer Service every Wednesday during Lent starting at 4pm.

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.

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.

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
Patricia Carey	Bonnie Walsh	Richard Daniels

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

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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

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