



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## March, 03, 2024 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

### Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Residence: Rev. George DaRoza

Bookkeeper: Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Organist: Sheila Wilkins

Cantor: Gina Dowen

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am – 4:30 pm

Friday - Sunday Office Closed

### 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 Need for Sacrifice.* "I am the Lord your God. You shall not strange gods before me." The First Commandment positively prescribes the worship of God and negatively forbids Idolatry, superstition, sacrilege and anything that would dishonor our Creator and Lord. We might be tempted to think that the ancient peoples were crude in their worship of idols, that modern scientific man does not do such things, and that therefore we do not have to worry about violations of the First Commandment because, since we have now "come of age" we are above such behavior.

Actually we are creating small and large idols all the time. In a certain sense, every time we sin, every time we prefer a creature to the Creator, we are setting up "**strange gods**" and falling away from the true God.

We all know that adoration of God is one of the basics of our Catholic religion. Adoration always involves some kind of recognition of the absolute supremacy of God and of our total dependence on him. One of the most fundamental types of adoration is "sacrifice" -- an idea that is often misunderstood and in any event is not popular in today's pleasure-seeking world.

Often when we pray to God we proclaim our love and devotion for him. But St. Ignatius Loyola said in his *Spiritual Exercises* that love is shown more in deeds than in words. A true sacrifice is shown in deeds more than in words. The requirements of a valid sacrifice are that some object, normally a desirable or valuable object, is offered to God as a sign of man's total dependence on him and of his subjection to the Lord. There is such a thing as a sacrificial mentality -- a readiness to give up something for the love of God. But a real sacrifice requires more than that, in order to make it clear that the offerer is sincere. It requires that the object is actually surrendered to God, destroyed, or completely removed from the possession or control of the one making the sacrifice.

In this sense, the supreme sacrifice for a human being is to offer up his life for another. As our Lord said, "Greater love than this no man has, that a man lay down his life for a friend." And that is exactly what Jesus himself did for us on Calvary -- he offered up his life to his father as a propitiation for our sins. He took our sins upon himself and suffered in our place, he, the perfectly innocent One.

The Mass is a re-presentation now, in an unbloody manner, of the bloody sacrifice of the cross. Since it is a re-offering of Jesus on Calvary, the Mass is rightly referred to as "the holy *Sacrifice* of the Mass", although we do not hear this expression much today. It has been replaced with the more general and vague "liturgy", which also applies to the celebration of the other sacraments.

Every dimension of human existence can, and often does, require sacrifices. There are certain things that we have to give up, that are taken away from us, and so forth. But a sacrifice to God, a religious sacrifice, is one that is *freely given* to God as a sign for reverence and submission to him. Such sacrifices are very meritorious in the sight of God, because they are basically acts of love of God and that is what God wants from us more than anything else -- love. Love must be free; it cannot be forced and it cannot be bought.

Sacrifices come in thousands of different forms: fasting, penances of various kinds, controlling vain curiosity to see and hear everything, giving up smoking or drinking during Lent, getting up early to attend a weekday parish Mass, denying oneself sweet desserts on occasion, and so on. Our Lord said, if you want to be my followers you must take up your cross daily and follow me. As many Christian writers have pointed out in the past, the baffling thing about the cross is that we all have to carry it -- whether we want to or not. For those who accept it and submit to God, it is salvific; for those who reject it, it is the occasion of damnation. We should often pray for the grace to be able to accept and offer up the crosses that the Lord sends us.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD



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

After 8:15 AM Mass in the Church

### Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM - Bible Study

### Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - Holy Hour

9 AM - 10 AM Holy Hour with Benediction

~ Let us worship together in Church~

### Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

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



### Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Remember to set the clock forward 1 hour.

### Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - Men's Ministry

10 AM- St. Anne's Parish Hall

## News from St. Anne's Society

### Reminder : St. Patrick's Dinner

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

Traditional Irish Dinner, catered buffet style.

Price: \$47 per person. Non-refundable.

Reservations due prior to March 8<sup>th</sup>

Live Entertainment and Sing Along.

More information in the flyer.



### Second Collection

Next week our parish will take up

### The Catholic Relief Service

Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced

refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday 03/02	5:00 PM	† George Brandt
Sunday 03/03	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Spiros Corempas Sr. Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday 03/04	8:15 AM	† Kathleen McNally
Tuesday 03/05	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Dolores Vasquez
Wednesday 03/06	8:15 AM	† Elsa Yam
Thursday 03/07	8:15 AM	† Rev. Anthony Hannick † Geraldine Bagley
Friday 03/08	8:15 AM	† Ricardo Ribeiro
Saturday 03/09	8:15 AM	† Lucina Supleo

Fr. Leonard is presenting the Parish Mission on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon.

Registration begins on March 4<sup>th</sup> by calling the Parish office.



### St. Anne's Society is

### "Calling all Bakers"

### Palm Sunday Bake Sale

March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

*If you enjoy baking, we "knead" your help!*

For more information call Mary Beth at 925-954-1158.

Cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, variety of loaves of bread, and muffins are desired and Home-made pies are very popular! Low-Sugar items are also needed.

*All you baking enthusiasts and "sweet tooth" lovers out there, let's make this Bake Sale the best ever!*



## MINISTRIES

<b>Greeters Weekend</b>	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
<b>Homebound</b>	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
<b>Library</b>	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
<b>Facility Maintenance</b>	Keith Crandall Bob Martini	925-932-2324 Parish Office
<b>Men's Ministry</b>	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
<b>Parish Council</b>	Paul Molloy	925-323-0730
<b>Parish Finance Council</b>	Peter Newell	925-891-4479
<b>St. Anne's Society</b>	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
<b>Ushers</b>	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)

**THIS  
PARISH  
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Please visit our parish website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org) for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of "This Parish Life" by Fr. Leonard.



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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

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Daniel L. Cuban	Irene Haggerty	Lois Belmessieri	Robert DeGraca
Ann Enright	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	

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