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SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Lent

FROM THE CLOUD CAME A VOICE THAT SAID,
"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. WITH WHOM
I AM WELL PLEASED:
LISTEN TO HIM."

- MATTHEW 17:5

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

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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

This is the second week of Lent, and here I am in my office trying to write something and yet I am at a loss. It's usually easy for me to write something, something on spirituality or something pertaining to our religious life. But this week I am dry; void of any ideas to share. As I went looking at my collection of spiritual books and such, I came across an interesting article written by one of the church's great theologians. Karl Rahner wrote a wonderful sermon titled: "**My Night Knows no Darkness**". Since I am not inspired at the moment, I thought these excerpts from him would suffice. I hope and pray that these words inspire you to seek out more in prayer during this time.

"Even today, the liturgical year of the church has a time dedicated to **penance**. Does this not seem strange? We certainly understand that in former centuries such a time was considered necessary for the management of the spiritual and the religious life. People back then were full of life's joy, satisfied and carefree, and they celebrated Mardi Gras in the streets and laughed the laughter that still came from the heart. Therefore, they could presumably experience a brief period of recollection, of contemplative seriousness, and of ascetic restraint from life's luxuries as a beneficial change from everyday life and for the good of the soul. What about us? Do we not consider the proclamation of the church about the start of a time of seriousness, contemplation, and fasting as something strangely surreal, and do we not see a "time of fasting" as a slightly dusty ceremony left over from the good old days? How is such a time relevant for us today with our many needs, our hopelessness with regard to this world, our bitter hearts, our sense that we would be willing to fast as long as it did not mean going hungry?"

What about us, Karl Rahner asks? The church gives us this time of the year to **stop** and **ponder** on the things we wish we can change and to **pray** for that change to make us better Christians, better and loving saints. The Lenten season is for penance and for the joy that will come. As New Testament people, our goal is to love one another and to assist our brothers and sisters in attaining that spiritual freedoms that God gives each of us so that we can find that joy and happiness that was meant from the beginning of creation. During this time continue to pray and fast, for at the end of it all a great rewards awaits us.

Rahner continues: "In the present time our fasting, our Lenten season, starts long before Ash Wednesday, and will continue far beyond the forty days until Easter. It is a time so real that during this liturgically set period of penance we need not use this time as a convenient occasion for sentimentality, as is done in political speeches. The non-liturgical time of our present Lenten life looks harder and more difficult to us than any period of deprivation in generations past. Yes, we are suffering to some degree from a need to be filled and the absence of a carefree safe life, as well as from the fact that we sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; however, mostly – if one dare say so – we are suffering from a sense that God is far away. God is distant from us."

I encourage you to read these words again, and again. Contemplate on what Rahner is suggesting and then read them again. For the next two weeks I will share with you his words and thoughts. *Have a blessed week.*

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, March 8th

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

4 PM - 5 PM Taize Prayer Service in Church

Friday, March 10th

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

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

DAYLIGHT



SAVING TIME

Sunday, March 12th

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Remember to set the clock forward 1 hour.

Monday, March 13th - Coffee Chat

10:00 AM- Parish Hall

~ Fasting ~

Tuesday, March 14th - Men's Ministry

10 AM- St. Anne's Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 15th

11 AM ~ Lenten Reflection Series—Wk. 3
Parish Hall

4 PM - 5 PM Taize Prayer Service in Church

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!



The Parish Reconciliation Service is

April 5th, Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the church.

THIS
PARISH
LIFE

WITH FR. LEONARD MARRUJO

Please visit our parish website 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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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 03/06	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of Pfautsch & Sommers Families
Tuesday 03/07	8:15 AM	† Rev. Anthony Hannick † Kennard Dorff
Wednesday 03/08	8:15 AM	† Elsa Yam
Thursday 03/09	8:15 AM	† Kan King Wah
Friday 03/10	8:15 AM	† Fred Chin
Saturday 03/11	8:15 AM	† Vicente Noriega
	5:00 PM	† Isabel Ramirez de Cruz
Sunday 03/12	9:00 AM	† Isabel & Jose Chua
	11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors

News from St. Anne's Society

St. Patrick's Dinner



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

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

Traditional Irish Dinner, catered buffet style.

Live Entertainment and Sing Along.

More information in the flyer.



Taizé Prayer

A service of song,
silence and contemplation.

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.

Thank you to our Bulletin Sponsor for March.

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlight by email contact the parish office at :

info@stanneswc.org

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
Robert DeGraca	Geri Pyle	

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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