



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**First Sunday of
Lent**

March 9, 2025



Parish Office Hours

Monday - 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

Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Res.: Rev. George DaRoza

Office/Ministry: Rachelle Harmon

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

This is the first week of Lent, and here I am in my office trying to write something and yet I am at a loss for words. 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 to write anything of substance, 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 of contemplation and meditation.

"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, 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 reward 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 what Rahner is suggesting and then read them again. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 9th



Tuesday, March 11th

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

10:00 am

Men's Ministry

Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 12th

Runs February 26th—April 9 on Wednesdays

10:00 am

Weekly Lenten Scripture Study

Parish Hall

Friday, March 14th

Every Friday during Lent/ March 7th—April 18th

9:00 am

Stations Of The Cross

St. Anne's Church

Monday, March 17th

5:00 pm

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Parish Hall



Wednesday, March 19th

Runs February 26th—April 9 on Wednesdays

10:00 am

Weekly Lenten Scripture Study

Parish Hall

Thursday, March 20th

Every 3rd Thursday of the month

11:00 am

Grieving Ministry

Parish Hall



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/8	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 3/9	9:00 AM	Special Intention: Jackie Ortaliz in Thanksgiving
	11:00 AM	Special Intention: Ramirez-Tejada Family
Monday 3/10	8:15 AM	† Ralph & Douglas Hoy
Tuesday 3/11	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Living & Deceased Members of the Marrujo Family
Wednesday 3/12	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena
Thursday 3/13	8:15 AM	† Noniluna Anog
Friday 3/14	8:15 AM	† Fidel & Candelaria Supleo
Saturday 3/15	8:15 AM	† Bessie Ouyang

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



DAILY
READINGS

PARISH FINANCIALS

February

Plate collections, donations, gifts, & bequests

February Donation	\$	32,214
Budget Donation	\$	32,500
Excess / (shortfall)	\$	(286)
Year to date excess/(shortfall)	\$	1,175
Dev. Fund February donation	\$	2,022
Dev. Fund Year to date excess/(shortfall)		\$ (563)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

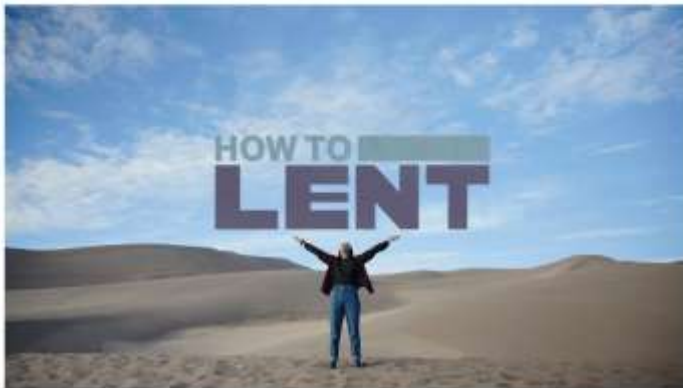
Sheila Wilkins	William Egan
Andrea Puccini	Dan Feikert
Bunk Sicotte	Edward Sheehan
George Pfautsch	Paul Kubacki
Martin Keegan	Dale Breese
Cathy Bridges	Michael Dunn
Felice Santos	Kathleen Rose
Larry Maday	Jannet Tuvilla
Betty Vetro	John Overgaard

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.



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How to Lent | Trailer

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

GRIEF MINISTRY MEETS 3/20

Whether the death was sudden or tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion, and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief and figure out how to keep on living when a loved one is gone.



Our Grieving Ministry provides spiritual, emotional and practical support to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Bring a photo of your loved one.

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



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| + Gordon Hepler | + John Lydecker |
| + Lois Johnson | + Joe Cellucci |
| + Dolly Ambrosini | |

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