



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo  
Priest in Res. : Rev. George DaRoza  
Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker  
Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez  
Organist: Sheila Wilkins  
Cantor: Gina Downen

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm—4 pm  
Friday 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:

CLOSED ON 3/13

## MARCH 10, 2024 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

My brothers and sisters,

Next weekend is the start of our parish mission and the start of our pre-holy week meditations. I chose to do a program prior to holy week as a time to deepen our awareness of what is to come and how best to understand the Lord's Passion, death and His resurrection. I will present three parts to this two day mission.

Those three parts will consist of **Solitude, Sacrifice and Resurrection**.

The first, **Solitude**, will address its meaning and how we can make ourselves comfortable in a state of aloneness from not just others but from ourselves as well.

The Catholic church tells us that, "Just as each of us is made for togetherness, we all are made for solitude. This is a sacred tension of religious vocation. There are good reasons for being alone: to pray and work, to encounter Christ and to learn the truth of who we are, who we are called to be." For me this is fundamental to our faith. I realize that there are many meanings of "solitude", so for the sake of this article I will focus on how the church relates this to her followers.

Susan Muto of the Catholic Digest writes this: "Solitude is a 'with', not a 'without' experience. It invites us to be in communion with all those we love and with God who loves us. Only when we sit in solitary adoration of God can we ascertain the best way to be in solidarity with others.

Rather than brooding over our loneliness, it is best to focus on our oneness with God and on the awesome truth of our togetherness in the human family. No matter where we happen to be — on a crowded street or on a deserted beach — we are kindred spirits: one of a kind, who are always at one with others and with the Divine Source in whom we live and move and have our being (see Acts 17:28) ... Paradoxically, solitude in the deepest sense opens us to our inmost selves and others and to God as our common, sustaining source. This union prevents solitude from degenerating into selfish isolationism and makes it paradoxically the root of solidarity.

Solitude also frees us from the fear of facing ourselves before God. We refuse to lose our life in endless rounds of activity and prefer to center it in the sacred. We take the time to consider the person God calls us to be and become.

It is my desire that during the first part of the mission will guide you to a period of silence in solitude from others during this time in our spiritual journey to understand better our relationship with the Almighty and to bring deeper into our minds, souls and hearts the Father's love for each of us.

Ms. Muto continues, "Too often we refuse to listen to the beckoning sounds of silence and solitude. We turn on the television, leaf through a magazine, telephone friends. Anything seems better than coming face-to-face with ourselves and God.

We may shun solitude because we equate it with loneliness. When we feel lonely, it may appear as if life itself is meaningless, empty, boring, and frightening. By contrast, solitude can fill us with a sense of joy and the profound awareness that we are all one in the Lord."

Next week I will continue with Sacrifice and Resurrection. Until, the peace of God be with you.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> & March 26<sup>th</sup>

10 AM – Men’s Ministry

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> & March 20<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM - Bible Study

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

9 AM - Stations of the Cross  
After the 8:15 am mass on Fridays

Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL BOOK SALE  
after all weekend masses

Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>

9 AM - 12 PM - Lenten Mission

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

12 PM - Soup Lunch with Fr. Leonard  
in Parish Hall

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

4 PM - Taizé Prayer Service  
& Reconciliation

### PARISH FINANCIALS

February 2024

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests	\$29,453
Monthly Goal	\$28,850
YTD shortfall	(\$305)
YTD Dev Fund –February	\$5,135

Thank you for your generosity!

*Welcome ...  
to our church family*

*We are delighted to welcome our newest  
members to St. Anne’s Parish! Say “Hello” to:*

*Marlene DeNardo*

*Beatrice Hallenbeck*

*Paul Kepler & Nina Pomeroy*

*Noel & Victoria Manto*

*Frank & Mary Samaniego*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 03/09	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 03/10	9:00 AM	† Michael Kelly
	11:00 AM	† Irene Bechelder
Monday 03/11	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of Sommers and Pfautsch families
Tuesday 03/12	8:15 AM	† Nick Horochiusky
Wednesday 03/13	8:15 AM	† Elsa Yam
Thursday 03/14	8:15 AM	† Fidel & Candelaria Supleo
Friday 03/15	8:15 AM	† Bessie Ouyang
Saturday 03/16	8:15 AM	† Wong Family



**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!*

THIS  
PARISH  
LIFE

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.



## MINISTRIES

Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini	925-932-2324 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	Penny Corempas	925-938-3543

### LENTEN MISSION coming soon!

**March 18—March 19**  
**10 am—12 pm**

*Fr. Leonard presents—*  
**Solitude, Sacrifice, and Resurrection:**  
**Thomas Merton and Henri Nouwen.**

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Continental breakfast will be provided at 9am  
Good will donation welcomed.

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**Call office to register.**



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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



We invite you to experience St. Anne's Taizé Prayer Service on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 PM.

#### 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.

## 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*