



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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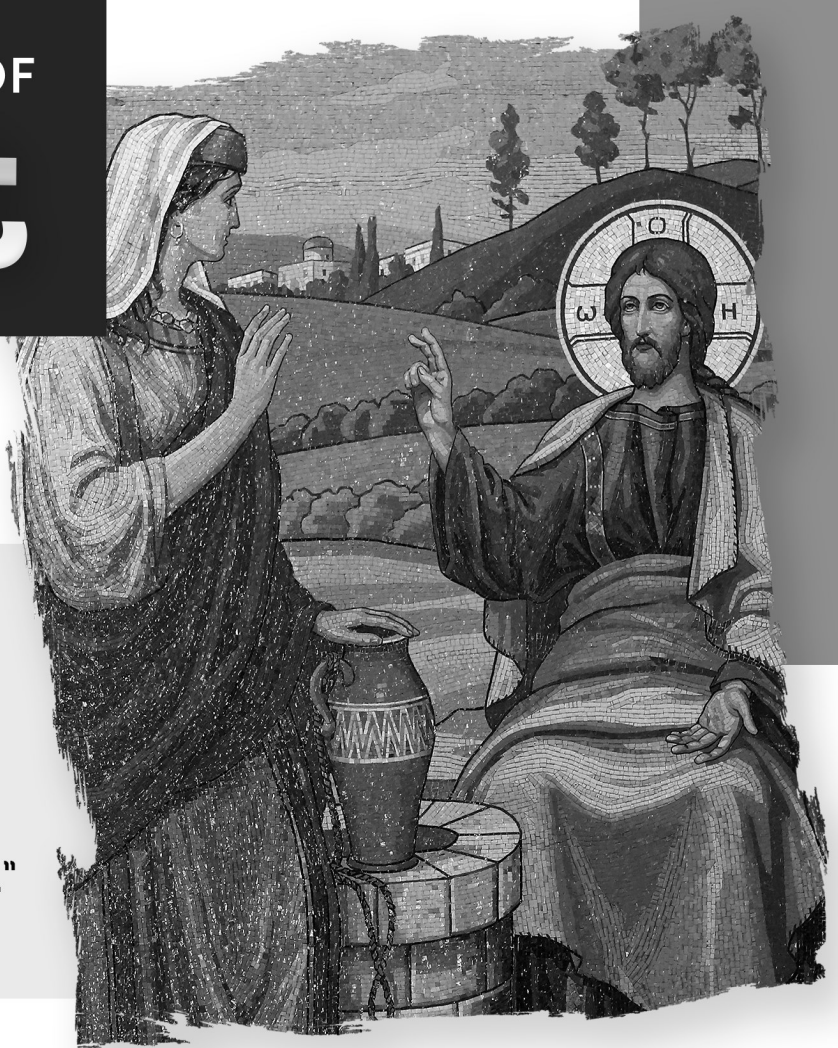
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF Lent

"Whoever drinks the water  
I shall give will never thirst;  
the water I shall give will  
become in him a spring of  
water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:14



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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

Last week I introduced you to *Karl Rahner*, one of the church's great theologians, and his essay on, "*My Night Knows no Darkness*". This week's installment, Rahner writes about the distance from God, or the perception of distance that we may experience at times in our lives. It is a rather dense piece, but with serious attention to detail and contemplation, one understands the message he is providing for our spiritual and intellectual curiosity. The following segment from his long essay should give you food for thought and a sense hope.

"*Distance from God* does not mean here that a person is denying God's existence or indifferently ignoring it in life. Such an understanding is often, though not always, a wrong interpretation of the state that is meant here. Rather, distance from God here means something that can equally, if not mostly, exist in those who believe in God, long for God, and look for God's light and sanctifying nearness. Even believers – and they especially – can and often are made to experience the fact that God appears as someone rather unreal, that God is mute and silently rejecting, as if he were framing our existence only as an empty, distant horizon in whose labyrinth of infinity our thoughts and the desires of our hearts are utterly lost. Distance from God says that our spirit has grown tired of the unsolved riddles, that our spirit has grown despondent over the unanswered prayers, and that we are tempted to see "God" only as one of those ultimate yet untrustworthy affirmations under which people repeatedly hide their own desperation, even though this desperation, too, has lost the strength to take itself seriously."

Rahner's next assertion suggests that as a people we may or have lost the ability to feel deeply for a God that seems to be distant from us and so with that we feel God Himself is no where to be found, not in the conventional sense as previous generations may have experienced. *Rahner continues*; God appears to us only as this bodiless, inaccessible infinity that, to make matters worse, seems to make even more finite and questionable our small piece of existence and makes us feel even more homeless in this world, since it seduces us into a vast longing that we ourselves cannot satisfy and that God seemingly cannot either.

Yes, it appears as if Western people today have to suffer and do penance in the "*purgatory*" of feeling distant from God more so than people of previous times. If individuals can experience, apart from the blessed moment of feeling close to God, the nights of the spiritual senses where the eternity of the living God draws near by the fact that God appears more distant and inapproachable, why should nations and continents not have similar experiences, so that theirs can somehow become the holy fate of all? The fact that this dismal condition may have been occasioned by the sins of an entire era does not preclude it from being a *felix culpa*, a blessed guilt.

Next week's installment, Rahner explores the "*theoretical and practical atheism many people express*." *God Bless*

*Fr. Leonard Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Chat

10:00 AM— Parish Hall

~ Fasting ~

### Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Men's Ministry

10 AM— St. Anne's Parish Hall

### Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

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

4 PM - 5 PM Taize Prayer Service in Church

### Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

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

### Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

5 PM - 7 PM St. Patrick's Dinner



The Parish Reconciliation Service is April 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the church.

## PARISH FINANCIALS

February 2023

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

February donation \$29,503

Monthly Goal \$43,743

YTD shortfall (\$18,081)

YTD Dev Fund—February \$1,929

Thank you for your generous donations!

## Bishop's Appeal

You may have received Bishop's Appeal letter from the Diocese to encourage you to give for the major programs of the Diocese of Oakland. This is in addition to your donation made last month, which will be mailed to the Diocese.

Please pray about this and if you are able, support the work that furthers Christ's mission in our Diocese. Donation envelopes is located in the vestibule. God Bless!

THIS  
PARISH  
LIFE

WITH FR. LEONARD HARRUJO

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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## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	8:15 AM	† Kenny Chan
Tuesday 03/14	8:15 AM	† Bessie Ouyang
Wednesday	8:15 AM	† Fidel & Candelaria Supleo
Thursday	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of the Wong Families
Friday	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Tony & Tessie Castro
Saturday 03/18	8:15 AM 5:00 PM	† Cirilo Roman Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 03/19	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Bill Roberts † Heinz & Tania Slawinski



**St. Anne's Society is**  
***"Calling all Bakers"***

**Bake Sale April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</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!*



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

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
Ellen Stevens	Hogey Hogenboom	Tom Mader
Robert DeGraca	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
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—small 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

## ALTAR CARE COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW WORKERS !

Due to illness or "aging-out", four members of the above group have recently resigned. Some of the tasks the committee attends to are done weekly, for example, indoor plant care, holy water fonts, candles, altar linens and flowers during most of the year (pick-up, arranging, and disposal). Dusting and washing windows at entrance doors are done bi-monthly. Less frequently, attention is given to vestments, polishing brass or climbing ladders for special décor when hanging Lenten purple or Christmas tree and creche, etc. The group meets after morning mass on Fridays and usually require not more than a half-hour of your time in an assigned area – more hands make lighter work. Perhaps special arrangements can be made if Friday is not convenient for you. Time spent helping to keep God's house in order is very rewarding with His presence in the tabernacle nearby.

If you have questions or will volunteer, please call Nancy Kubacki at 925-988-0216.

Thank you

## QUEEN OF HEAVEN FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES

Cordially invites you to attend one of our March Lunch & Learn events.

If you are still undecided about casket burial or cremation, have questions, or just have not yet made your pre-arrangements, the staff at Queen of Heaven would like to provide you with valuable information and planning tools while serving you a wonderful lunch!

**WHEN:** Either Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>  
OR Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** QUEEN OF HEAVEN

(In our on-site reception room)

1965 Reliez Valley Rd.

Lafayette, CA. 94549

**Time:** 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Please RSVP by calling Kate Lane at (925) 932-0900 X 625

Or you can email your RSVP to [klane@cfcsoakland.org](mailto:klane@cfcsoakland.org)

God Bless You.