



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Second Sunday
of Lent**

March 16, 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 Residence: 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

What is the real definition of fasting?

“Fasting, abstinence from food or drink or both for health, ritualistic, religious, or ethical purposes. The abstention may be complete or partial, lengthy, of short duration, or intermittent.”

What is the church’s understanding of fasting?

“The Catholic Church historically observes the disciplines of fasting and abstinence at various times each year. For Catholics, fasting is the reduction of one's intake of food, while abstinence refers to refraining from some-thing that is good, and not inherently sinful, such as meat.”

When I Fast during the forty days of Lent I usually remove certain food like red meats and sweets from my diet. Unfortunately, sometimes the temptation of eating those things is too great, especially when someone is gifting you a box of See’s Candies. But rather than lament my failed attempt in keeping my Fast, I view this as a challenge for me to start again, only this time exchanging the thing I crave with something more savory for me to taste. And what might that be? The Word of God for me is tastier than anything you can place on a table. If we are to succeed in Fasting, we must think of God’s Word as food for the soul and heart. As it is written in the book of Psalms: “Fasting is a way to humble yourself in the sight of God (Psalm 35:13; Ezra 8:21). King David said, “I humbled my soul with fasting”. Jesus goes on to say: “It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4 and in Proverbs 16:24 “Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”

Fasting is our sacrifice during this time of Lenten preparation, and anticipation. We share in Christ’ passion, His Resurrection and Ascension. We share as a people the ills of the world and are united with our brothers and sisters who suffer because of the greed and folly of humans. We try being with them, if not person, but in spirit.

As a community of Catholic Christians, we sacrifice during this time in order to empathize with others who are in greater need of prayer and understanding. We witness the ugliness of war and famine, specifically in the Ukraine where the people of that nation are suffering under the weight of another. We see that human life is sometimes trivialized and marginalized. What has happened to our society when the unborn are discarded or the elderly are forgotten. How can we better maintain our environment and all that God created? God has given us this time to also maintain ourselves, physically, bodily and spiritually. Let us Fast from our material things and partake in things that are beneficial and more substantial to our wellbeing. And let us unite ourselves with Christ and His people.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 17th

5:00 pm

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Parish Hall



Wednesday, March 19th

Runs February 26th—April 9 on Wednesdays

10:30 am

Weekly Lenten Scripture Study

Parish Hall

Thursday, March 20th

Every 3rd Thursday of the month

11:00 am

Grieving Ministry

Parish Hall



Friday, March 21st

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

9:00 am

Stations Of The Cross

St. Anne's Church

Monday, March 24th

4:00 pm

Taize Prayer

St. Anne's Church



Tuesday, March 25th

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

10:00 am

Men's Ministry

Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 26th

Runs February 26th—April 9 on Wednesdays

10:30 am

Weekly Lenten Scripture Study

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/15	5:00 PM	† Esther Cadena
Sunday 3/16	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors Special Intention: Living & Deceased Members of the Wong Family
Monday 3/17	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena † Donald Gremaux
Tuesday 3/18	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Teresita Florencio
Wednesday 3/19	8:15 AM	† George Lee
Thursday 3/20	8:15 AM	† Richard Lee
Friday 3/21	8:15 AM	† Sandra Kane
Saturday 3/22	8:15 AM	† Chela Aguila

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36



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)

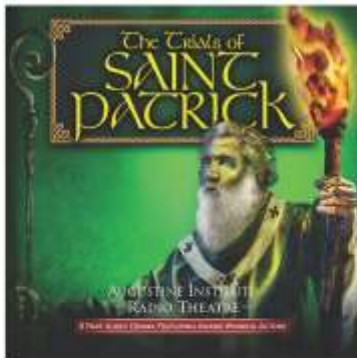
PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sheila Wilkins	Michael Dunn
Andrea Puccini	Kathleen Rose
Bunk Sicotte	Jannet Tuvilla
William Egan	John Overgaard
Dan Feikert	Ann Enright
Edward Sheehan	Tom Hughes
Paul Kubacki	Vicki Hughes
Dale Breese	Kevin M. Kelly

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.

TAIZE PRAYER 3/24

Please join us for Taize Prayer in the church on Monday, 3/24. Taize Prayer originates from the ecumenical Christian community of Taize, France. Elements include scripture, prayer and short repetitive songs/chants drawn from scripture with extended periods of silence for personal reflection, listening to God or resting in his presence. Come join us!



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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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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