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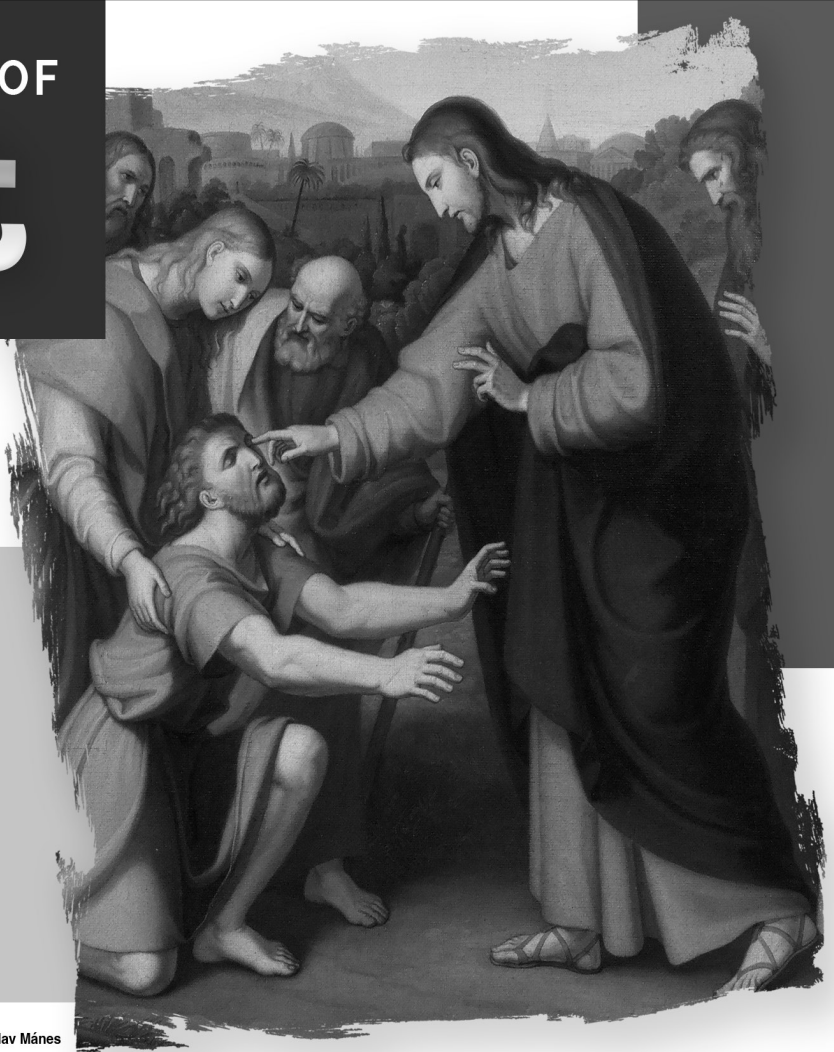
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF Lent

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I was blind
and now I see.

John 9:25



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PARISH STAFF

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Priest in Residence: Rev. George DaRoza

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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's bulletin article discusses Rahner's essay on the perception of distance from God, and how this insight has lead many astray in knowing who this God is and His existence in the world. The following essay illuminates the theoretical and practical understanding of "atheism" and it's impression upon modern thinking and the effect this mindset has caused in the society at large.

"The theoretical and practical atheism that many people express today is a wrong, impatient, and one-sided response to such a condition and is reactionary in the truest sense of the word, for it is still a clinging to the rather childlike notion that God needs to be near before worship is possible, and that when such nearness is not present one no longer understands God and can even say that God does not exist." Rahner continues , "Today's atheism becomes then the willful refusal to mature in the dark purgatory of a debris-covered heart for the sake of the God who is always greater than the God who was perceived and loved the previous day.

But enough of that! The sense of feeling distant from God exists and touches believers and non-believers alike, confuses the mind, and frightens the heart. Believers do not like to admit to it because they think that something like that should not happen to them, despite the fact that their Lord himself cried out: My God, why have you forsaken me? And the others, the non-believers, draw the wrong conclusions from it.

Since feeling distant from God in our debris-covered heart is the ultimate bitterness of our life's Lenten season, it is appropriate to ask what can be done about it and, along the same lines, how the church's liturgical season of Lent is to be lived. For when the bitter distance from God turns into holy worship, the Lenten season of the world is transformed into the Lenten season of the church." Here Rahner makes a very good point, as he writes,

"The first thing you will need to do is to expose your debris-covered heart to the experience of feeling distant from God by refusing to escape through pious or worldly activity, by enduring the experience without the common sedatives, without committing sin, and without stubborn desperation. When you experience the heart's emptiness like that, what kind of God is it who is actually distant from you? It certainly is not the true and living God, for he is the incomprehensible, the nameless one who is truly the God of your boundless heart. The one distant from you is a god that does not exist: a god that can be comprehended, a god of small ideas and cheap, undemanding human thoughts, a god of earthly security, a god that makes sure that the children do not cry and that human love does not end up in disappointment – in short, a rather dignified idol. That is the god that has become distant. And is not such a god-distance bearable?" Rahner continues that something that is true in that as human beings we need to allow ourselves to be open and free, by permitting our hearts to experience a kind of hopelessness, "... [which] permit your heart to experience [this] kind of despair, a despair that appears to be robbing you of everything, seemingly blocking your heart's escape out into life, into fulfillment, into the open, into God."

Next week Rahner addresses despair, distance and connecting to God and how believers can overcome these obstacles to understanding our faith.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, March 22nd /29th

11 AM ~ Lenten Reflection Series—Wk. 4 / 5
Parish Hall

4 PM - 5 PM Taize Prayer Service in Church

Friday, March 24th

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

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

Tuesday, March 28th - Men's Ministry

10 AM— St. Anne's Parish Hall

Saturday, April 1st

8:15 AM - Morning Mass

3 :30 PM - 4 PM - Reconciliation

5 PM - Palm Sunday Vigil

4 - 4:45 PM / 6 -7 PM - *Bake Sale*

Sunday, April 2nd

9 AM & 11 AM - Palm Sunday Mass

10 -10:45 AM /12 -1 PM- *Bake Sale*



Parish Reconciliation Service

April 5th, Wednesday

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!



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 03/20	8:15 AM	† John Savala
Tuesday 03/21	8:15 AM	† Elvio Ardilles
Wednesday 03/22	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Elvio Edwin Ardilles
Thursday 03/23	8:15 AM	† Fred & Gertrude Arkeder
Friday 03/24	8:15 AM	† Archbishop Joseph Ti-Kang
Saturday 03/25	8:15 AM 5:00 PM	† Paul Yu † Carolyn Bronson
Sunday 03/26	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors † Lida Rinaldi



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

Bake Sale April 1st and 2nd

If you enjoy baking, we "knead" your help!

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.

For more information call

Mary Beth at 925-954-1158.

All you baking enthusiasts and "sweet tooth" lovers out there, let's make this Bake Sale the best ever!

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 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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gloria Pearce	Karen Salchett	Janet 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 / Pasta Sauce	Mayo
Body wash	Soup / Broth	Box Fruit Juice
Peanut Butter	Jam / Jelly	Cereal

Thank you - for your canned food and non-perishable donations to our food bin. With the cold and wet winter, St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. Mary Church serves as many as 60 clients, and their entire families, each week. Along with your donations, the shelves are well stocked.

Thank you also to Jim W., and our SVdP workers in our parish, for bringing these donations to food pantry and working at the pantry each week. God bless you.

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!



We are delighted to welcome our newest members to St. Anne's Parish!
Say "Hello" to:

John & Janet Hertzner
Elizabeth Yadosko
Michael & Sue Abell
Noreen Nelson
Ray Fazzio
Randy & Pat Kramm
Carol Eclavea

A BIG SHOUT OUT !

To our wonderful bulletin sponsors (they asked to remain anonymous). You have helped offset the cost of printing bulletins in-house. We are grateful.



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