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**Third Sunday of
Lent**

March 23, 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: Rachele Harmon

Bookkeeper: Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Often times I find myself searching for silence in my life, especially when things around me become a bit chaotic and seemingly unmanageable to handle. But what is silence? Why do some yearn for it? And how does one achieve silence?

The Webster's dictionary defines "silence" as: "making no utterance: not speaking or making noise".

The definition above is what most people assume when we describe silence, an absence of noise. But noise doesn't necessarily mean sounds or the utterances of words directed at an individual. Silence in the spiritual realm means something entirely different.

The church asks the question, what does silence mean spiritually? Silence is easier to define than solitude. In the spiritual realm, it is not the literal absence of all noise, but the absence of all human-created stimuli. "Human-created" because most would consider a walk in the woods, in which the sounds of nature are present, to still be a time of "silence."

In Thomas Merton's book, "The Sign of Jonas" he writes, "Exterior silence — it's especially a necessity in our world in which there is so much noise and inane speech... Babel, silence not a virtue, noise not a sin — its godlessness, it's despair. Let those who can stand a little silence find other people who like silence and create silence and peace for one another."

Silence in our culture is a difficult thing to achieve. The grocery stores, for example, are full of distractions; just look down on the floor the next time you're shopping and notice the advertisements urging us to purchase a product that will make us feel good about ourselves or a convenience food that'll make our lives easier. Or go to most gas stations and you'll hear the constant droning of some "celebrity" and their superficial exploits. It's no wonder the youth in our country are so distracted when they are constantly bombarded by these trivial soufflés. We are fed a steady diet of pabulum to munch on, rather than something more substantial, more meaningful to gnaw on and savor.

To be in silence is to be more in tune with God, more in tune with the creator and his creation. To find silence even in the noisy world we've created can be attained through meditation, prayer and conscious effort to push back the cacophony of unsolicited sounds that truly wish to block the true silence each of us wishes to attain.

Merton writes: "When you gain this interior silence you can carry it around with you in the world, and pray everywhere,... just as interior asceticism cannot be acquired without concrete and exterior mortification, so it is absurd to talk about interior silence where there is no exterior silence."

Can an interior silence be realized in such a strident environment or can we attain it despite all that? Let us all begin to look inward and work hard to acquire this gift for our sake. Amen.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Parish Hall

Friday, March 28th

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

9:00 am

Stations Of The Cross

St. Anne's Church

Tuesday, April 1st

1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass

Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, April 2nd

Runs February 26th—April 9 on Wednesdays

10:30 am

Weekly Lenten Scripture Study

Parish Hall

Thursday, April 3rd

Holy Hour with Benediction

1st Thursday of every month

9:00 am — 10:00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/22	5:00 PM	† Scott Alfred Dickinson
Sunday 3/23	9:00 AM	Special Intentions: Fr. Leonard Marrujo & Fr. George Da Roza
	11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday 3/24	8:15 AM	† Fr. Michael Marcil
Tuesday 3/25	8:15 AM	† Elvira Ferrer
Wednesday 3/26	8:15 AM	† Gerald & Ligia Pacheco † Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 3/27	8:15 AM	† Bishop John Cummins
Friday 3/28	8:15 AM	† Fr. Michael Marcil
Saturday 3/29	8:15 AM	† McCann Family

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,
10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



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)



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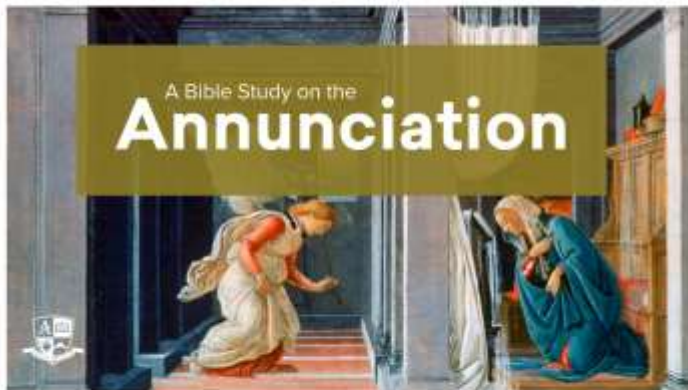
TAIZE PRAYER 3/24—4 PM

Please join us for Taize Prayer in the church this Monday, 3/24 at 4 PM. Taize Prayer originates from the ecumenical Christian community of Taize, France. Elements include scripture, prayer & short repetitive songs/chants drawn from scripture with extended periods of silence for personal reflection, listening to God or resting in his presence. Join us!

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A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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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| † David Cox | † Douglas Todoroff |
| † Gordon Hepler | † John Lydecker |
| † Lois Johnson | † Joe Cellucci |
| † Dolly Ambrosini | |