

## St. Anne's Catholic Church

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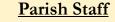
Blessed be the kingdom of our father David,

that cometh in the name of the Lord:

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Cantor: Gina Dowen

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4:30 pm Friday - Sunday 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:**

Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm



Parish Office will be closed for Easter from Noon Holy Thursday, March 28, to Easter Monday, April 1

# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, during which palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

There is one item on my bucket list I would like to achieve in my life before the Lord calls me home and that is traveling to Granada or Madrid, Spain during Holy Week or in the language of the people, "Samana Santa". This where During Holy Week, families gather together for special meals, go to church for Easter vigils and mass, and create spectacular alfombras, or rug-like displays made with flowers, in the street. There are parades where they re-enact Jesus on the cross and the revival of Christ.

The first time I saw this was on YouTube. I was blown away with all the beautiful floats, the colorful costumes and the devotion of these men and women displayed as they moved slowly through the streets of Granada. Semana Santa is the annual tribute of the Passion of Jesus Christ and dates back to the 16th century. The Catholic Church decided to make the story of the Passion of Christ one that the ordinary people could not only participate in but thoroughly understand and get involved in. The church decided to create scenes (as effigies on floats) from the Passion that would be paraded through the streets of Spain for the benefit of everyone.

In each city/town, Semana Santa is organized by Catholic brotherhoods, usually members of the same church and from the same barrio (neighborhood). Each brotherhood is responsible for representing a particular moment of Holy Week by participating in different penance processions that show the last moments of the life of Jesus. There is at least one procession every day, with a large procession occurring on Good Friday.

The processions include massive, elaborate floats featuring religious effigies that are carried or pushed through the streets by costaleros (bearers). Most of the floats are quite old and very valuable. They aren't made of painted plywood and cardboard and replaced each year. They are made from heavy, solid wood, then covered with elaborately carved wood panels, ornate brass/gold, jewels, velvet, and even marble. They're lit with massive candles or electric lights. They are stunningly beautiful and impressive.

Before I continue, let me make this clear so there is no mistake... people from the United States especially, might find the costumes worn by the brotherhoods a bit disconcerting, but they have nothing to do with the KKK.

Traditionally, capirotes (hoods) were used during the times of the Spanish Inquisition. As part of their punishment, condemned people had to wear a yellow robe, called a saco bendito (blessed robe), that covered their chest and back. They also had to wear a paper cone on their heads with signs on it indicating the crime(s) they had committed. When I first saw this I wondered if the KKK were inspired by this or not.

This tradition that the church begun has endured and I hope with continue for a long time. So, if you are ever in Spain during Holy Week, Samana Santa, please say a pray and have a great time.

Happy Palm Sunday.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Tuesday, March 26th

Men's Ministry—Parish Hall

Holy Thursday, March 28th

8:15 AM - Morning Prayer

5 PM - The Lord's Supper

Evening Adoration, after mass until 9 PM in the Parish Hall



#### Good Friday, March 29th

8:15 AM - Morning Prayer

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

1 PM - Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:15 AM - Morning Prayer 5 PM - The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31st

9 AM & 11 AM - Easter Sunday Mass



**Ushers**— for doing the headcount in February and March. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Environment Team**—for creating a beautiful environment for our Lenten season.

**St. Anne's Society**—for the most enjoyable St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The entertainment was great. See website for pictures



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Saturday 03/23	5:00 рм	† Angela & Carlos Marrujo		
Sunday	9:00 ам	† Michael Kelly		
03/24	11:00 ам	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors		
Monday	8:15 am	† Alice Watts		
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Tuesday	8:15 am	4 Managaita		
03/26	6:15 AM	† Margarita		
Wednesday	8:15 am	† Jennifer Jessica Jake		
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Thursday 03/28	8:15 am	Morning Prayers		
Friday	8:15 ам	Morning Prayers		
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Saturday 03/30	8:15 ам	Morning Prayers		

### St. Anne's Society

Our Spring Bake Sale is taking place this weekend in the Parish Center. This culinary event is very popular and

baked items sell quickly. Hurry over after Mass to claim a tasty treat! The sale will take place in the Parish Center from 4 pm to 4:45 pm before Mass on Saturday and after Mass from 6 pm to 7 pm. Sunday's sale will take place from 10 am to 10:45 am and again from 12 noon to 1:00 pm. Please consider bringing a bag from home to carry your purchased goods.

Let's make this Bake Sale the best ever!

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS** 

Maundy Thursday- 8:15 am Morning Prayer Service March 28 - 5 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper **Good Friday** - 8:15 am Morning Prayer Service HOLY WEEK March 29 Stations of the Cross **Passion of the Lord** - 1 pm EASTER **Holy Saturday** - 8:15 am Morning Prayer Service March 30 - 5 pm THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL Easter Sunday - 9 am & 11 am

March 31

MINISTRIES					
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THIS PARISH LIFE

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.



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After 17 years of gracing us with her beautiful music, Sheila will play her last note on St. Anne's organ on Easter Sunday Mass on March 31st.

Please join us as we honor her with a retirement reception.

Apríl 7, 2024 12 noon St Anne's Parísh Hall

O God, as we enter this Holy Week, renew our minds and spirits. Let the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem inspire us to welcome Him into our hearts anew. May the palms we wave symbolize our commitment to follow Him more closely, to live lives of service and compassion, just as He taught us.

PRAY FOR THE SICK						
Andrea Puccini	Daniel L. Cuban	Irene Haggerty	Lois Belmessieri	Richard Daniels		
Ann Enright	Debbie Campbell	Jannet Tuvilla	Mark Suprachauna	Robert DeGraca		
Bob Pape	Don Corempas	Jeff Westerfield	Martin Keegan	Robin Duggan		
Bunk Sicotte	Edward Regan	Jim Reardon	Maryellen	Robert Kraftschik		
Caroline George	Elaine Chiou	Joe Cellucci	Megan Smith	Ron Barajas		
Carter Whitlatch	Ellen Stevens	Josay Hayes	Michael Dunn	Ron Wallace		
Cass Candell	Ev Eaton	Kathleen Rose	Mike Abell	Tom & Vicki Hughes		
Cathy Grimesey	Felice Santos	Karen Salchett	Pamela Maria	Wayne & Maria Sylvia		
Chris Ramirez	Fr. Anthony Chang	Karl Kropp	Patricia Carey			
Cathy Bridges	George Slinsen	Linda Podesta	Richard Bradbury			

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151