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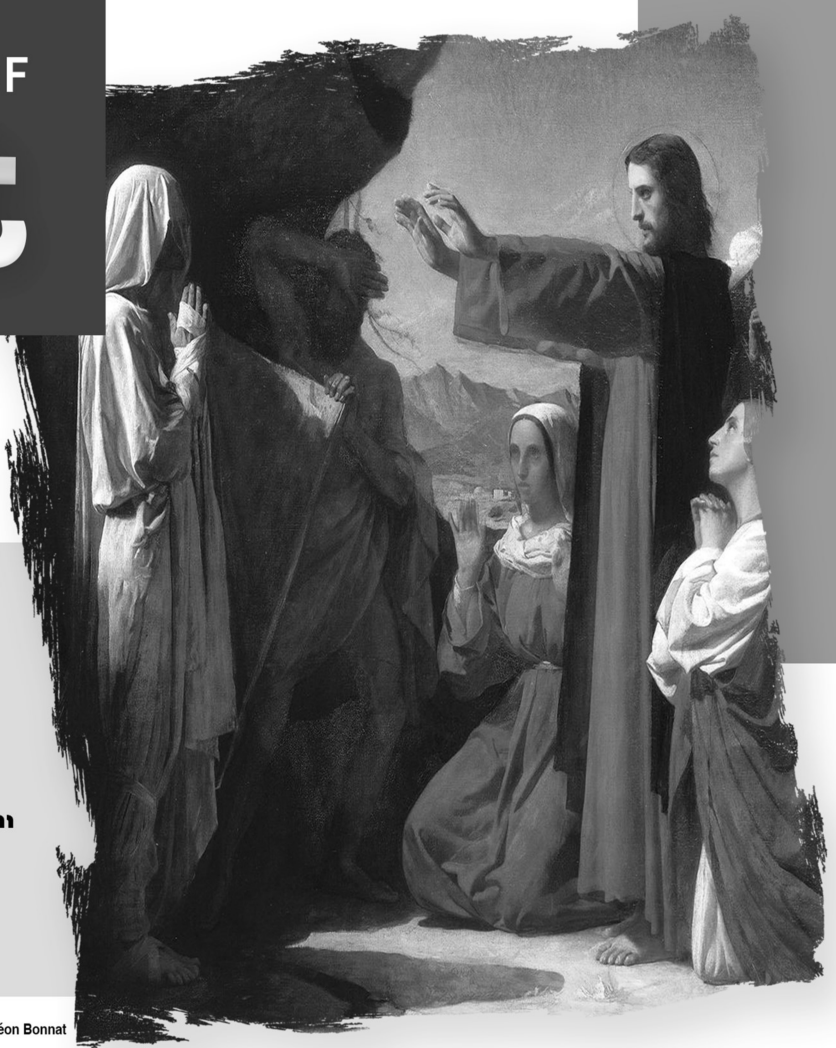
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 26, 2023

He cried out in
a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

John 11:43



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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

This is the last installment of Rahner's essay on, "My Night Knows No Darkness". Here Rahner discusses how, "[to] **not despair when experiencing despair.**" In his essay, Rahner writes with eloquence the idea of letting despair not control your belief in God and how we are to combat this notion of despair and how in some, are crippled by this emotion. As Rahner writes: **"Let the despair take all away from you, since what is taken from is only the finite, the unimportant, even if it may have been ever so wonderful and great, even if it may be yourself with your ideals, with your smart and detailed plans for your life, with your image of a god that looks more like you than the incomprehensible one."**

He continues, **"Allow all the exits to be blocked, for they are only exits into the finite and paths into dead ends. Do not be frightened by the solitude and forsakenness in your internal prison, which appears to be as dead as a grave."**

I find it interesting that he sees us and our human frailties and how they interfere with our spiritual and intellectual appreciation of who God is. Rahner further states that, **"For if you stand firm, refusing to flee from despair and in the despair over the loss of your former idol that you called God, you do not doubt the true God; if you stand firm, which is a true miracle of grace, then you will realize suddenly that your grave-like prison cell is locked up only against what is meaningless and finite, that its deathly emptiness is only the vastness of God's presence, that silence is filled with a word without words by the one who stand above all names and who is all in all."**

Rahner encourages and forces us to think, and comprehend our own feelings of who this God is and what He is not. For human beings, God's Creation, we tend to see God not as God, but as a faint copy of ourselves. To which when we believe in this way, we come away disappointed and frustrated. If we think of God in this way, it's no wonder then we should stop believing in a God of power, mercy and love. His Grace is what we want and what God wants for us. "The silence is his silence. He is saying that he is here."

In conclusion, "...[the second thing] to do in your despair is to realize that he (God) is here and to understand by faith that he is with you. This means realizing that he has been expecting you for a long time in the deepest dungeon of your debris-covered heart, that he has been silently listening and waiting for a long time to see whether you in the busy din that is called your life might give him a chance to speak, to speak a word that has sounded up until then only like deathly silence. It also means realizing that you will not perish when you release the worry about yourself and for your life, that you will not perish when you let go, that you will not end up in despair when you finally despair of yourself, of your own wisdom and strength, and of the wrong image of God that is being torn away from you." Next week is Palm Sunday. *God Bless.*

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, March 28th - Men's Ministry

10 AM - St. Anne's Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 29th

11 AM ~ Lenten Reflection Series

Parish Hall

4 PM - 5 PM Taize Prayer Service in Church

Friday, March 31st

9 AM - Stations of the Cross

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

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*

Wednesday, April 5th

Parish Reconciliation Service

4 PM - 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 03/27	8:15 AM	† Ornellis & Jake families
Tuesday 03/28	8:15 AM	† Mary Flynn
Wednesday 03/29	8:15 AM	† Denise Malvini
Thursday 03/30	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Carter Whitlatch
Friday 03/31	8:15 AM	† Marissa Martini
Saturday 04/01	8:15 AM 5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Hammy † Ralph & Josephine De Martini † Steven Bourg
Sunday 04/02	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Carlos & Angela Marrujo Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors



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!

The St. Patrick's dinner was a
HUGE success!

Thanks to all 140 who attended, and a special thanks to the members of the St. Anne's Society, who put it all together.



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.

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	John Statz	Debbie Campbell
Carter Whitlatch	Mike Abell	Robin Duggan

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



EXTRA HANDS NEEDED!

PREPARATIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

The coming celebrations mean quite a few changes around church, almost every day of the first week of April.

Friday, March 31st ; after morning mass, 9 am, Palm branches and more purple hangings.

Wednesday, April 5th; after morning mass, 9 am, Palms removed, change altar linens, set up Altar of Repose for Thursday.

Saturday, April 8th; after the morning prayer, 9 am, remove purples and rocks, change altar linens, flowers in place, Wreaths on outside doors, etc.

Any questions or to offer your time please contact Nancy Kubacki, 925-988-0216 -----

May God's blessings go with you.



Barbara Morgan passed away on February 16th, 2023. The family is having a Celebration of Life on April 1st at 1 pm at the Creekside Center.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES

Cordially invites you to attend one of our upcoming LUNCH & LEARN events.

If you are still undecided about casket burial or cremation, have questions, or just want to know what your options are, our staff at Queen of Heaven would like to help you.

All attendees will receive complimentary planning tools and we will be serving a wonderful lunch!

WHEN: Either March 28th, April 11th or April 25th

WHERE: Queen of Heaven
1965 Reliez Valley Rd.
Lafayette, CA 94549

TIME: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Please R.S.V.P. by calling Kate Lane at (925) 932-0900 X 625 or email your R.S.V.P. to klane@cfcsoakland.org

God Bless You!



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