



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

## April 6, 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

### Sunday's Readings/Music:

- Gathering: Have Mercy On Me
- 1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
- Responsorial Psalm 130: #798  
With The Lord There Is Mercy
- 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
- Gospel Acclamation: John 8:1-11
- Gifts: #654 Hosea
- Communion: #372 Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist
- Sending: Instrumental



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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

“I’ve sometimes wondered what Lent must look like to a non-religious person” — Merton

We just finished celebrating the fourth Sunday of Lent, otherwise known as Laetare Sunday, which signifies the middle of the Lenten season, which also means we’re two weeks away from Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the great Vigil and Resurrection Sunday. It also means, half the year is almost over; where did it all go?

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us bear in mind the obligation we have and not just during this time, but also the time to come, to fulfill our baptismal duty and obligation and to carry out the mission Christ bestowed us at our baptism. And what mission is that? We are to love one another and to forgive all those who “trespassed against us”, as the Lord’s prayer reminds.

Each year when we are engaged in this tradition, this part of our spiritual journey, we are reminded of our mortality, our short span of time we are given on earth. We are told from our childhood to the present that when we pass from this world to the next, that... “life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.” As part of living the Christian life, it also entails a time for suffering. To suffer in the Christian tradition is to “give it up for Jesus”. Many of our great saints have extolled the virtue of suffering and the pleasure from which we enjoy:

“If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint.”

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

And, “The road is narrow. He who wishes to travel it more easily must cast off all things and use the cross as his cane. In other words, he must be truly resolved to suffer willingly for the love of God in all things.”

-St. John of the Cross

There is a quote by Thomas Merton from *The Seven Storey Mountain* that I find helpful as to understand what it is we’re doing during this time of fasting, praying and almsgiving:

“Indeed, the truth that many people never understand, until it is too late, is that the more you try to avoid suffering, the more you suffer, because smaller and more insignificant things begin to torture you, in proportion to your fear of being hurt. The one who does most to avoid suffering is, in the end, the one who suffers most: and his suffering comes to him from things so little and so trivial that one can say that it is no longer objective at all... This is another of the great perversions by which the devil uses our philosophies to turn our whole nature inside out, and eviscerate all our capacities for good, turning them against ourselves.”

Suffering helps to build up our own spirituality and understanding of who we are and the love for which God has for each of us.

St. Theresa of Avila writes: “One must not think that a person who is suffering is not praying. He is offering up his sufferings to God, and many a time he is praying much more truly than one who goes away by himself and meditates his head off, and, if he has squeezed out a few tears, thinks that is prayer.”

The great saints understood that suffering isn’t necessarily a punishment of sorts, but rather a blessing which provides to deepen our faith the suffering Christ Himself experienced while here on earth. Suffering isn’t a type of penance but rather a model for us to undertake and share with others. In suffering we share in Christ’ suffering.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 9

Runs February 26th—April 9 on Wednesdays

10:30 am

Weekly Lenten Scripture Study

Parish Hall

Friday, April 11th

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

9:00 am

Stations Of The Cross

Saturday & Sunday, April 12th—April 13th



1 hour after all masses



Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Monday, April 14th

4:00 pm

Taize Prayer

St. Anne's Church



Thursday, April 17th

Every 3rd Thursday of the month

11:00 am

Grieving Ministry

Parish Hall

Thursday, April 17th

5:00 pm

Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 18th

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

9:00 am

Stations Of The Cross

Friday, April 18th

1:00 pm

Passion of the Lord Reading

Good Friday

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4/5	5:00 PM	† Margery Hibbett
Sunday 4/6	9:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors
	11:00 AM	Special Intention: Ardilles Family
Monday 4/7	8:15 AM	† Lorraine Wachowski
Tuesday 4/8	8:15 AM	† Martha Preginski
Wednesday 4/9	8:15 AM	† Pauline Gross
Thursday 4/10	8:15 AM	† Patrick Falconer
Friday 4/11	8:15 AM	† Jeannie Fazio
Saturday 4/12	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Living & Deceased Members of Vicente Noriega and Family

## NEW MISSALS/HYMNALS!

You will find new the new "Breaking Bread" missal/hymnal in the pews today that replaces our worship aid. You can find the list of readings and music here in the bulletin every week! See the front page of today's bulletin!



Welcome  
Glad you're here!

A warm and hearty  
welcome to our  
newest  
parishioners!

Laysa Ketler

Gail Todoroff

Kathryn Plencner

Thomas Jerry

## Note From The Librarian:

Save yourself a trip to the closest Catholic bookstore! We have FREE rosaries, cards, medals, bookmarks, crosses and more! Open Wednesdays 9 am—12 pm



## TAIZE PRAYER 4/14 — 4 PM

Please join us for Taize Prayer in the church this Monday, 4/14 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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### Preparing for Holy Week | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy Week, historical spots in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jannet Tuvilla	Bunk Sicotte
John Overgaard	William Egan
Ann Enright	Dan Feikert
Tom Hughes	Edward Sheehan
Vicki Hughes	Martin Bailey
Kevin M. Kelly	Nancy Herney
Sheila Wilkins	Cathy Bridges
Andrea Puccini	

**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.**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross are held every Friday after daily mass at 9:00 am throughout Lent. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions (or stations) focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation.

The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual experiences station after station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. All are welcome.

*Let us pray  
for all those  
who have  
recently  
passed  
away...*



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