



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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The
Fourth
Sunday
of Easter

April 21,
2024

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 am & 11:00 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 Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Res.: Rev. George DaRoza

Office/Min Coord: Rachele Harmon

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

Cantor: Gina DOWEN

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

My thoughts this week turn to Thomas Merton and how his writings have inspired me to continue my own priesthood. But what's so amazing about him is that I am always discovering something new about this little monk whose life has influenced many generations before me and I hope he exerts influence on the next generation to come.

As part of my own ongoing formation I was doing some research on Merton and came across a bit of trivia I did not know about him and that is Merton was a jazz lover. I was and wasn't completely surprised. Given Merton's youth which was filled as any college age student would be, with mischief and other earthly pleasures, it should not have come as a surprise. Rather, knowing this, made Merton even more human to me.

Though Merton was no saint and quite possibly will never be canonized as such, there are many people out there, including myself, who already see Merton as a saint. Yes, he was not perfect, none of the saints were, or for that matter neither are we. Nonetheless, there is much to admire about this unassuming man from a different era.

In his writings he singles out some specific recordings to which he gravitated during this period, including Louis Armstrong's "Basin Street Blues" and Duke Ellington's "Echoes of the Jungle". Merton was also a fan of the cornetist Bix Beiderbecke, who had died in 1931 at the age of 28. His piano-piece "In A Mist" was one of Merton's favorites; if you haven't heard it I encourage you to do so.

After converting to Catholicism, he eventually entered the Gethsemani monastery in rural Kentucky and became a Trappist monk—about as far away from the jazz-driven world of New York City as one could imagine. This is where I find this part of the story fascinating, but not surprising. Here's my question: what made jazz so important to Merton and the impact it had on his spiritual journey. Not many people like or love jazz; I love it and I also find it to be somewhat spiritual, especially those pieces I mentioned above. Merton seemed to sense in jazz the same thing he sought in his relationship with a spiritual power: the ability to lose oneself, and through so doing, find oneself as well. This is the same sentiment I often experienced in my own life. That jazz has a quality that somehow lures oneself into a different realm, an existential elevation of sorts that only music can produce. There are many genres of music that can accomplish this, but I find jazz does this more so than any other.

Merton comprehended jazz in the most basic and profound way. His friend, Dick Sisto writes, "Merton writes about it beautifully in *The Other Side Of The Mountain*... he got it!"

I remember years ago when I was a mere lad of nineteen, discovering John Coltrane and his church in San Francisco. I found it interesting because of the jazz that was performed there and the great enthusiasm that emanated from that building. All in all a great and uplifting experience. Here is a quote from John Coltrane that sums up how music and spirituality can transform one to that elevated world of sound. "I think music is an instrument. It can create the initial thought patterns that can change the thinking of the people." — John Coltrane

Fr. Leonard L. Marryjo

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, April 23rd

Men's Ministry—10:00 am
Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 24th

Bible Study —10:30 am
Parish Hall

Thursday, May 2nd

9 AM– 10 am —1st Thursday of every month
Holy Hour with Benediction

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4/20	5:00 PM	† Daniel V. Brown
Sunday 4/21	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors † Elsa Yam Special Intention: Dennis Smith
Monday 4/22	8:15 AM	† Fr. Ned Kelly SSC
Tuesday 4/23	8:15 AM	† Michael Vieira
Wednesday 4/24	8:15 AM	† Fidel Supleo
Thursday 4/25	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake
Friday 4/26	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Charlie Uy
Saturday 4/27	8:15 AM	† Cirilo Roman



St. Anne's Society News:

Please look forward to the upcoming celebration of Cinco de Mayo, following the week-end Masses of May 4 and 5. Traditional Mexican fare will be served; including pastries, fruit and cocoa. All are invited!

Save the Date! Pizza Bingo will again be held on the evening of Monday, June 17th. More information will follow.

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

PARISH FINANCIALS

March 2024

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests—March	\$31,807
Monthly Goal	\$31,850
YTD shortfall	(\$348)
YTD Dev Fund – March	\$7,081

Thank you for your generosity!

BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlights by email contact the parish office at info@stanneswc.org. The Bulletin, parish information, calendar of events, lectures, audio recordings of "This Parish Life" by Father Leonard and other information is also available on our website www.stanneswc.org

MINISTRIES

Environment	Nancy Herney Gloria Beckett Laura Smith Karen Roland	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility/Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini John Hertzner	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
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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 and not provided through the food bank.

Toilet Paper	Pasta/Pasta Sauce
Shaving Items	Soup/Broth
Toothbrushes	Jam/Jelly
Paper Towels	Ketchup
Mustard	Coffee
Body wash	Bottled Water
Peanut Butter	Tea
Oatmeal—small packets	Mayo
Chicken Broth	Box Fruit Juice
Top Ramen	Cereal
Cleansing Wipes	



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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