



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

## April 27, 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:**

Readings begin on page 153/Hymns on page 338.

- Gathering: #177 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise
- 1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
- Responsorial Psalm: #790 Psalm 118  
R: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
- 2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
- Gospel Acclamation
- Presentation of the Gifts: #466 The Lord Is My Hope
- Gospel: John 20:19-31
- Communion: #309 Here At This Table
- Sending: #177 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

“Death is the point at which life, by freely and totally giving itself, enters into this ground and this infinite act of love. Death is the point at which life can, if we so choose, become perfectly real, not because it “demands to be interminable,” but because it can receive the gift of pure actuality in the love of God, in the Trinitarian life, the circumincession of Persons. Death is, then the point at which life can attain its pure fulfillment. Death brings life to its goal. But the goal is not death – the goal is perfect life.”

— T. Merton

Many of you have come to know that the holy father passed into eternal life on Easter Monday morning leaving in his wake a legacy that will be remembered and discussed for many years to come. What I would like to focus on isn't what the media thinks is important, instead, I would like to dwell on the man and the impact he had on me, the universal church and the whole world.

First of all, let me begin by saying that I have a deep respect and bond to St. John Paul II as he was the figure in my life that compelled me to the calling I was born to answer. Then, of course, there is Benedict XVI, whom I believe will be, someday, canonized and declared a Doctor of the church based on his scholarly and profound theological writings he leaves behind. And then there is Francis. An exceptionally pastoral pope who cared deeply for people of every color, race, faith and those with no faith. Francis, in my opinion, was a profoundly pastoral pope, who clearly exhibited his love for all of God's creatures and His creation. Like the two previous pontiffs, Francis exhibited a love and care for his fellow human beings as he expressed his concerns for the poor, disenfranchised and the unborn.

Many thought of Francis as too much on one side or the other. In point of fact, Francis upheld the core Catholic teachings and routinely reiterated throughout his pontificate, that life from conception to death was sacred and to be respected.

The mainstream media always presented Francis as one of their own in terms of what they want us to believe. When in fact the image they present is a distorted one, leaving out who Francis really was and what he truly believed. As I mentioned above, he instituted no changes or variation on the core teachings of the church, but made corrections on the institutional structure of the church's hierarchy.

I believe the one thing Francis will be remembered most is that he created and he emphasized a culture of encounter. He created an atmosphere of inclusion, a place to feel comfortable and a model for priests and laypeople alike to emulate. His witness to this is obvious as he lived it openly, and with compassion. It was no act, but a real, innermost belief he felt deeply and willing to share with us.

In the twelve years since my ordination, I have come across many who have left the church for one reason or another. Those who live and remain in the church but are weary of the abuse scandals; Francis has given us options. It is up to each of us to carry on his legacy and become ambassadors to the kingdom of God.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 27th  
9 Day Novena in honor of Pope Francis

Thursday, May 1st  
1st Thursday of every month at 9:00  
Holy Hour with Benediction

Tuesday, May 6th  
1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass  
Anointing of the Sick

Tuesdays, May 13th & May 27th  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month  
10:00 am  
Men's Ministry

## THE ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL



DAY: SUNDAY, MAY 4

WHEN: AFTER 9 AND 11 AM MASSES

MEXICAN SWEET BREADS WILL BE  
SERVED ALONG WITH FRESH FRUIT,  
HOT CHOCOLATE & COFFEE.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS FESTIVE EVENT!

### 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



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4/26	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 4/27	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Jeanie Fazzio † Esther Partida
Monday 4/28	8:15 AM	† Holy Father Pope Francis
Tuesday 4/29	8:15 AM	† Juanita Weckerlin
Wednesday 4/30	8:15 AM	† Robert Glynn, Jr.
Thursday 5/1	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Ron & Gloria May
Friday 5/2	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena
Saturday 5/3	8:15 AM	† Deceased Members of the Ornellis & Jake Families

## HOW A NEW POPE IS CHOSEN

Are you curious about what happens when a pope passes and a new pope needs to be chosen? Read about the details here at the Catholic Update.



## PARISH FINANCIALS

	March
Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests	
March Donation	\$ 35,961
Budget Donation	\$ 30,500
Excess / (shortfall)	\$ 5,461
Year to date excess/(shortfall)	\$ 6,636
Dev. Fund March donation	\$ 2,004
Dev. Fund YTD excess/(shortfall)	\$ (1,059)

## A HEARTFELT THANKS!

Kudos to all members of the Environment Committee for their hard work and dedication that contributed to the beauty, solemnity and joy of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter!



The mission is to enhance the overall environment of St. Anne's Church and enrich participation in the services and events for all parishioners.

A special thanks to the Marrujo Family for their very generous donation of Easter and Palm arrangements. We appreciate the ongoing support and suggestions from parishioners.

*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 |                    |



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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sheila Wilkins	Cathy Bridges
Andrea Puccini	Martin Keegan
Bunk Sicotte	Kitty Jacobs
William Egan	

**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.**

## Who is our Neighbor?



**Catholic Charities East Bay**  
is asking for your help on May 17 & 18.

Please donate to the second collection or use the QR code to give online.

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For 90 years, Catholic Charities has been helping our neighbors **right here in the East Bay**. We assist with rent and utility payments, support our youth, and help our neighbors legally on the path to citizenship.



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### Divine Mercy | Trailer

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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