



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

APRIL 30, 2023

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

The Parish office will be closed on Friday, May 5th. 2023.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Last week I introduced to you Karl Rahner and his essay on our relationship with Jesus and His Church. Indeed, as this relationship, this abiding matures, it more and more assumes the form of whole-hearted attention to and affective embrace of the one whom one loves. Indeed, “a throwing one’s arms” about the Lord of one’s life, as Rahner rather boldly declares to the evident dismay of his scholarly colleague.

Rahner certainly does not envision a “physical” embrace. Nonetheless, the embrace of Jesus is uniquely “tangible,” enlisting the full range of what the mystical tradition terms the “spiritual senses.” One recalls Augustine’s exultation in the magnificent Book Ten of his Confessions. Here Augustine struggles to give voice to the experience of his love for God and admits it far transcends physical sweetness or fragrance, brightness or beauty. And yet, he affirms: “in a sense I do love light and melody and fragrance and food and embrace when I love my God...when that light shines upon my soul which no place can contain, that voice sounds which no time can take from me, when I breathe that fragrance which no wind scatters, I eat the food which is not lessened by eating, and I lie in that embrace which satiety never comes to sunder.”

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Note how Augustine draws upon physical sensory experience—sight, hearing, tasting, touching—to point toward the experience of senses transformed so as to perceive the hidden but real presence of God in Christ. Thus Augustine confirms (or better “inspires”) Rahner’s conviction that in the today of faith one can embrace the very Lord of life. For Augustine confesses that he could only find the way to the true God when he “embraced the Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all things, God blessed forever,” yet who humbled himself to embody and become the believer’s spiritual food and drink.

So we come to a final point worth noting. Two of Rahner’s very first theological essays, dating from the early 1930s, studied the notion of the “spiritual senses” in the writings of the early church father Origen and in the medieval Augustinian tradition. It would seem, then, that Rahner returned toward the end of his life to those early explorations on the spiritual senses and the Christian mystical tradition. In doing so he returned to the wisdom of the concluding line of T.S. Eliot’s “East Coker”: “In my end is my beginning.”

Throughout his theological journey, Rahner sought to broaden our appreciation of the mystical, not as “extracurricular” to the Christian way, reserved for the privileged few, but as intrinsic to Christian living, yesterday and today. He challenges us to extend our imagination beyond the examples of those classical mystics who exhibit extraordinary spiritual gifts. He sought to “democratize” mystical experience, viewing it as the full flowering of the Christian life: a life of relations transformed in Christ, heralding the new creation. Though employing different dictions, I am sure Rahner would celebrate the insights of his fellow Jesuit, Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. Purified senses enable us to perceive that “Christ plays in ten thousand places, lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his.”

In and through all the intricacies of his signature “transcendental method,” Rahner’s pole star remained the love of Jesus, who alone fulfills our human desire for unconditional love and communion. Communion not only with the Lord but also with all the members of his body. For loving Jesus is always inseparable from loving those who Jesus loves.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, May 4th

9AM - 10 AM Holy Hour with Benediction

~ Let us worship together in Church~

Saturday, May 6th & Sunday, May 7th

After all the masses - Cinco de Mayo

Tuesday, May 9th - Men's Ministry

10 AM- St. Anne's Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 17th

Movie Afternoon presents "The Shadowlands"

1 PM- St. Anne's Parish Hall

Save the date : Fr. Leonard's 10th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary is celebrated on Sunday, May 21st

Join us for lunch in the Parish center after the 11 am mass to thank Fr. Leonard for his service to the people of God and to wish him God's continued blessings.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 05/01	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased member of Pfautsch & Sommers families
Tuesday 05/02	8:15 AM	† Efren Valmonte
Wednesday 05/03	8:15 AM	† Marc Sievers
Thursday 05/04	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena
Friday 05/05	8:15 AM	† Living & Deceased member Of Huthart family
Saturday 05/06	8:15 AM 5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Serena Santos Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 05/07	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Patricia Shaw † Deborah Fay Wheeler Sp. Int. Kimberlee Burciaga Sp. Int. Lydia Kraftschik

St. Anne's Society News

We celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

You are invited to the Parish Center after 5 pm Mass on Saturday, May 6, to enjoy unos aperitivos (some appetizers) or on Sunday,

May 7th for Mexican Hot chocolate, and Pan Dulce after the 9 am mass and Mexican Appetizers after the 11 am mass.

Socialize with friends and join us a dar la Bienvenida a (to welcome) our newest parishioners

A BIG SHOUT OUT !

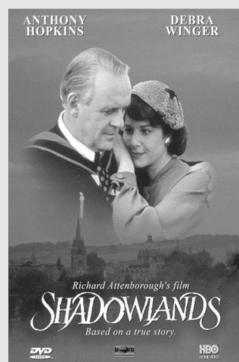
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May 17th Movie Afternoon - "The Shadowlands"



This emotionally moving romantic drama is based upon the real-life romance (during the 1950s) between the British writer C.S. Lewis and a divorced American poet named Joy Gresham (Debra Winger). When Lewis realizes that he's fallen deeply and unexpectedly in love. Their courtship is uniquely engaging; he's shy and uncertain, she's outspoken and bold. But when Joy is diagnosed with cancer, Lewis's Christian faith is put to the test—he cannot fathom why their happiness together would be so drastically challenged. Together, they find a way to accept and honor the time they have shared together, Shadowlands arrives at a conclusion that is both heartbreaking and uplifting at the same time.

THIS
PARISH
LIFE

WITH FR. LEONARD MARRUJO

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Felice Santos	Michael Dunn
Betty Hernandez	Fr. Anthony Chang	Mike Abell
Bev Regan	Gloria Pearce	Molly Anderson
Bob Pape	Hogey Hogenboom	Pamela Maria
Bonnie Walsh	Jannet Tuvilla	Patricia Carey
Caroline George	Jason Navaro	Pat Roland
Carolyn Collins	Jeff Westerfield	Richard Daniels
Carter Whitlatch	Joe Cellucci	Robert DeGraca
Cathy Grimesey	John Statz	Robert Kraftschik
Cheryl Spitz	Jordan Navaro	Robin Duggan
Chris Ramirez	Josay Hayes	Ron Barajas
Dave Abele	Karen Salchett	Sandra Chafe
Debbie Campbell	Karl Kropf	Tom & Vicki Hughes
Dona Newell	Kathleen Clemons	Tom Mader
Edward Regan	Larry Maday	Vincent Riggio
Ellen Stevens	Martin Keegan	

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



HOLY HOUR with Benediction

May 4, 2023 9am-10am

Please come and worship with us.



Let us pray for all those who have died during this time.

Carol Marie Hannon

Charles Kenneth Sapper

Anthony Peter Fasanella

Bernard Ng

Our prayers and condolences for all the family members and friends grieving the loss.



Library is open every

Wednesday morning 9 AM—12 PM.

Available in our library greeting cards and a small selection of books - **FREE**

Bulletin: If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlight by email contact the parish office at info@stanneswc.org



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.

Thanks 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.

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: May 11th & May 18th

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!

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
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