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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,

because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

PARISH STAFF

***Pastor*: Rev. Leonard Marrujo**

Priest in Residence: Rev. George Da Roza

Off./Min. Coordinator: Janet Money

Bookkeeper: Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Organist: Sheila Wilkins

Cantor: Gina Dowen

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am – 12pm and 1pm - 4:30pm

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Sacraments

Confession in Courtyard: Saturday 3:30pm- 4:00pm

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

"Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed. God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption and sanctification."

Last week I wrote an outline regarding Christian stewardship and the various points in which I believe this parish should take. This week I would like to elaborate a bit more on this subject as I think it is important for us as a community to review this particular theme in relationship to how we proceed forward.

As Christians we sometimes forget that we are not alone, but part of something greater than what we see around us. I count myself blessed since arriving here, knowing that elsewhere in the East Bay there are areas where some of our brothers and sisters are less fortunate than we are at St. Anne's, and the Rossmoor community.

I wake each morning, seeing nature just outside my bedroom and living room windows knowing there are inner city and rural communities struggling to maintain any sort of peace or wellbeing; this is where good stewardship comes into play. With all that we have, and with all the materials things we own, stewardship grants us the opportunity to take some of our surplus goods and give to those less fortunate than we. But stewardship also means to take care of and be responsible for the gifts God has given us to maintain and safeguard for future generations to enjoy. As a long time Sierra Club member, I have long regarded my place on earth as part of something greater than myself. It is through that understanding that I have acknowledged what my duty is and what my obligations are to my neighbors.

Stewardship as I mentioned in last week's article, isn't only about fundraising or parish building projects, but something more important than those. Stewardship is about our whole being in committing ourselves to God's works. Biblical stewardship means being a caretaker of God's kingdom. As Peter said, in 1 Peter 4:10-11, "As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms. If anyone speaks, let it be as it were the very words of God."

The question I ask myself, and I encourage you to discern for yourself this, **how can I be a good steward of God and His Creation?**

The answer is to Believe and understand that everything you have belongs to God. In everything you do, and with every decision you make, look first to how you can serve the Lord. Always invest the things he's trusted to you into kingdom work. Love God first, and love other people second.

Next week I will review each of these points: The principle of ownership, the principle of responsibility, the principle of accountability and the principle of reward. During the season of Lent I will have a questionnaire for you to respond on what your thoughts are and how we can best serve our community. Until then. Amen.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

News from St. Anne's Society

Year of the Tiger !

The St. Anne's Society invites all members of the parish to a special Chinese New Year's celebration following all masses on February 5th and 6th. There will be refreshments and special treats. Join us for Chinese potstickers, egg rolls, and almond cookies, as well as other surprises. Coffee and tea will also be served. So come join the "greeters" and your fellow parishioners to celebrate the Tiger!

Save the Date!

St. Anne's Society general meeting, open to all members of the parish. February 7 at 1pm in the parish hall. Fr Leonard will have a guest speaker and refreshments will be served.

PARISH FINANCIALS

December donation	**$95,102**
Monthly Goal	**$38,900**
December Excess	**$56,202**
Year to date excess	**$28,284**

Last October we were $88,000 behind budget. Due to your generosity, we ended the year $28,000 ahead!
Thank you, thank you, and blessings for 2022!

Kind Attention :

"Parishioners had been receiving text messages supposedly from Fr. Leonard, asking for multiple Apple Gift cards, or something similar. Fr. Leonard would not send text messages or email requesting for gift cards or money. This is a scam. Please delete those messages. See Fr. Leonard if there are any concerns."

Library News : Due to increasing COVID cases the library will remain closed for the next two weeks. If you would like to check out a video or book kindly call Odile and she will have the item delivered to you.

Contact Odile for details - 925 937-2643

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gloria Pearce	Marilyn Derdevanis	Karen Salchett
Andy Edwards	Dona Newell	Edward Regan
Charles Shaddle	Danielle Sanchez	Penny Corempas
Don Corempas	Dee Birtcil	Bruno Bellafonte
Eileen Farley	Kathleen Clemons	Scott Chapman
Lisa Grimesey		

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

MINISTRIES

Altar Care	**Bernadette Liu**	**925-448-1536**
Altar Servers	**Charles Cobb**	**925-705-7143**
Bereavement Ministry	**Sue Williams**	**925-216-8062**
Eucharistic Ministers	**Charles Cobb**	**925-705-7143**
Greeters Weekend	**Mary Beth Hodge**	**925-954-1158**
Homebound	**Evelyn Noriega**	**510-386-1573**
Lectors	**Kathleen Kish**	**925-954-7560**
Library	**Odile Crandall**	**925-937-2643**
Maintenance, Security	**Keith Crandall** **Bob Martini**	**925-932-2324** **Parish Office**
Men's Ministry	**Martin Bailey**	**510-292-9560**
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**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 24th, 2022
8:15 AM † Denise Burke

Tuesday, January 25th, 2022
8:15 AM † Paul Laborde

Wednesday, January 26th, 2022
8:15 AM † Jennifer Jessica Jake

Thursday, January 27th, 2022
8:15 AM † Natasha Bakovic

Friday, January 28th, 2022
8:15 AM † Mary Aaselund

Saturday, January 29th, 2022
8:15 AM † Cirilo Roman
5:00 PM †Oping Chua

Sunday, January 30th, 2022
9:00 AM Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
11:00 AM † Leslie Ouyang

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb -5th & 6th	**Chinese New year celebration after all the masses**
Feb - 19th 9:30 am	**Bereavement Ministry Workshop**
March-16th 4pm—10 pm	**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

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