



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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JESUS TOOK
THE LOAVES,
GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED
THEM TO THOSE WHO
WERE RECLINING,
AND ALSO AS MUCH
OF THE FISH
AS THEY WANTED.

JOHN 6:11

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Pastor: Rev. Leonard Marrujo
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Joseph Parekkatt
Priest in Residence: Rev. George Da Roza
Off./Min. Coordinator: Janet Money
Bookkeeper: Aileen Baker
Housekeeper : Martha Sanchez
Organist: Sheila Wilkins

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 & 11:00 am

Sacraments

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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Last week in my homily I spoke about silence and what that entails. Many of you have asked me regarding the understanding of what is the silence we seek or what is the silence you wish us to seek?

A very good question, one I'm not sure I can answer under this limited format, however, I will try. Here is how Webster's dictionary defines silence: "the complete absence of sound." Sure, that is pretty simple. But what does Jesus and the church say silence is and how to achieve this silence, if we can at all. In the Catholic tradition we read that "Monastic silence is more highly developed in the Roman Catholic faith than in Protestantism, but it is not limited to Catholicism. The practice has a corresponding manifestation in the Orthodox church, which teaches that silence is a means to access the deity, to develop self-knowledge, or to live more harmoniously." Silence in our Western tradition can vary from culture to culture and from faith to faith. Silence can also mean any number of things, but in this particular writing I am speaking of the silence Jesus suggests throughout his ministry on earth. In Mark's gospel Jesus says to his disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." Jesus is asking us to do that very same thing. And as your pastor and a spiritual director, I ask you to do the same as well, to stop what you're doing and sit in the quiet of your mind and heart. Sitting in silence may seem like a waste of time to some, but to others not so. In order to be silent and to find silence it takes time and includes a great effort to achieve.

Everyday we are bombarded with noise, noise, and more noise. You can't go anywhere these days, be it a gas station, grocery store or park, without some kind of noise interfering with the quietness of our minds. So, what do I propose we do to get that silence we so eagerly desire and crave? That's the hard question. That is the question we all seek an answer for and we can only find that silence by prayer and effort. Prayer and effort go hand in hand as we need both to achieve our goal and to find that silence which eludes many of us. If we can find the silence in our hearts and in our minds, then we can at least achieve some measure of quietness. As part of our Catholic tradition, some monastic communities follow the Rule of St. Benedict, who put a high value on silence, giving a whole chapter to the subject in the work. He believed that every aspect of the life of those following the rule should show a great reverence and preference for silence. But knowing how fallible we human beings are, he designated that, at the very least, certain times of the day and certain places in the monastery should be held in silence. He wanted his monks to have the best possible environment to hear the voice of God with the ear of the heart — and he succeeded.

I hope as the days and weeks go by, you look for a time for yourself and find that deserted place in your life. Listen to Christ' message and follow it to silence.

God bless.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



Mass Intentions for the Week

July 26	Mon 9:00am	St. Anne's Novena Intentions
July 27	Tue 8:15am	† Rev. James Clark
July 28	Wed 8:15am	Sp. Int. Margaret Bybee
July 29	Thu 8:15am	Sp. Int. Teresita Del Rosario
July 30	Fri 8:15am	Sp. Int. Mary Magnusson
July 31	Sat 8:15am	† Elsa Yam
	5 pm	† Daniel Koepke
August 1	Sun 9am	† Bessie Ouyang
	11am	Parishioners & Benefactors

LOOKING AHEAD

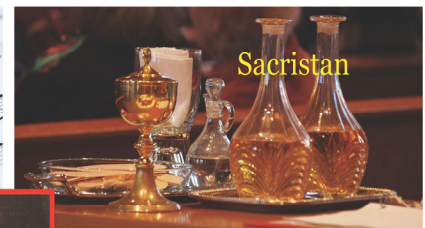
July 26	Last day - Novena to St. Anne Mass at 9am
July 28	Liturgical Ministers Retreat
August 7,8	Reopening Celebration Book Sale
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MINISTRIES

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Music



Sacristan

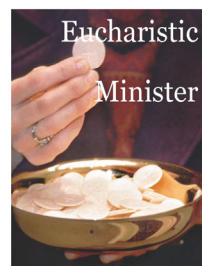


Usher/Greeter



Lector

Ministry Mini-Retreat and Luncheon



Eucharistic Minister

Where: St. Anne's Parish Center
When: Wednesday, July 28, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All Lectors, Greeters/Ushers, Sacristans, Music and Eucharistic Ministers, are invited to a half day retreat for prayer and training in anticipation to our official reopening of our Parish Community.

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