



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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: Rachelle Harmon

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend our parish community celebrates Cinco de Mayo and then the following weekend observe Mother's Day. So with that, I thought I'd come up with a few random thoughts on these two holidays and beyond.

One, Cinco de Mayo wasn't a holiday my family celebrated. And it is certainly not one of great importance to the people in Mexico. Quite honestly, it's not even celebrated there like we celebrate it here. Nonetheless, we are commemorating it this weekend and with great gusto! I am always up for a party especially when it consists of good food, excellent drinks and great company. And at St. Anne's we certainly know how to party. A great big thanks to Mary Beth and Lupe for organizing this observance and providing us with some good eats.

Two, Mother's Day is next week and as such we will recognize the great contributions and sacrifices our mothers in the community have made for their families and for their tireless and selfless gift of themselves to our parish community. We especially honor Mary the great Mother of God, during the month of May; as she represents the very best of women, motherhood and as a caring spouse. Mary's faith in her Son and her saying "Yes" to be the God-bearer, is a testament to her great faith as a Jewish woman. She did not hesitate when she was approached to accept the awesome responsibility of conceiving this extraordinary gift from God.

Three, the summer months are approaching us fast and I've been thinking about what summer programs I am going to offer our community. We have in the works to show several movies and at least two lectures beginning in June and concluding in September. The first of three movies that faith formation is presenting is "The Miracle Club", with Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, and Laura Linney. The second film is one of my new favorites, "The Holdovers", with Paul Giamatti and Da'vine Joy Randolph. And finally a wonderful true story with Anthony Hopkins in "One Life". "One Life" is the true story of Nicholas "Nicky" Winton. He was a British stockbroker and humanitarian who, in 1939, helped to arrange the escape of 669 children from Czechoslovakia. I've been told this is one of Anthony Hopkins best movies. I'm sure I will love it as I love most of his films.

Last week I wrote a little blurb on Thomas Merton and his relationship with Eastern religions. Merton understood that the practice of Zen Buddhism can be helpful in our Christian prayer life. He understood that a practice that gives us the tools to help fashion to bring us deeper into our faith was worth knowing and worth practicing. As a younger man I embraced this sort of meditation as I knew then as I know now how important and satisfying this practice can be in terms of deepening the faith we already possess. And sometimes all we need is a little guidance to point us in the right direction. To understand Zen one does not necessarily have to believe it's precepts. One can take as I have, certain elements of it and apply it to our faith tradition. Merton believed that contemplation and action had to go hand-in-hand, making him a forerunner of the modern-day emphasis on the intersection of faith and social justice. Though he often experienced deep insecurity, spiritual darkness, confusion, and restlessness; his spirituality remained Christ-centered. As such our spirituality should remain Christo Centric. Much like cuisines of the world, humans tend to borrow from one culture's food tradition and introduce it to another, thus creating a blend of elements that in most cases, works. And like spirituality, we borrow one set of tools and apply it our spiritual circumstance thus aiding us in deepening our prayer life. God bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marryjo

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, May 4 and

Sunday, May 5

Cinco de May Celebration after all masses

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



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.

Note From The Librarian:

We Have New Books! Come by and check them out! The library is open every Wednesday 9-12 pm.



"The Way of the Heart" by Henri J.M. Nouwen

"Simplicity" by Richard Rohr

"Extravagant Love" by Ruth Burrows

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5/4	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 5/5	9:00 AM	† Huthart Family
	11:00 AM	Carlos Marrujo Jr.
Monday 5/6	8:15 AM	† Marc Sievers
Tuesday 5/7	8:15 AM	† Janet Arvin
Wednesday 5/8	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Tansiatco Family
Thursday 5/9	8:15 AM	† Fu Ching Lin
Friday 5/10	8:15 AM	† Gustav Nystrom Special Intention: Gloria Nystrom
Saturday 5/11	8:15 AM	† Marybell Benoit

St. Mary's School is hiring!

They are seeking the following:

- 2 part-time instructional assistants
- 2 Kids' Club after-school assistants
- Substitute Teachers & Substitute Instructional Assistants



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MINISTRIES

Environment	Nancy Herney Gloria Beckett Laura Smith Karen Roland	925-932-2324 Parish Office
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Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
Parish Council	Paul Molloy	925-323-0730
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St. Anne's So- ciety	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

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