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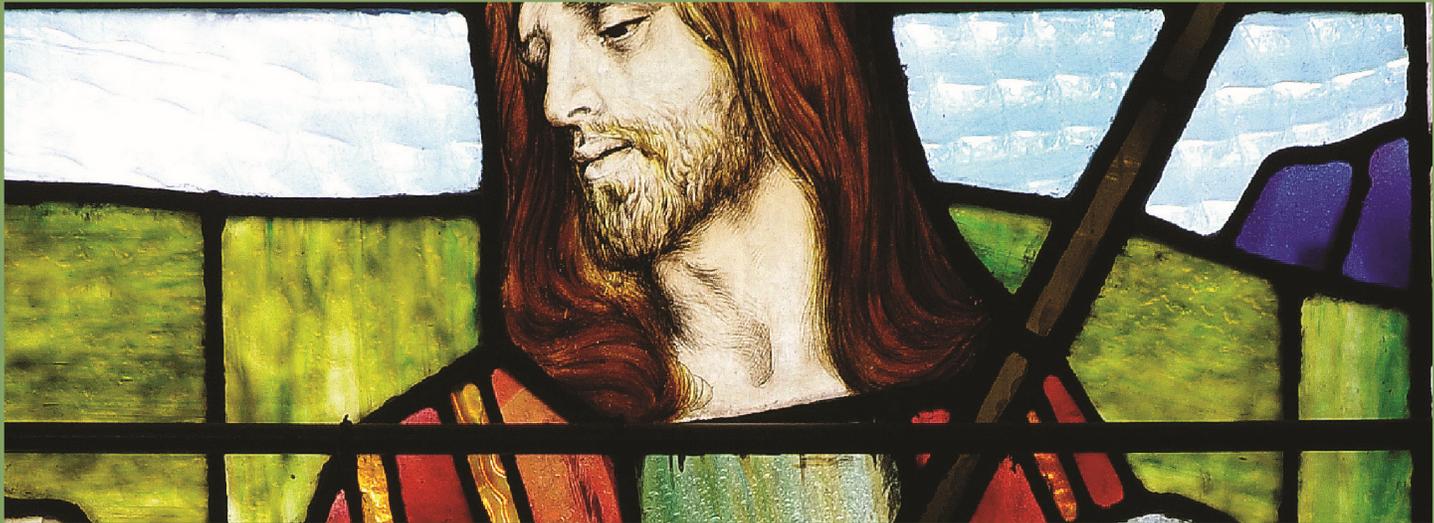
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JESUS SAID, "MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;
I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME."

JOHN 10:27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

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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 pm and 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

Sacraments

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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Last week, Sunday, May 1st, I wrote about meditation and how we can apply that to our everyday lives. And today I will describe the church's understanding of what is contemplation and how it differs from the practice of meditation.

So much of this will be personal, depending on the circumstances of one's life at any particular moment and how one is led, through the promptings of God's Spirit, to one or another aspect of the scene.

Note that this is one scene, and that the Scriptures are an inexhaustible resource for "understanding the why and the how of the Christian life" and in deepening our relationship with God.

What is Contemplation? How can I use this tool to further deepen my friendship with God, His Son, and the relationship to the saints and Scripture?

It is now time to speak of contemplation. No hard and fast distinction separates meditation from contemplation, but they are different and in many ways. It is probably best to think of them as two ends of a continuum.

As suggested in last week's bulletin, there comes a time in meditation when the mental engagement, the "pondering" stops, and the focus of awareness shifts from our own thoughts and feelings to a silence that is deeper than anything produced by our mental efforts.

In contemplation for example, we make ourselves radically available for the presence of God. It is perhaps best expressed by the psalmist, "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

The Catechism puts it this way. "**Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer.** It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery."

As for the witness of the saints, here is St. John of the Cross explanation: "contemplation is naught else than a secret, peaceful and loving infusion from God which, if it be possible, enkindles the soul with a spirit of love."

And as St. Alphonsus states: "In meditation, God is sought after by a discursive effort; in contemplation there is no effort of this kind, as God has been found and is gazed at."

We should pray, then, for the gift of contemplation. It presupposes a receptive heart, and most often, the effort to attach ourselves to Christ through the practice of meditation. It is a kind of divine peace in the midst of the chaos of our lives.

In the spirit of St. Paul, who identifies love as the greatest of the theological virtues, because it is the one that endures, so too, contemplation will absorb us for all eternity. It is the loving gaze of the beloved upon the wellspring of all love. (Ratzinger)

As we move forward, and the weeks and months pass, I want to invite you all to join me for Lectio Divina. Dates, time and place are forthcoming. Until then, may the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob be with you always. Amen.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 8th

Mother's Day

Monday, May 9th

10:30 AM - Coffee Chat with Fr. Leonard

Topic for discussion : "Contemplation and Meditation in our everyday lives."

Wednesday, May 11th

10 AM - Bible Study

Topic for Discussion : Life in Palestine in Jesus' Day

St. Anne's Society News

The Cinco de Mayo party last weekend was a great success, with nearly 150 parishioners attending, following the three Masses. A huge "gracias" to Mary Beth Hodge and her team of helpers who assisted in setting up, serving and cleaning up! The food was delicious and very well received. Special thanks to Lupe Roberts who set up all the Mexican decorations including the centerpieces. We are fortunate to have so many talented people available and willing to make these events an asset to St. Anne's parish. **Coming soon:** Greeters weekend June 4 & 5.

Stay tuned for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: The next, ever popular Pizza Bingo will be on Monday, June 20. More info to follow.

PARISH FINANCIALS

April 2022

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

April plate and Easter donation \$45,299

Monthly Goal \$38,450

Excess/(Shortfall) April \$6,849

Year to date (Shortfall) \$ (17,729)

Development Fund \$9,054

Thank you all for your generous support!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday

8:15 AM † Ed Assis

05/09

Tuesday

8:15 AM † Manuel De Pinna

05/10

Wednesday

8:15 AM † Elsa Yam

Thursday

8:15 AM

† Melvina Prieto

05/12

† Paul McKiernan

Friday

8:15 AM

† Cirilo Roman

05/13

Saturday

8:15 AM Thanksgiving - Ouyang and DaRoza Families

05/14

5:00 PM Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday

9 AM

† Elsa Yam

05/15

11 AM

† Anthony Martinez

You're invited : Fr. Leonard's 9th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary is on Wednesday, May 18th

Join us for refreshments in the Parish center after the 8:15am mass to thank Fr. Leonard for his service to the people of God and to wish him God's continued blessings.

Save the date

June 8th at 1:00 pm

Movies in the Parish Center.

A schedule and movie titles will soon be posted .



St. Anne's Faith Formation is planning a Fall one day retreat for the entire community. More information in the forthcoming weeks.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Gloria Pearce | Karen Salchett | Jannet Tuvilla |
| Judith Russell | Dona Newell | Edward Regan |
| Melinda Love | Don Corempas | Penny Corempas |
| Cathy Grimesey | Ron Revenko | Bruno Bellafonte |
| Anne Bernstein | Kathleen Clemons | Lougene Simisim |
| Sandra Chafe | Tom & Vicki Hughes | Carol Hannon |
| Pamela Maria | Dr. Donald Dal Porto | Kevin Kelly |
| Caroline George | Hogey Hogenboom | Tom Mader |
| Kay Woodruff | | |

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

Sponsors Needed

The cost of printing the bulletin is very expensive and it's a huge financial burden for the church. If individuals or businesses would consider advertising to promote their business or sponsor for a week, it would help us offset the cost of printing. Kindly pass on the information to your friendly businesses.

We also encourage you to download the bulletin from our parish website www.stanneswc.org.

Thanks to the sponsor of this week's bulletin

Our fellow parishioner, sponsored this bulletin. We appreciate their generosity and extend our prayers to the family.

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose

Center for Education & Spirituality and the South County Deanery Parishes present:

Tolton: From Slave to Priest

Performed live by Jim Coleman

May 14, 2022 - 2 pm

Holy Spirit Parish Center

Fremont, CA

\$20

For more information and to register www.msjdominicans.org

Call 510 933-3546 for more information

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| Altar Servers | Charles Cobb | 925-705-7143 |
| Bereavement Ministry | Sue Williams | 925-216-8062 |
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| Lectors | Kathleen Kish | 925-954-7560 |
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| St. Anne's Society | Joe Cellucci | 843-870-6683 |
| Ushers | Fran Long | 925-939-5151 |

Library News : Due to increasing COVID cases the library will remain closed. 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



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:

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| Toilet Paper | Hand Soap | Ketchup |
| Shaving Items | Toothpaste | Coffee |
| Cup of Noodles | Top Ramen | Water |
| Paper Towels | Mustard | Tea |
| Cleansing Wipes | Toothbrushes | Mayo |
| Body wash | Shampoo | Conditioner |
| Laundry Detergent | Fruit Juice | New Socks |

Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank

Donations can be placed in the bin outside St. Anne's Church, near the courtyard entrance. Gift cards can be dropped in the mailbox near the parish office window.

All Parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of Coffee chat with Fr. Leonard's are online for your listening convenience at: www.stanneswc.org