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SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." - Jn 14:15-16

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PARISH STAFF

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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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

I have returned from my travels from Portugal and Spain and since I have just returned, I am providing you this article on *Thomas Merton's Mystical Vision in Louisville*. I hope you enjoy this insight to Merton. I will return with my own article next week. God bless.

In downtown Louisville at the corner of 4th and Walnut, Trappist monk and author Thomas Merton had a mystical vision that's one of the most famous revelations in the history of spirituality.

On March 18, 1958, Thomas Merton was running errands in downtown Louisville when he had an experience that would change his life and influence countless others. The spot is marked with a historical marker, the only one that I know of in the United States that marks a mystical experience.

Merton described it this way Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander:

"In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world, the world of renunciation and supposed holiness... This sense of liberation from an illusory difference was such a relief and such a joy to me that I almost laughed out loud... I have the immense joy of being man, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun."

Merton's biographer William H. Shannon says that by the time of this experience, Merton had become a very different kind of monk than the man who wrote the best-seller *The Seven Storey Mountain*. "One of the things going on in him was the maturing realization, born of this contemplation, that it is not possible to leave the world in any real sense," Shannon writes. "There is simply no place else to go. . . The experience challenged the concept of a separate 'holy' existence lived in a monastery. He experienced the glorious destiny that comes simply from being a human person and from being united with, not separated from, the rest of the human race."

That experience in Louisville happened in the middle of an ordinary day, when Merton was running errands for the monastery. And when you visit that spot today, it still seems like an ordinary sort of place, until you know the story of what happened there.

But consider this: when I visited that spot, I wasn't alone in remembering Merton. An older man and a young woman were there as well, and as I approached them I overheard him telling her the story of what had happened there, his voice barely audible above the sound of cars. It made me happy to see that I was not the only pilgrim that day at the busy intersection in Louisville. Merton's words still echo there, even after all the intervening years.

"Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts, where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time."

"Lori Erickson is one of America's top travel writers specializing in spiritual journeys."

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, May 17th

Movie Afternoon presents "The Shadowlands"

1 PM— St. Anne's Parish Hall

Thursday, May 18th

Fr. Leonard Ordination Anniversary

8:15 AM—Mass

Coffee & Bagels after the Mass in the Parish Hall

Save the date : On Sunday, May 21st

Fr. Leonard celebrates his 10th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination. 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.

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 all the helpers who assisted in setting up, serving and cleaning up! The food was delicious and very well received. 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 3 & 4.

SAVE THE DATE: The next, ever popular Pizza Bingo will be on Monday, June 19.

Stay tuned for more information.

A BIG SHOUT OUT !

To our wonderful bulletin sponsors (they asked to remain anonymous). You have helped offset the cost of printing bulletins in-house. We are grateful.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 05/15	8:15 AM	† Maureen Mullen
Tuesday 05/16	8:15 AM	† Sandra Bruce
Wednesday 05/17	8:15 AM	† Jesse Valoria
Thursday 05/18	8:15 AM	† Bob Torres
Friday 05/19	8:15 AM	† Elvio Ardilles
Saturday 05/20	8:15 AM 5:00 PM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake † Kathleen Holdampf
Sunday 05/21	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Thomas Yturralde Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors

PARISH FINANCIALS

April 2023

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

Collection, donations, gifts	\$30,627
Easter donation	\$18,306
Monthly Goal	\$43,743
Excess April	\$5,190
YTD shortfall	(\$29,273)
YTD development fund	\$9,687

Thank you all for your generous support!



Library is open every Wednesday morning 9 AM—12 PM.

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

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.

Information on the Diocese filing for Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code

- The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland announced May 8, 2023, that it has filed for Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code to manage legal expenses and facilitate settlements with abuse survivors.
- Our diocese is set up as a corporate sole, which means all parishes are under the corporate umbrella of the Diocese. While all the parishes in the Diocese are included in the filing, it is important to understand our daily operations, the celebration of sacraments and other aspects of regular parish life will be unaffected by the action taken.
- The Diocese will continue to administer health and welfare benefits, along with various retiree programs, without interruption. The funds for these programs are held in trusts and can only be used for their specified purpose.
- Programs and ministries of the diocese, such as marriage preparation, Hispanic ministry, CYO sports and others will continue uninterrupted.
- Monies given by parishioners will continue to be used as operating funds for our parish. Our parish relies on our parishioners' donations to continue our work and ministries both within our parish and our community.
- The Bishop's Ministries Appeal donations are solicited to fund designated projects and programs and are held in restricted accounts designated for certain purposes only.
- The Catholic schools, while affiliated with the Diocese, are incorporated as part of separate legal entities, and therefore are not included in the bankruptcy filing.
- All schools continue to provide education based on our Catholic faith and tradition. The Chapter 11 filing, and the related legal proceedings, will not have a direct impact on the day-to-day operations of our schools.
- The employment, salaries, and benefits of RCBO employees will not be impacted by this filing.
- Tuition, philanthropic support, parish support of schools will, as always, be fully dedicated to funding the operations of the schools and is not impacted by the Chapter 11 filing.
- The bankruptcy process should bring closure to the Diocese and all parishes from any and all abuse claims. We are still quantifying the lawsuits filed against the Diocese under the recent California Assembly Bill 218, which allowed decades-old claims that were otherwise time barred and expired. As we move through the settlement process, additional information will be available.
- We are taking responsibility for the damage done so that we can all move beyond this moment and provide survivors with some measure of peace and compassion.

For more information, visit www.oakdiocese.org. RCBO has also set up a toll-free information line for inquiries at 888-733-1425 (U.S./Canada) or 310-751-2631 (International). For access to certain court documents and other information about our Chapter 11 case, please visit <https://www.kccllc.net/RCBO>

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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