



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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July 16, 2023

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word
and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a
hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

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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

God is love... Love comes from God... (1 John 4.) To progress in [St.] Bernard's stages of love from selfish love to agapé love that wills good for God and others we must deny our selfish passions, grow in thankfulness for God's love for us, become captivated by God's nature of love, and ultimately lose ourselves in God."

Last week I wrote an article regarding St. Benedict's devotional on the four degrees of love and this week I will present how we as the people of God can apply his devotional practice in our everyday lives. To love as God loves us can take a herculean effort to achieve, something that can be attained only if we are willing to accept the challenge set forth by Christ Himself. With that, let us deepen our understanding of this topic and read the words together as Benedict wrote them.

"What, then, will the Lord be to those who seek His presence?"

Here is a marvelous thing, for it is impossible to seek the Lord unless one is already found of Him... O God, You may be sought and found, but no one can [accomplish this on their own.] God in His providence does this. For if we say, "Early shall my prayer come before Thee" (Psalm 5), yet all prayer would still be lukewarm unless it was animated by Thine inspiration...

The 1st Degree of Love is Yourself For Your Own Sake (Selfish Love)

The first and great commandment is: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). But nature is so frail and weak that people are forced to love themselves first of all. However, this is carnal love... selfish... [This] love does not come as a precept, it comes naturally, for "no one ever yet hated their own flesh" (Ephesians 5:29). Yet it is natural for this love to grow excessively, and like a strong current, burst the banks of self-control, flooding the field of self-indulgence. A commandment, like a newly built dike, is then needed: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39) ...

Let us restrain our own self-love if we would avoid becoming transgressors. You can be as indulgent as you like about yourself, provided you show the same indulgence with your neighbors.

O friend, you need the restraint of temperance, lest you follow your own wanton desires to distraction, or become so enslaved by the passions which are the enemies of your soul. It is far better to divide your enjoyment with your neighbor than with your enemy [passions].

If you heed the counsel of the wise, you will turn away from your own appetites and discipline yourself (Proverbs 13:18). Then you will follow the teaching of the apostle: "But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that" (1 Timothy 6:8). In consequence, you will be able to "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). Then you will not find it a burden to share with your neighbor what you have held back from your enemy [of your selfish passions] ... So what could readily be a selfish love can become truly social when it can extend to include others.

But if you find that your benevolence to your neighbor reduces your own support which you need, what can you do then? ... "Ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to [you]" (James 1:5). Again, as the psalmist says, "You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16). There is no doubt that God will provide for our needs; indeed, He gives most people more than they need. So, His promise is true: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33; Luke 12:31). God freely promises to give all things necessary those who do not withhold themselves from the needs of others and who thus love their neighbors. To seek first the Kingdom of God means really to prevent sin from ruling in our lives (Romans 6:12) and to prefer the yoke of modesty and sobriety with God's help...

However, if we are to love our neighbor with absolute righteousness, we need to acknowledge God as our motive and cause. For how can we love with pure motives if we do not love God first of all? Only then can we love our neighbor? It is impossible to love in God without first loving God (1 Thessalonians 2:1-11). So, it is essential we love God first in order to love others also.

God, as the source of all goodness, is the source of our ability and disposition to love others...."

Next week is The Second Degree of Love: Dependence on God.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

July 18th - 26th

St. Anne's Novena

Tuesday, July 25th - Men's Ministry

10 AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

Wednesday, July 26th - Faith Formation

1 PM– Parish Hall

Bishop Barron's "The Mass"

Focus on the "Eucharist" - What is it & Why we believe

Thursday, August 24th - Movie Afternoon

1 PM– Parish Hall

"Keeping the Faith"

St. Anne's Faith Formation— Bible Study

Fall Registrations are open.

The bible study will consist of two parts.

- In the Fall of 2023 - Psalms 1-72 .
- In Spring of 2024 - Psalms 73-150.

Call the Parish office to reserve your spot.

LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

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Books, CDs, DVDs and more!

Annual Book Sale

Saturday August 5th & 12th
from 10 am to 6:30 pm

and

Sunday August 6th & 13th
from 10 am to 2 pm

There will be an eclectic selection of books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs and DVDs available for you to browse and choose.

We will see you in the Parish Center!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday
07/17

8:15 AM

† Peter DaRoza

Tuesday 07/18/2023

to

Wednesday 07/26/23

St. Anne's Novena Intentions

PARISH FINANCIALS

June, 2023—Plate collections, donations,

Gifts and Bequests \$40,273

Budget - June \$38,400

Excess - June \$ 1,873

YTD Excess - June \$13,300

Development fund YTD June \$14,010

YTD Shortfall Dev. Fund (\$990)

Thank you for your stewardship!

Wednesday, July 26th - Faith Formation presents

Bishop Robert Barron's - *The Mass*

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and **be transformed** through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass **brings us out of the fallen world** and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are **intimately joined** with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in **the source and summit of the Christian life**.

St. Anne's Society, Reminds to save your **valuables and slightly-used items** for the annual Christmas Bazaar, being held in St. Anne's Parish Hall the first week-end of December.

More information to follow.

MINISTRIES

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Ushers	Fran Long	925-939-5151

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

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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LIFE

WITH FR. LEONARD MARRUJO

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ST. ANNE'S NOVENA

JULY 18 - 26, 2023



WELCOME!

Join us in our
Annual Celebration for the
Feast of St. Anne

Daily Masses at 8:15 am
Saturday Masses at 8:15 am & 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Reverend Leonard Marrujo

Reverend George DaRozza

Wednesday, July 26
Feast of St. Anne

Solemn Mass and Procession 8:15 am
Reception follows in the Parish Center

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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.

Toilet Paper	Oatmeal—small packets	Ketchup
Shaving Items	Chicken Broth	Coffee
Toothbrushes	Top Ramen	Water
Paper Towels	Mustard	Tea
Cleansing Wipes	Pasta / Pasta Sauce	Mayo
Body wash	Soup / Broth	Box Fruit Juice
Peanut Butter	Jam / Jelly	Cereal

Last Quarter St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. Mary's Church had 753 visitors, representing 2624 families. They gave away 2385 bags of groceries worth \$155,025.

Thank you - for your canned food and non-perishable donations to our food bin. Thanks to Jim W., and our SVdP workers in our parish, for bringing these donations to food pantry and working at the pantry each week. *God bless you*