



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 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 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Library Hours: CLOSED DUE TO BOOK SALE.

WILL RE-OPEN AUGUST 21, 9am—12pm

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

Many of you know my love and admiration for Thomas Merton. But until recently I was not aware of his talents as both a photographer and artist. Although, in my opinion, he wasn't technically a very good one. I have to give him credit for trying as I always encourage everyone to pick up a pencil, paint brush or pen and begin drawing or painting. As I was perusing through my newest acquisition of art books on Merton, I noticed something interesting about his art and that is how simplistic and unassuming the subject matter is he chose. It's rather difficult to describe what I mean as I would need to include an image or two from his collection of art to attach to this article and since that is impossible I will instead post some of those images on the parish Facebook page for your enjoyment.

Below is a quote from Thomas Merton on the nature and purpose of art I thought would be pertinent to this discussion:

In an aesthetic experience, in the creation or the contemplation of a work of art, the psychological conscience is able to attain some of its highest and most perfect fulfillments. Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time. The mind that responds to the intellectual and spiritual values that lie hidden in a poem, a painting, or a piece of music, discovers a spiritual vitality that lifts it above itself, takes it out of itself, and makes it present to itself on a level of being that it did not know it could ever achieve.

— Thomas Merton

Thomas aesthetically understands what is involved in producing the thing we call art. Art is as necessary to our cultural survival as prayer is to keeping our faith in God.

I often find myself yearning for the days when I was employed as an illustrator and finding a great satisfaction in producing art; albeit technical illustrations are not as satisfying to produce as painting or sculpting as these things have a greater meaning, a closer relationship to the soul and an overall contribution on the whole of humanity.

I have suggested that art produced without any sense of the aesthetic and not grounded in humanity can be soulless, lifeless and uninteresting. For example, a architectural drawing drawn by hand has a warmer feeling than a drawing created through Computer Assisted software. Or another example, and I think many audiophiles will agree with this assessment, that an analog recording has a "warmer" sound than that of a digital recording; then there are those who may disagree with this notion all together, but like faith and prayer one must train one's ears and heart toward the subtleties of the sounds we hear. So, when we fine tune our hearing that is when we will hear the subtle voice of God. Below is a quote I found from Elijah that best expresses this idea...

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.

Art in its purest form can please many and enhance one's deeper meaning and understanding of our inner self, the conscience or subconscious of the mind. We all share the one thing, and that is the journey we take together, the thing that makes us happy and that which fills the inner yearning for God and for the peace that is God.

Let us stop for a moment to hear that subtle voice in the wilderness.
Amen.

Fr. Leonard L. Marujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 3rd— Sunday, August 4th
 Saturday, August 10th— Sunday, August 11th

Book Sale

After 8:15 am mass on Saturday— 6:30 pm

After 9:00 am mass on Sunday— 2:00 pm

Tuesdays, August 13th & August 27th

Men's Ministry— 10:00 am

Parish Hall

Sunday, August 18th

Greeters Weekend

After 9:00 am & 11: 00 am masses

Wednesday, August 21st

Faith Formation Movie: "The Holdovers"— 1:00 pm

Parish Hall

Sunday, September 8th

St. Anne's Annual BBQ & Picnic

Wednesday, September 11th

Homebound & Adult Care Ministry Retreat

Note From The Librarian:

Volunteers needed break-down 8/12. Call Odile to help at (925) 937-2643.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8/3	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 8/4	9:00 AM	† Robert Davenport
	11:00 AM	Special Intentions
Monday 8/5	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased Members of Pfautsch & Sommers Families
Tuesday 8/6	8:15 AM	Special Intentions
Wednesday 8/7	8:15 AM	† Dan & Stan Koepke
Thursday 8/8	8:15 AM	† Sister Ann Carol & † Stan Sue
Friday 8/9	8:15 AM	† Rose Fung & † Ching Yip
Saturday 8/10	8:15 AM	† Macario Lim

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Join Fr. Leonard as he presents "The Holdovers" starring Paul Giamatti in the parish hall on 8/21.

Snacks available & discussion afterwards.



PARISH FINANCIALS

July 2024

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

July Donation	\$	36,978
Budget Donation	\$	33,350
Excess / (shortfall)	\$	3,628
Year to date excess/(shortfall) *	\$	17,990
Development Fund July donation	\$	3,188
Dev Fund Year to date excess	\$	2,295

* includes bequests \$13,865



If you are new to the parish or have a new address, don't forget to fill out a new/ updated parishioner card at the rectory office!

MINISTRIES

Environment	Nancy Herney Gloria Beckett Laura Smith Karen Roland	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility/ Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini John Hertzner	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
Parish Council	Paul Molloy	925-323-0730
Parish Finance Council	Peter Newell	925-891-4479
St. Anne's Society	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
Ushers	Penny Corempas	925-938-3543

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Would you like to become a Eucharistic Minister? We are training weekday, weekend & Homebound Eucharistic Ministers.



New and returning Eucharistic Ministers are invited to join the retreat that runs from 9:30 am—12 pm in the parish hall on 9/11. Call the rectory office to Register by August 30.

The Environment Team believes that flowers and light make everything more beautiful and enhances and lifts our spirits when we are in prayer.



We deeply thank the Marrujo Family for the generous donation of the flower arrangements that we all enjoyed on the last day of our Novena to Saints Anne and Joachim.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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



Have you lost a pair of glasses? Keys? An earring? A scarf? Visit our Lost & Found at the Church rectory in the main office Monday—Thursday.