



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## August 20, 2023

### 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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 Dowen

#### 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

The history of the Ferragosto festival dates back to ancient Rome when it was celebrated as one of the most important holidays on the Roman calendar. It became a Christian holiday during the Middle Ages and has been observed by Catholics ever since.

This week has been a very relaxing and carefree time, all the while savoring this opportunity to just sit back, read some biographies, catching up on the latest papal documents, and spending time with my family and close friends. It's also been a good time to think, plan and meditate on special events coming up in the Fall.

It's hard to believe it's already mid-August and that Summer will soon come to an end. In fact, for Italians, or for that matter, most Southern Europeans, they go on "**holiday**", so they can get away from the oppressive heat that occurs at this time of year. **It was during the Christian period after the Roman Empire fell, that the Church declared August 15 as the date of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven - known in Italy as the Ferragosto.** As it was also the hottest time of the year, people would take a few days prior to and after for a getaway. Just a bit of trivia to share with you.

As I write this letter to you, I am thinking ahead for the fall and preparing a series of talks for our monthly "**Coffee Chats**". A few weeks ago, I gave a short presentation at the Rossmoor Community on St. Francis and his spirituality. Many there enjoyed the talk, but there were many who were unable to attend for one reason or another. So, I thought why not present that talk here. And If I'm going to do that, then why not make a whole series of talks centered on the different religious order's spiritualities; how they differ and what they have in common.

Beginning in September faith formation will present the first of these four "**chats**". We will begin with Fr. Kevin and the Franciscan charism, followed by Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Daughters of St. Paul, and finally end with the spirituality of St. Ignatius. All in all, these four discussions should be a good jumping-off point for the Winter series that I am currently planning.

Onto a new topic: I wrote in my last letter to you my discovery of **Joseph Cardinal Bernardin's book on his spirituality** and the strong faith he held during his dark times battling cancer and his ultimate acceptance of his impending demise. His courageous battle with cancer is an inspiration to us who experience and continue experiencing pains of every kind. As a priest, I have dealt with many who suffer, and yet they remain faithful while accepting their fate. I find these men and women who soldier on to be incredible saints. As for me, when I feel alone, frustrated, angry and feel pity, these men and women are my inspiration to trust God, to love God, and to remember God's infinite mercy and compassion. As the Summer winds down and we settle back into our regular routines, let us pray for each other, keep each of us in our prayers, and keep in mind that Christmas is just around the corner. **Happy Ferragosto!**

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - Parish Council Meeting**

11 AM – Parish Center

**Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Men's Ministry**

10 AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - Movie Afternoon**

1 PM– Parish Center

“Keeping the Faith”

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - Faith Formation**

1 PM– Parish Hall

Part 2 - Bishop Barron's “The Mass”

**St. Anne's Faith Formation Bible Study begins September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.**

Fall Registrations are open. Cost is \$30 per person. Call the parish office to register.

The bible study will consist of two parts.

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

### **GREETERS WEEKEND IS BACK!**

After our summer hiatus, you are invited to the Parish Center after Mass on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to visit with friends and share your vacation stories and novellas.

Take this opportunity to enjoy refreshments, conversation, a good yarn (adventure) and to welcome all new parishioners!!!

Meet and welcome new parishioners.

**Bulletin:** If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlights by email contact the parish office at [info@stanneswc.org](mailto:info@stanneswc.org). Bulletin is also available on our website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org)

**2024 Mass Intention Book** is open.

Please come to the Parish office to reserve masses for next year.

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am—12:30 pm,  
1 pm - 4:30 pm.

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday 08/19	5:00 PM	† Daniel V. Brown
Sunday 08/20	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Emily Martinez Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday 08/21	8:15 AM	† Mary Louise Laborde
Tuesday 08/22	8:15 AM	† Lore Cuttle † Cheryl Borge † Ernesto Noriega
Wednesday 08/23	8:15 AM	† Cirilo Roman
Thursday 08/24	8:15 AM	† June. M. Ferreira
Friday 08/25	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena
Saturday 08/26	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Cecile Supleo

### **St. Anne's Society Fall BBQ Picnic**



Mark your calendar for  
**Sunday September 17, 2023**

**5 PM - 8 PM**

It will be held at the picnic grounds at the **Stanley Dollar Clubhouse**.

The buffet dinner will be catered by the popular “**Back Forty Texas BBQ**”. Entertainment will be provided by well-known accordionist **Ed Gorzinski**.

**All parishioners, friends and Rossmoor residents are welcome!**

There will be a flyer in future bulletins with detailed information on reservations and price.

**St. Anne's Society:** Reminder 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		
Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge	925-954-1158
	Lupe Roberts	925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility Maintenance	Keith Crandall	925-932-2324
	Bob Martini	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	Fran Long	925-939-5151

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

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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Please visit our parish website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org) for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of "This Parish Life" by Fr. Leonard.



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## Are you willing to serve in the capacity as an Usher?

We are in desperate need of ushers for the 11 am Sunday Mass. When regular ushers are out ill or on vacation, we have no one to substitute their absence.

If you are interested please call Fran Long @ 925-939-5151. Thank you.



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.

Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank.

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

### THANK YOU!! A note from St. Vincent de Paul:

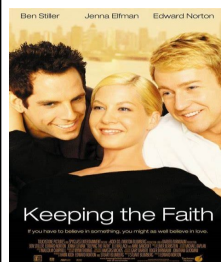
Dear Fr. Leonard and St. Anne Parish,

Thank you so much for over \$3000 in gift cards for our SVdP pantry. We benefit so much from your continued generosity and partnership. Many of your parishioners are members in St. Mary SVdP. They are hard workers and faith-filled. They tell me about your enthusiastic support of the pantry!

Sincerely,

Barb Erickson and your friends at St. Mary-SVdP

## August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Movie Afternoon presents



### "Keeping the Faith"

It's an American **romantic comedy** film written by **Stuart Blumberg**, and starring **Ben Stiller**, **Edward Norton**, **Jenna Elfman**, **Eli Wallach**, and **Anne Bancroft**.

Jake and Brian are friends. They are Jewish and Catholic respectively. They would grow up and become a rabbi and priest. Anna, whom they knew when they were younger, comes back to town a stunning woman. Jake is up to be the head of his synagogue but he is not married which doesn't make his appointment any easier. Jake finds himself attracted to Anna but because she's not Jewish, he can't marry her as it would make his appointment less likely. Brian also finds himself attracted to Anna, but the priesthood doesn't allow that. Their friendship is strained when each learns of the other's feelings for her.