



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Twenty-First
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

August 25, 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:

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

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

Apathy: “suggests a puzzling or deplorable inertness or lack of passion, as in “the problem of continued voter apathy.”

Empathy: “is generally described as the ability to take on another's perspective, to understand, feel, and possibly share and respond to their experience.”

For those of us who have taken an introductory course in theology might have encountered the term impassibility in discussions about God's attributes. Impassibility is a Latin translation of the Greek term *apatheia*, and it was a concept much discussed among the church fathers.

According to theologian Pavel Gavrilyuk, to speak of God as impassible is to say that “He does not have the same emotions as the gods of the heathen; that his care for human beings is free from self-interest and any association with evil.” Impassibility means that God is not overwhelmed by emotions, and neither are his emotions affected by anything outside Himself.

So why am I writing about Apathy and Empathy? Like many of you who are contemplating our current political scene and who would be the best candidate to choose from, I find myself in a bit of a quandary. Without going into much detail and without influencing you on whom to vote for, I will lay out my own personal thoughts on this subject. As a priest and a citizen, it is my duty as an American to vote in our national elections the person whom I think is best suited for the top job in the country. But I also have an obligation to vote my conscience and if my conscience is discouraging me from voting for a particular person then perhaps, I should listen. But suppose the candidates in question are both contrary to my beliefs... then what? How does one resolve this dilemma? Interesting question. Again, so, what does the church say regarding one's conscience?

Recently, after viewing a particularly venomous political ad on the internet, I remembered what the Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw, once said, “An election is a moral horror, as bad as battle except for the blood; a mud bath for every soul concerned in it.”

As Catholics and proud citizens of a great Republic, as responsible adults we recognize that we bear both a privilege and a burden to exercise our consciences and make choices that will and do affect the future of this great nation. The exercise of conscience and good judgment, however, is not merely something that faithful citizens take out and dust off every four years in anticipation of voting in presidential elections. The judicious adult is one who lives a discerning life, recognizing that, as the Greek philosopher Pythagoras maintained, “Choices are the hinges of destiny.” What we decide determines what we do, which determines who we are — as individuals, as a faith community and as a nation.”

For those ministering in Catholic health care, for example, the upcoming elections poses challenges because the goal for which the ministry has advocated for many years is under attack from a variety of sectors. Catholic health care, committed to the sanctity and dignity of life from conception to natural death, is furthermore committed to insuring that all persons... have a fundamental right to receive the health care necessary to becoming full and productive members of society. Opposed from both sides of the political spectrum, the conscientious, informed, faith-filled voter may feel as if he or she is trying to sail between the mythical monsters of Scylla and Charybdis. However, the rich belief that forms the foundation of our Catholic tradition provides guidance and insight even in increasingly troubled waters.

It is our duty as citizens to vote, but how we vote and for whom we vote is a topic for next week. Until then, God bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marryjo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 27th
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am
Men's Ministry
Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 3rd
1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 mass
Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, September 5th
9:00 am — 10:00 am 1st Thursday of every month
Holy Hour with Benediction

TICKET DEADLINE: Sunday, September 1st

Sunday, September 8th
5:00 pm — 7:00 pm
St. Anne's Annual BBQ & Picnic
Stanley Dollar Clubhouse

Wednesday, September 11th
9:30 am — 12:00 pm Retreat
Eucharistic Ministry and
Homebound/Adult Care Retreat
Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8/24	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 8/25	9:00 AM	† Elsa Yam
	11:00 AM	Special Intention: Mark V.
Monday 8/26	8:15 AM	† Richard Williams, Carm Da Silva & Gail Morrison
Tuesday 8/27	8:15 AM	† George Scaglia
Wednesday 8/28	8:15 AM	† Thomas Phelps
Thursday 8/29	8:15 AM	† Constance Cellucci
Friday 8/30	8:15 AM	† Rose Fung Ching Yip
Saturday 8/31	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake



Is your info up-to-date? Take a few minutes & fill out a new registration card & drop off at the rectory after mass. Registration cards available near each entrance of the church.

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18b

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69



Get the bulletin every week in your email before mass! Send a request to: rharmon@stanneswc.org

St. Anne's Fall BBQ Picnic
Presented by the St. Anne's Society

Featuring Musician:
Gloria McBeth

Sunday, September 8
5-7 pm
Stanley Dollar Patio &
Clubhouse
\$42/PP
Doors Open at 5 pm
No Early Birds!

Payment due by September 1:

Attn: Karen Kelly
3032 Rossmoor Parkway #8
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MINISTRIES

Environment	Nancy Herney	925-932-2324 Parish Office
	Gloria Beckett	
	Laura Smith	
	Karen Roland	
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	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. Continental breakfast will be served.

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



SCAN ME

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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.