



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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 Downen

## 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 & Thursday - 9 am - 12 pm

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

## Bulletin Reflection

I thank Fr. Leonard for giving me this opportunity to write this column this week. As I was prayerfully pondering, I came across the Saint of the Day, **St. Monica**. In honor of her Feast Day today ( August 27), I offer this reflection on St. Monica in hopes it will encourage everyone to persist in prayer. She is honored as the patron saint of wives, mothers, difficult marriages, and wayward children.

St. Monica stands as an example of the **Power of Persistent Prayer**. St. Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 urged his fellow Christians to, “**Pray without ceasing**,”. St. Monica prayed through years of tears and against all odds for her pagan husband and wayward son.

While she was still young, Monica was married off to a pagan man with a violent temper who was critical of her faith. She met his rage with patient kindness and by the end of his life, won him over to Christianity.

Monica’s brilliant son Augustine drove her to her knees because of his loose lifestyle and his love of Manicheism. Augustine challenged his mother to give up her faith to overcome the split between them, but she insisted that he was the one who was out of line. ***The more he strayed, the more she prayed and fasted and cried on his behalf.*** When she followed him to Rome, afraid he would never convert, he eluded her and moved to Milan, where he met St. Ambrose, under whose influence he eventually entered the Church. It was an answer to decades of his mother’s prayers. That son, who became Saint Augustine, later wrote gratefully of his mother: “***She said little, preached not at all, loved deeply, prayed without ceasing.***”

Monica had troubles of her own to battle. She’s not some self-righteous fanatic, she’s real.’ What really impressed me was that she didn’t wear her worry on her sleeve, moaning and nagging at her son. She took her tears to God and left them in his care, and she never stopped praying. Oftentimes, when we say a prayer, we expect that God will respond in some way, shape, or form right away. It’s important to remember, though, that the **response that we get from God isn’t always the one that we expect but it is the one that we need at that time**. While St. Monica was hoping for an instant response from God, this time in waiting and her own prayer was able to deepen her own faith so that when Augustine was ready, she could continue to guide him during his own journey similar to the steps that she took in her own.

In the Old Testament, **Hannah** caught the attention of the Lord through her tears and prayers long before there was a Monica or an Augustine. The Lord answered her request by sending her a son: the great judge and **prophet Samuel**. Like Monica, Hannah is known for her prayers; like Monica, her prayers contributed to the raising of a faithful, holy son. May their examples encourage us to redouble our prayers for the children in our care and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Prayer allows us to invite God into not just our own brokenness but also into the brokenness of others, to do his healing work. Saint Monica stands as proof of the power of love and tears and above all persistence in prayer. ***St. Monica, pray for us!***

*Janet Money*

## LOOKING AHEAD

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

1 PM- Parish Hall  
Part 2 - Bishop Barron's "The Mass"

September 7<sup>th</sup>

9 am - Holy Hour with Benediction

September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Greeters Weekend after all the masses  
Parish Center

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Chat

Guest Speaker—Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw  
10:00 AM- Parish Hall

**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)



### **Library News**

We appreciate everyone's generosity! Thanks also to all those who helped with the preparations and worked diligently during the sale!

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday 08/26	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 08/27	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Betty Baker † Mike Shannon † Dorothy McCulley
Monday 08/28	8:15 AM	† Patricia Shaw
Tuesday 08/29	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake
Wednesday 08/30	8:15 AM	† June. M. Ferreira
Thursday 08/31	8:15 AM	† Maria Hu
Friday 09/01	8:15 AM	† Fidel & Candelaria Supleo
Saturday 09/02	8:15 AM	† Souls in Purgatory

### **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 Gorzynski**.

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

Price \$40 per person.

**See Bulletin insert for details.**

**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	Simone LaDay
Edward Regan	Kathleen Clemons	Tom & Vicki Hughes
Ellen Stevens	Martin Keegan	Tom Mader
Ev Eaton	Michael Dunn	Vincent Riggio
Felice Santos	Mike Abell	Wayne & Maria Sylvia
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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## 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

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

#### Bishop Robert Barron's - 2-*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**.