

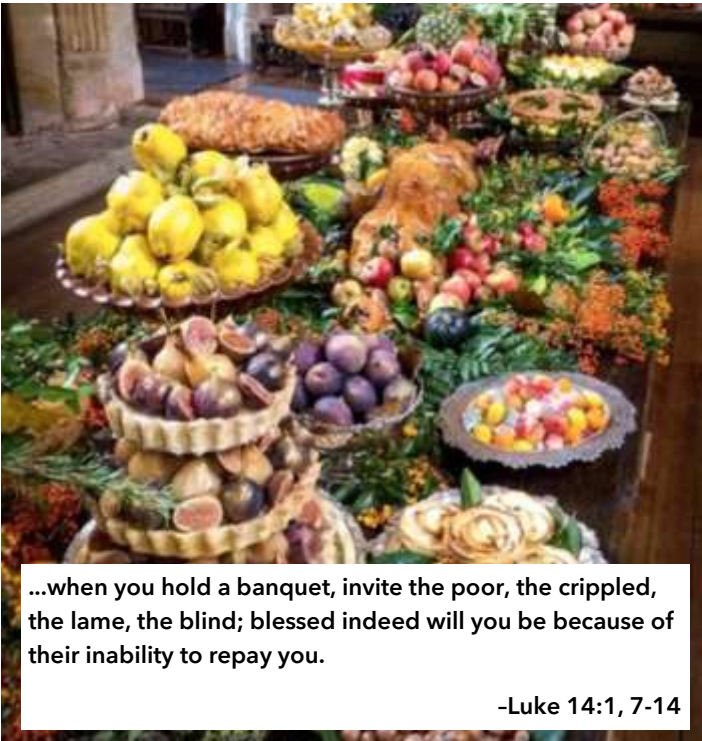
# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 31, 2025**



...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.

-Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am — 2:00 pm

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

## Sunday's Readings/Music:

1. Readings begin on page 208.
2. Hymns on page 338 (after the grey tabbed pages.)
3. Psalms follow the readings or may be noted with a Psalm # that can be looked up in the new missal past the hymns.

- Gathering: #320 Gather Us In
- 1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 (126C)
- Responsorial Psalm: 68  
**R:** God, in your goodness, you have made [a home,] a home for the poor.
- 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14
- Presentation of the Gifts: #663 Be Still, My Soul
- Communion: #370 Adore Te Devote
- Sending: #320 Gather Us In

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

"Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to unite in prayer and fasting... and calls for a "disarmed and disarming peace" in all places torn by armed conflict."

As our world continues to be wounded by wars - in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, and in other parts of the world - the Pope invited all the faithful to take part in "a day of prayer and fasting" for all those who suffer because of war, "imploring the Lord to grant us peace and justice, and to wipe away the tears of those who suffer because of ongoing armed conflicts. — Vatican News

Thomas Merton, one of my favorite religious, writes on many levels of peace, he writes in a way that emphasizes an interior peace:

"Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience." — Thomas Merton.

The holy father is asking us to pray and fast for peace in the world and peace in our homes. To pray for peace is an easy thing to do, there are established prayers one can recite or we can pray from the heart, using our own words that come to each and every one of us.

However, peace is a difficult thing to obtain, let alone maintain for very long. The three sins of hatred, jealousy and greed are the seeds that propagate war, and mistrust amongst nations, cultures and religion. How sad it is to see the world in such pain, turmoil and conflict brought on by governments that covet another's land for their resources.

In our Catholic faith and teachings, the seven cardinal or "deadly," sins in Catholic theology are pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth. These are considered "deadly" or "capital" because they are seen as vices that generate other sins and lead to immoral behavior, hindering a person's spiritual life and relationship with God.

So, what is our holy father asking of us? For Catholics, fasting is a collective penitential practice of self-discipline. In keeping with its biblical origins, it traditionally entails partial or complete abstinence from food or drink. During this time in world history and all that is going on in our world, the holy father is urging all of us to fast and pray and to keep in mind those suffering through conflicts and poverty, but also a poverty of spirit, a spiritual desert of sorts.

I just recently read an article in the secular news that "Gen. Zs" are flocking to the Catholic church. "Gen. Z is increasingly converting to Catholicism due to factors like a search for stability and "truth" in a chaotic world, a rejection of modern ideals, and a longing for traditional values and historical depth. Data from Harvard's Cooperative Election Study shows a significant increase in Gen. Z identifying as Catholic. Many young men are leading this trend, drawn to the faith's perceived order and timeless truths.

I find this ironic as we witness chaos and "disorder" in our society, we witness more people in every generation seeking a stable and strong foundation from which to grasp some order in their lives.

Pope Leo's clarion call for fasting and praying by opening our souls and hearts to Christ calling to participate in this worthwhile endeavor which also guides me to a higher understanding of my priestly vocation and to a greater appreciation what that means to myself and the community in which I serve. That is not only to share the abundance of material things we have in this nation, but to share ourselves in love with others. Prayer and fasting affords us a time to stop, even for just a moment, to clearly see God's plan for his sons and daughters and our relationship with others.

With the Holy Spirit guiding the church and us, let us remember to pray regularly for peace everywhere.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 2nd

1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass

Anointing of the Sick



Thursday, September 4th

Holy Hour with Benediction

1st Thursday of every month

9:00 am — 10:00 am

Sunday, September 7th

St. Anne's Fall BBQ 2025

4:30 pm—7:00 pm

Parish Hall



Tuesday, September 9th & 23rd

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

10:00 am

Men's Ministry

## Note From The Librarian:

This year's Annual Book sale generated \$730 for St. Anne's Church. God is good! Thank you to all who volunteered & purchased books!



Missing anything? Check our Lost & Found Monday—Thursday during office hours.

## PARISH FINANCIALS

July

### Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

July Donation *	\$	50,199
Budget Donation	\$	34,500
Excess / (shortfall)	\$	15,699
Year to date excess/(shortfall)	\$	36,347
Dev. Fund July donation	\$	2,335
Dev. Fund YTD excess/(shortfall)	\$	(4,457)

\* includes annual gift \$21,000

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8/30	5:00 PM	Parishioners and Benefactors
Sunday 8/31	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Elsa Yam Special Intention: Living and Deceased Members of the Kepler Family
Monday 9/1	8:15 AM	† Dominic Paul Ferrel
Tuesday 9/2	8:15 AM	† Maria Villegas
Wednesday 9/3	8:15 AM	† Isabel and Cassio Almeida
Thursday 9/4	8:15 AM	† Deceased Members of the Burkhardt and Hudacek Families
Friday 9/5	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Living and Deceased Members of the Vieira, Da Roza and Rodrigues Families
Saturday 9/6	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Nina and Paul Kepler

*Let us pray for all those who have recently passed away...*

† Josephine Cardaci      † Raymond Gorski  
 † Edward Emil Rinne      † Irene Gorski  
 † Elizabeth Jane Wydner      † Donna Tucker



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 MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL



Do you plan on traveling this weekend, next week, next month, next Summer, during the holidays?

You can always find the nearest Roman Catholic church & their local mass times at [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org).


  
**Welcome**  
*Glad you're here!*

A warm and hearty welcome to our newest parishioners!

Lori Stabli	Helen Yeh
Don & Gale Morneau	Sumner & Kristi Estes



The Grieving Ministry is on hiatus until October. In October, the meetings will then meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month, beginning 10/21.



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### Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK


Andrea Puccini	Larry Maday
Sheila Wilkins	Tom & Vicki Hughes
Pat Johnson	Ann Enright
Risha Armstrong	Cathy Bridges
Martin Keegan	William Egan
Zenaida Duque	Michael Dunn
Jannet Truvilla	Kathleen Rose
Lanton Yamashita	Charles Krystofiak
Shawn Ilardi	

**Names are on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish to be included, removed or continued for another 4 weeks, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.**

## GROCERY CARDS STILL NEEDED

Please continue purchasing grocery store gift cards for the St. Vincent De Paul food bank at St. Mary's in Walnut Creek.

**Please note the dollar amount on each gift card.** Gift cards can be dropped in the mailbox near the parish office window. Non-gift card donations can be placed in the bin outside St. Anne's Church, near the courtyard entrance. Thank you for your generosity.



**PROMISE TO PROTECT**  
**PLEDGE TO HEAL**

**BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.**

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the Bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your Arch/Diocese/eparchy is:

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