

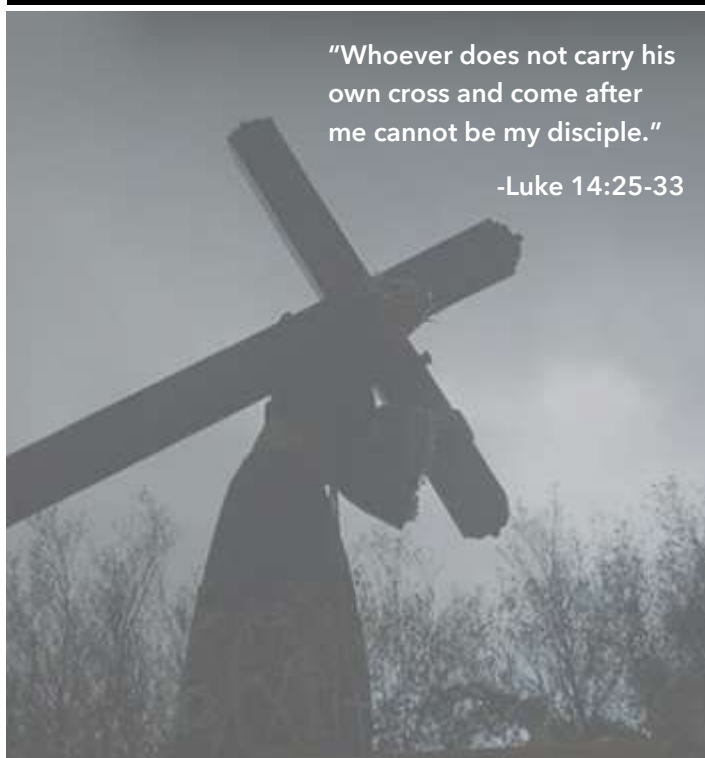
# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 7, 2025**



"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

-Luke 14:25-33

## 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 210
  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: #705 Lift High The Cross
  - 1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b (129c)
  - Responsorial Psalm: #463 In Every Age  
**R:** In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our refuge.
  - 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
  - Gospel Acclamation
  - Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
  - Presentation of the Gifts: #425  
Christians, Let Us Love One Another
  - Communion: #355 I Am The Bread of Life
  - Sending: #705 Lift High The Cross

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Today as I was perusing through the internet in search of something I hope will inspire you, I came across one of Thomas Merton's quotes I believe will be helpful as we continue our spiritual journey. Below is Merton's understanding on "the two opposite kinds of self-love":

It is not enough to turn away in disgust from my illusions and faults and mistakes, to separate myself from them as if they were not, and as if I were someone other than myself. This kind of self-annihilation is only a worse illusion, it is a pretended humility which, by saying "I am nothing" I mean in effect "I wish I were not what I am." [...]

To love our "nothingness," we must repudiate nothing that is our own, nothing that we have, nothing that we are. We must see and admit that it is all ours [...]  
To love our nothingness we must love everything in us that the proud man loves when he loves himself. But we must love it all for exactly the opposite reason. [...] [

The proud man loves himself because he thinks he is worthy of love and respect and veneration for his own sake. [...] Because he thinks he is more worthy to be honored and loved and revered than all other men. The humble man also loves himself, and seeks to be loved and honored, not because love and honor are *due to him* but because they are *not due to him*. He seeks to be loved by the mercy of God. He begs to be loved and helped by the liberality of his fellow men. Knowing that he has nothing he also knows that he *needs* everything [...]

The proud man loves his own illusion and self-sufficiency. The spiritually poor man loves his very self-insufficiency [...] [and] desires to be filled to overflowing with the kindness and mercy of God.

Hope this inspires you to love others, and to care for our brothers and sisters as though they themselves were Christ Himself.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 9th & 23rd  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month  
10:00 am  
Men's Ministry

Wednesday, October 1st  
Bible Study  
10:30 am  
Parish Hall



Are you new? Moving? Leaving the parish? Drop off an updated parishioner registration card at the office or call to deactivate your registration.



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

## THE LIFE OF A RETIRED PRIEST



Although responsibilities as a pastor may go away, the retired priests of the diocese continue to serve the people of God. Those who are able are serving wherever they are called. Those who are less able are serving in place. It is quite possible it might be a

“retired” priest celebrating Mass. Their readiness to serve has been witnessed time and again in the Diocese of Oakland this past year.

In parishes throughout the Oakland Diocese, the weekend of Sept. 6th and 7th, a second collection will be taken to support the Priest Retirement Fund. Supporting the collection is a way to thank them and honor them for their service. Please give generously.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9/6	5:00 PM	† Charles Williams Edwards
Sunday 9/7	9:00 AM	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:00 AM	† Scott Sievers
Monday 9/8	8:15 AM	† Isabel and Cassio Almeida
Tuesday 9/9	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena † Raymond Shaw & Family
	8:15 AM	† Isabel and Cassio Almeida
Thursday 9/11	8:15 AM	Special Intention: All First Responders
Friday 9/12	8:15 AM	† Maria Villegas
Saturday 9/13	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Noelani, Serena and Noah Santos

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

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| † Josephine Cardaci     | † Raymond Gorski |
| † Edward Emil Rinne     | † Irene Gorski   |
| † Elizabeth Jane Wydner | † Donna Tucker   |
| † Bunk Sicotte          | † Ida Castillo   |


St. Mary Church  
**International FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025  
5:00PM - 8:00PM

Delicious FOOD  
Family FUN  
Entertainment & GAMES

 A warm and hearty welcome to our newest parishioners!

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

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

 Bible Study returns 10/1 at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall! This year's subject is the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Torah. \$25 for workbook/materials. Sign up at the rectory during office hours.

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You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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

**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.**

St. Mary's celebrates its 140th Jubilee Year with an International Festival taking place on October 4th from 5 pm to 8 pm.




Indian, Filipino, Italian, and Mexican food will be available.

Entertainment for all and games for the kids!

More information at [www.stmary-wc.org/Events](http://www.stmary-wc.org/Events)

**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 [archdioceseofparish.org](http://archdioceseofparish.org) is:

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