



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 15, 2024**

WHO DO YOU SAY

I AM?



## 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

What a great time to be alive. Despite all the rumblings happening in our world, I remain optimistic about the future of our country and Church. "Why Father?", one might ask. To the average Joe and Josephine, it seems like there is chaos everywhere. The sound of war and political divisiveness is rampant everywhere, especially when we turn on the TV or radio. There is a cacophony of doomsday and naysayers spewing negativity everywhere and then there are those who refuse to acknowledge reality by shunning facts and figures to satisfy a false narrative that is popular amongst the young.

One of the many wonderful things about our country is the strength we derive from our diversity and differences. Sadly, however, we are becoming a nation of tribes, class and special interest groups focusing primarily on individuals rather than as a whole. Yet through it all, we can still find some common ground to agree upon and the ability to listen and respect various points of view; though even that is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve. These attributes are what make our nation unique in all the history of the world. I am optimistic for us as a people. I never see things as half empty nor do I judge others by appearance but come to understand an individual by the context of their character.

If one truly professes their faith in Christ and His Church, then one should be as optimistic as myself. Let's look at our current situation. But before doing that, let's look at the differences between being optimistic and faithful. Again and again in the Bible, references are made to joy, faith, optimism. "These things," Jesus said, "have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15: 11) Take optimism, therefore, as medicine for the body, mind and soul. Christ is our spiritual doctor in that He comforts us in our times of need. He guides us to Him by way of His Word and Body through the Mass and Scripture. Christ is our companion in this life and the next. So, I take comfort knowing this fact.

I'm writing this as I know many of you are weighing your choice for the upcoming presidential election and many of us are questioning the choices presented to us. I am not going to suggest or influence you or even recommend a candidate as that is not my business. No. That is something for you to determine for yourself by what each candidate is bringing to the table. This also involves praying and discerning your vote by your conscience and freewill as a citizen of this nation. I know who I'm voting for and believe me this election will not be an easy choice to make, but one we ought to make or not.

I love this country and all she represents. I love our republic, our constitution and the freedoms each of us is endowed by God. However, we must be cautious and be ever vigilant as President Reagan once said, "we are only one generation away from freedom". Let us pray as we enter into the Fall and a season of political uncertainty. Remember, Christmas is only three months away. God bless!

*Fr. Leonard L. Marryjo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 23rd

1:00 pm

Faith Formation Movie: "The Visitor"

Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 24th

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am

Men's Ministry

Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 25th

11:00 am—12:00 pm

Lecture Series: "Whose Mass Is it?"

Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 25th

Feast Day

Anniversary of Dedication of the Cathedral

Wednesday, October 2nd

9:00 am Breakfast, 9:30 am — 12:00 pm Retreat

Eucharistic Ministry and  
Homebound/Adult Care Retreat

Parish Hall

Thursday, October 24th

11:00 am

Grieving Ministry

Parish Hall

### Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



USCCB DAILY  
READINGS

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

9/14

5:00  
PM

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday

9/15

9:00  
AM

† Lea Kelly

11:00  
AM

† Bobby Diver

Monday

9/16

8:15  
AM

† Marie Murphy

Tuesday

9/17

8:15  
AM

† Ivan Natividad

Wednesday

9/18

8:15  
AM

† Petra Sumptra

Thursday

9/19

8:15  
AM

† Robert (Bob) Cuenin

Friday

9/20

8:15  
AM

† Rose Fung Ching Yip

Saturday

9/21

8:15  
AM

† Agnes Mu

## FROM THE ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY



Thanks to all who attended the Fall Picnic last Sunday. It was a great afternoon, in spite of the very warm weather. Many attendees dined in the lovely interior of the Dollar house, while others chose to enjoy the evening in the garden. The food was plentiful and delicious, and the

ambiance was joyful. Congratulations to all of the workers, especially the St Anne's Society board and the Baker family.

It is time to acknowledge the leadership of Joe Celucci and Mary Beth Hodge, who are retiring after several years of selfless energy and generous leadership. As you have heard mentioned, we have some new board members, as well as those staying on, but we still need a chief! Call Fr Leonard or one of the board members if you have any questions.

The Society is responsible for the many social and fundraising events that all parishioners and guests are welcome to enjoy all year. Not to mention that the Society just donated more than \$18,000 as a result of the Bazaar and social events to various charities and St Anne's Church.



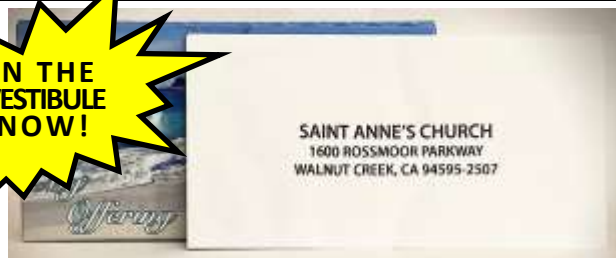
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Send a request to:  
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## MINISTRIES

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
	John Hertzner	
Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
Parish Council	Paul Molloy	925-323-0730
Parish Finance	Peter Newell	925-891-4479
St. Anne's Society	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
Ushers	Penny Corempas	925-938-3543

## DON'T FORGET THE ENVELOPES!

**IN THE  
VESTIBULE  
NOW!**



The new liturgical year's offering envelopes are now in the vestibule. Only registered parishioners will receive personalized envelopes.

If you have not yet registered, registration cards are available at all church entrances.

### PARISH FINANCIALS

August 2024

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

August Donation	\$	30,008
Budget Donation	\$	29,750
Excess / (shortfall)	\$	258
Year to date excess/(shortfall) *	\$	18,606
Development Fund Aug donation	\$	1,406
Dev Fund Year to date excess	\$	1,701

\* includes bequests \$13,865



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

*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.