



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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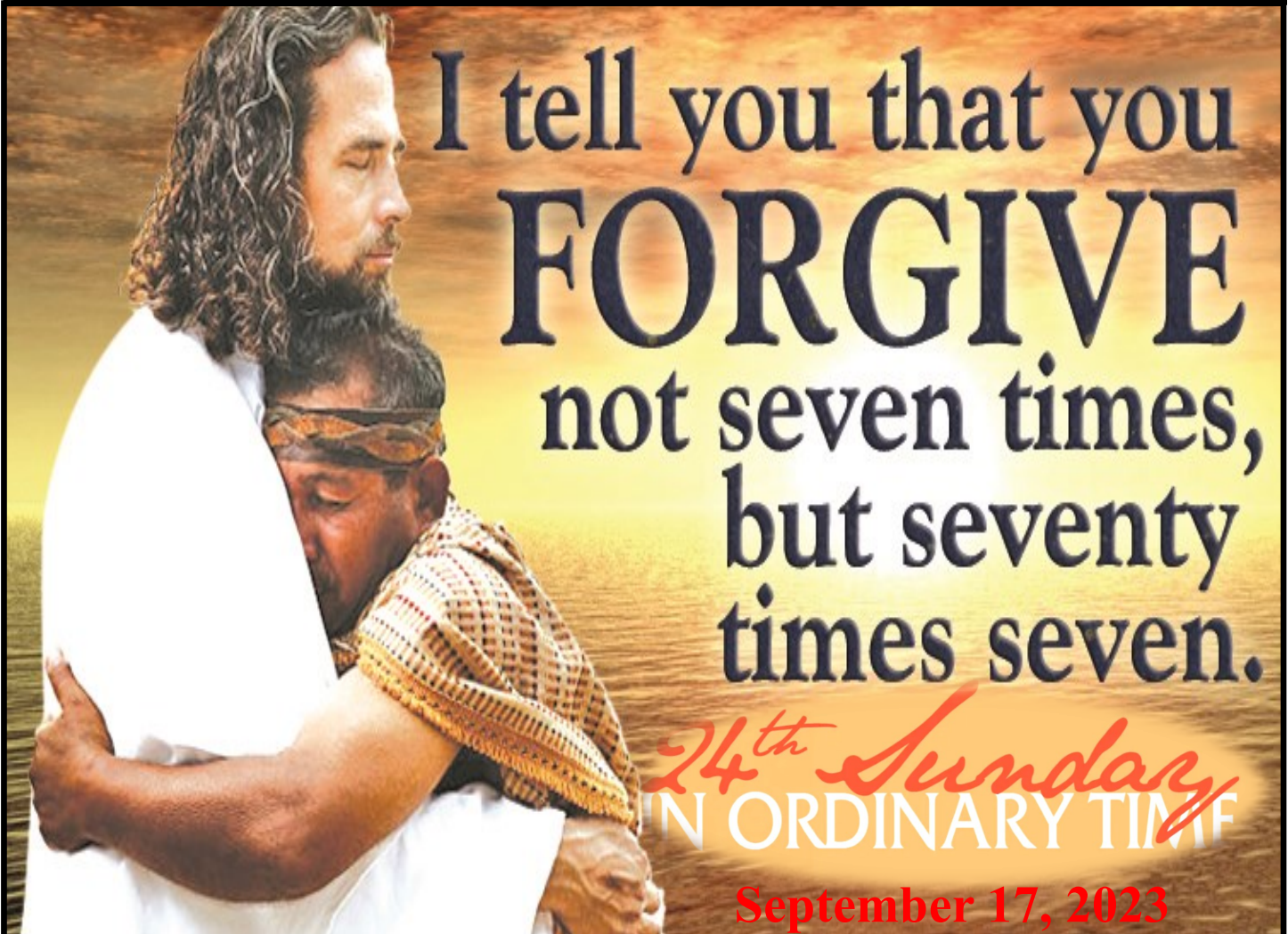
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## PARISH STAFF

*Pastor.* Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Residence: Rev. George DaRoza

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Bookkeeper: Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Organist: Sheila Wilkins

Cantor: Gina Dowen

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am – 4:30 pm

Friday 9 am – 1:00 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

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The last two weeks I had two of our parish members write for this column, with many of you enjoying the change of perspective. So, with that, I decided I will again seek someone from our community to contribute to this space, giving us all an opportunity to hear and appreciate someone other than your pastor's point of view.

As many of you know, starting this weekend and extending to next Saturday, I will be at my annual retreat at the New Clairvaux Trappist monastery in the little "town" of Vina, California. Vina? Where's Vina, you ask? Vina is located two hours north of Sacramento. It is really just a two-building village consisting of a grocery store/post office/sheriff substation and a volunteer fire station down the street a spell. All of which is in the middle of walnut and almond groves.

Each year as priests and religious, we are encouraged and are required by canonical law to attend to our spiritual needs which include, generally speaking, a seven- or ten-day retreat, away from the parish or religious community.

The last two years my retreats were spent with my brother priests in some beautiful areas of the California coast. But this year I felt that the Holy Spirit was directing me on a different path altogether. If you have not visited the monks in their beautiful space, I highly recommend you do and take in the beauty and spirituality of the place. It is really quite comforting. The monks are delightful and friendly. They pray seven times a day and rise very early in the morning to begin their day. As for myself, I look forward to spending a quiet, peaceful, and prayerful time with them.

Many have asked, *what is it you do at a retreat? What is the purpose and is it like a vacation?* First, it's not like a vacation. A retreat, instead, refreshes and revitalizes oneself, it gives the retreatant an opportunity for time spent in prayer and contemplation, and rekindles and deepens one's relationship with God. One may take this opportunity to hear God's call more clearly and to seek God's healing grace and thereby attain a degree of spiritual renewal. Retreats allow us to dedicate time to the Lord and restore ourselves so that we might be better disciples of Christ. Without this necessary and holy rest, we are quick to burn out in our missionary work as disciples. Not only that, the time spent re-focuses our attention on the needs of our parishioners and rejuvenates and deepens our love of God and community.

I am grateful to you and my church for allowing me this time away, to better understand my vocation as your pastor and a priest of Jesus Christ and to find the silence I so crave and need before the high holy days arrive. Remember, Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us.

I will keep you all in my prayers as I ask that you do the same for me and my religious brothers and sisters as many of them will be taking their retreats in the next few weeks and months. *May God keep you in His embrace and peace.*

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> - Men's Ministry**

10 AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study**

10:30 AM – St. Anne's 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

### Library News

There is a collection of free Bibles available from the Library which will be open Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

### PARISH FINANCIALS

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| August 2023 Plate collections, |          |
| donations gifts and bequests   | \$38,106 |
| Excess over budget - August    | \$706    |
| YTD Excess over budget         | \$24,685 |
| Developmt fund YTD August      | \$19,341 |
| YTD Shortfall Dev. Fund        | (\$660)  |

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| <b>Bishop's Appeal</b> YTD donation | \$10,996 |
| % of Goal                           | 38.5%    |

~~ Development Fund is restricted for improvement ~~  
 ~~ of St. Anne's buildings and grounds ~~

**Thank you for your stewardship!**

### **St. Anne's Society Christmas Bazaar**

**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.

**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)



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## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

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|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Saturday<br>09/16  | 5:00 PM             | Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors                        |
| Sunday<br>09/17    | 9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM | † Msgr. Leon Degner<br>† Lea Kelly<br>† Jack & Peter Smith |
| Monday<br>09/18    | 8:15 AM             | † Souls in Purgatory                                       |
| Tuesday<br>09/19   | 8:15 AM             | † Emily Martinez   |
| Wednesday<br>09/20 | 8:15 AM             | † Susan Ting   |
| Thursday<br>09/21  | 8:15 AM             | † Nina David   |
| Friday<br>09/22    | 8:15 AM             | † Cassio Albino  |
| Saturday<br>09/23  | 8:15 AM             | Sp. Int. Candice Roman-Santos                              |

### Yearly Box of Donation Envelopes



Your new box of donation envelopes is available for pick up in the Church Vestibule.

The boxes are in alphabetical order. It takes just a moment to get your box.

We appreciate your cooperation!

### QUEEN OF HEAVEN FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES

Invites you to attend their Final LUNCH & LEARN event.

If you are still undecided about casket burial or cremation, have questions, or just want to know what your options are, our staff at Queen of Heaven would like to help you.

All attendees will receive complimentary planning tools and we will be serving a wonderful lunch!

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

WHERE: Queen of Heaven  
 (On-site Reception Room)  
 1965 Reliez Valley Rd.  
 Lafayette, CA 94549

TIME: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Please R.S.V.P. by calling Kate Lane at (925) 932-0900 X 625 or email your R.S.V.P. to [klane@cfcsoakland.org](mailto:klane@cfcsoakland.org)

God Bless You!



| MINISTRIES             |                                 |                               |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Altar Servers          | Charles Cobb                    | 925-705-7143                  |
| Eucharistic Ministers  | Charles Cobb                    | 925-705-7143                  |
| Greeters Weekend       | Mary Beth Hodge<br>Lupe Roberts | 925-954-1158<br>925-322-8798  |
| Homebound              | Evelyn Noriega                  | 510-386-1573                  |
| Library                | Odile Crandall                  | 925-937-2643                  |
| Facility Maintenance   | Keith Crandall<br>Bob Martini   | 925-932-2324<br>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    | Felice Santos     | Pamela Maria         |
| Bob Pape          | Fr. Anthony Chang | Patricia Carey       |
| Bonnie Walsh      | Hogey Hogenboom   | Pat Roland           |
| Caroline George   | Jannet Tuvilla    | Robert DeGraca       |
| Carolyn Collins   | Jason Navaro      | Richard Daniels      |
| Carter Whitlatch  | Jeff Westerfield  | Rick Williams        |
| Cass Candell      | Joe Cellucci      | Robert Kraftschik    |
| Cathy Grimesey    | John Statz        | Robin Duggan         |
| Cheryl Spitz      | Jordan Navaro     | Ron Barajas          |
| Chris Ramirez     | Josay Hayes       | Sandra Chafe         |
| Christine Bridges | Karen Salchett    | Tom & Vicki Hughes   |
| Debbie Campbell   | Karl Kropp        | Tom Mader            |
| Edward Regan      | Kathleen Clemons  | Vincent Riggio       |
| Elaine Chiou      | Martin Keegan     | Wayne & Maria Sylvia |
| Ellen Stevens     | Michael Dunn      |                      |
| Ev Eaton          | Mike Abell        |                      |

*If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151*

### **BULLETIN SPONSOR**

This month's bulletin is sponsored by one of our parishioners. Please contact Parish Office if you can be a sponsor.

THIS  
PARISH  
LIFE

WITH FR. LEONARD MARRAS

Please visit our parish website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org) for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of "This Parish Life" by Fr. Leonard.



Our guest speakers for the 2023 series of talks come from various religious orders in the church who wish to share with us their particular spirituality of their respective communities. It is the desire that these talks aid you in your own spiritual journey.

Come join us for this spiritual adventure and fellowship.

Sept. 11: Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv.

Oct. 9: Fr. John Ettensohn, OMI

Nov. 13: Sr. Fay Pele, FSP

Dec. 11: Fr. Michael Castori, S.J.

All lectures begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

A goodwill donation of \$5.00 per person is suggested or a Safeway gift card is always welcome.

All proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

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