



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Twenty-Fifth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

September 22, 2024



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

This past week I posted on the parish Facebook page my frustrations in finding a topic to write about and share with you. A friend of mine whom I've known for some time, made a suggestion that truly appealed to my sense of whimsy.

On Monday of last week, I was observing some adolescent squirrels running back and forth from my backyard to the side of the parish church. As I looked closer, I noticed they were collecting nuts for the coming Winter. They were preparing for the long, cold winter that is ahead of us. As I posted this scene along with my frustration on writing, a friend suggested to me that I write about the spirituality of squirrels. Now I know this sounds a bit strange, nevertheless this piqued my curiosity. As Alice in the looking glass quips, "curiouser and curiouser".

What I came to find out and to my surprise, is there have been numerous articles written on this subject. Below is a brief quote I found on the internet regarding this subject:

"Beyond resourcefulness, the squirrel epitomizes preparation. In its diligent gathering of nuts and seeds for the winter months, the squirrel showcases the value of planning ahead and being prepared for the future. What is the spiritual significance of squirrels?"

Spiritually, squirrels are symbols of resourcefulness, adaptability, playfulness, and organization. Dreaming of a squirrel may be a sign to take on more responsibilities or adopt a positive thinking mindset. If you see a squirrel in person, stay positive and don't give up on your dreams."

I thought this was an interesting thing to write about. But how can we understand this within the context of our Catholic Christian belief? Is there a correlation between this and Christ' message? Or am I just playing fancy free with this idea?

The concept of preparedness, however, is nothing new; in fact, long before the word "survivalist" became part of our modern lexicon, the Bible encouraged the wise man to study the dangers ahead, and then take precautions to protect themselves and their family from those threats.

Preparation in our Christian tradition also means to prepare our soul for the day we meet our maker and the judgement that surely will come. As human beings we tend to shy away from any discussion of death, so then we lack any sort of preparation when death does come. Now what I mean by this is not the arrangement of our funeral, such as buying the casket, finding the right readings and music for the mass and reserving the hall for our wake. What I'm alluding to is the actual preparation of one's soul for the deeper and existential understanding of our relationship to death and our interconnection to God and His Son. We know that Jesus died to make atonement for our sins. Because of His sacrifice we can have a relationship with God and eternal life through Him. Preparing for the inevitable is crucial for our well-being, and for peace of mind knowing we will share in the inheritance of the kingdom of God.

As Fr. Dan Danielson said on numerous occasions, "make sure your bags are packed, you never know when it's time to leave".

Take care my brothers and sisters. Prepare and be ready!!!!

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Monday, September 23rd 1:00 pm Faith Formation Movie: "The Visitor" Parish Hall</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 24th 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am Men's Ministry Parish Hall</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 25th 11:00 am—12:00 pm Lecture Series: "Whose Mass Is it?" Parish Hall</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 25th Feast Day Anniversary of Dedication of the Cathedral</p>
<p>Saturday, September 28th— Sunday, September 29th Mission Co-Op</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 1st 1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass Anointing of the Sick</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 2nd 9:00 am Breakfast, 9:30 am — 12:00 pm Retreat Eucharistic Ministry and Homebound/Adult Care Retreat Parish Hall</p>

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
 2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3
 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



Pizza

BINGO

SAVE THE DATE!

October 14

Pizza Bingo

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9/21	5:00 PM	† Edward Low
Sunday 9/22	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors † Elsa Yam
Monday 9/23	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Candice Santos
Tuesday 9/24	8:15 AM	† Luis Peraez Vitek
Wednesday 9/25	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake
Thursday 9/26	8:15 AM	† Rita Da Roza
Friday 9/27	8:15 AM	† Rose Fung Ching Yip
Saturday 9/28	8:15 AM	† Cirilo Roman

PASSIONIST MISSIONARIES

The Passionist Missionaries goal is to promote the memory of the Passion of Jesus Christ by witnessing and preaching to the sufferings of our time. Through their projects in Kenya, they are able to evangelize and promote integral human development. Their projects involve programs and activities for alleviating poverty and foster social justice and economic empowerment of the communities they serve. They have 36 seminarians, they run two orphanages with 70 orphans, and they support poor widows in their rural missions. They organize and preach retreats for both religious and lay Faithful. Your generous support will help them to continue in their mission affecting a positive change in people's daily lives and the hope for a better tomorrow. Fr. Evans Fwamba Cp will share their mission story Sept 28-29, 2024 Please visit our orphans, widows, Seminarians and Passionists www.Passionistskenya.org

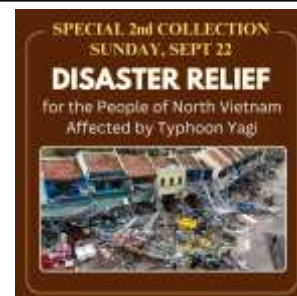


MINISTRIES

Environment	Nancy Herney Gloria Beckett Laura Smith	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility/ Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini John Hertzner	925-932-2324 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	Penny Corempas	925-938-3543

2nd COLLECTION: TYPHOON YAGI

The Oakland Diocese has a special relationship with the Hai Phong Diocese in Vietnam that has sent us Fathers Anthony Huong Van Le & Thi Van Hoang. Vietnam has been devastated by Typhoon Yagi with widespread flooding, landslides, deaths and missing loved ones. Families are without shelter, crops have been decimated and infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed. Please donate generously to help our sister diocese. Please make checks payable to the "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland" and add "Vietnam Disaster Relief" in the memo area.



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



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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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



New Liturgical Year Mass Intention Calendar Opens October 1st.