



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### October 22, 2023



Render therefore unto Caesar the  
things which are Caesar's; and  
unto God the things that are  
God's.

— Matthew 22:21

#### PARISH STAFF

*Pastor:* Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

**Priest in Residence:** Rev. George DaRoza

**Off./Min. Coordinator:** Janet Money

**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

## Bulletin Reflection

Recently I had the opportunity to discuss with someone who is searching to deepen their faith in the *real presence of Christ in the bread and wine*. It was a rather difficult but rewarding conversation as it gave me a chance to think about my own understanding of what the church means by real presence; are we talking figuratively or literally?

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* for example states:

“The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as ‘the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend.’ In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained*.’ ‘This presence is called ‘real’ - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be ‘real’ too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God, and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.” CCC: 1374

This explanation to most of us would substantiate what we as Catholics believe. But there are still those in need of further convincing of this sacrament. As I have come to know this person, I realized early on that if he is going to appreciate and come to understand and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament, he is going to have to convince himself of this reality.

From the Church's early days, the Fathers referred to Christ's presence in the Eucharist. “Ignatius roundly declares that . . . [t]he bread is the flesh of Jesus, the cup his blood. Clearly, he intends this realism to be taken strictly, for he makes it the basis of his argument against the Docetists' denial of the reality of Christ's body. . . . Irenaeus teaches that the bread and wine are really the Lord's body and blood. His witness is, indeed, all the more impressive because he produces it quite incidentally while refuting the Gnostic and Docetic rejection of the Lord's real humanity”.

It is rather difficult to wrap one's mind around this notion of the real presence, but one must keep in mind that this, like the trinity and the divinity of Christ, are examples of “mystery” and with that to believe is to have a strong faith in these teachings. I suppose in our scientific and secular culture one cannot explain these phenomena in a coherent and plausible manner so as to convince modern humans of its reality.

So, the question is how does one help an individual to believe in the real presence? You can try, but ultimately the individual, along with the Holy Spirit, are on this journey together; the search is his or hers alone. As people of faith, all we can do is assist them with our prayers and hope they'll find what they're searching for. Amen.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - Rosary, Our Lady of Fatima  
12 PM – St. Anne's Church

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - Men's Ministry  
10AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - No Bible Study

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - Ministry Training  
11 AM – 12.30 PM at St. Annes Church  
Refresher & training for seasoned & new recruits

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Movie  
1 PM – Nightmare Before Christmas  
Join for movie and treats

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Day  
8:15 AM – Mass - Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Soul Day  
8:15 AM – Mass & Novena

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
-Daylight saving Time Ends.

Remember to "Fall Back", Set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday; you will get an extra hour of sleep!

## At St. Anne's

**All Souls Novena - Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Masses from Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, will be offered for the intentions of All Souls and for all our intentions in the envelopes placed by the Altar.

### The Book of Remembrance

Will be in the back of the Church. You are invited to enter the names of your loved ones whom you would like to be remembered on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November.

**Greeters Weekend coming Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

As we approach November, a time of thanks, we are grateful for the wonderful volunteers we have in this parish. Greeters Weekend is a good example of those who have a heart to serve. Please come over to the Parish Center after Mass to enjoy the treats these dedicated parishioners prepare FOR YOU. Show your support, have a bite to eat and visit with friends...our Church family.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 10/21	5:00 PM	Sp.Int. Brandon & Nicole Bailey Sp.Int. Abraham Burciaga
Sunday 10/22	9:00 AM	† Vicenta dela Cruz † Robert Donaldson † Daniel Dorrian
	11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday 10/23	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Elvira & Carlos Ferrer
Tuesday 10/24	8:15 AM	† Bernie Gosky
Wednesday 10/25	8:15 AM	† Walter Doyle Jr.
Thursday 10/26	8:15 AM	† Carlos Marrujo
Friday 10/27	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of Ornellis & Jake families
Saturday 10/28	8:15 AM	† William Curran † Leslie Ouyang † Elliot Lipof



**When : October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Where : St. Anne's Church**

**Time : Saturday, 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

**Who Should participate?**

**Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Ushers and Altar Care**



## MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge	925-954-1158
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini	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	Fran Long	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.

**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)

**Parking :** Kindly note that vehicles parked overnight in the church parking lot without proper notification to the Parish office will be towed at the expense of the owner.

**THIS  
PARISH  
LIFE**  
WITH FR. LEONARD MARRIO

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.

## St. Anne's Society News

"Christmas Bazaar" is being sponsored again on **December 2 & 3** by the St. Anne's Society.

This is always a big fundraiser for our church plus many other charities.

## Volunteers are needed!

Please call Gale Lydecker at 925-937-7748 to ask how you can help. Also send a photo or email to [barbaratours@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaratours@yahoo.com) for a treasure that we might use for the silent auction. This includes ball-game tickets, gift certificates, vacation home use and much more.

For jewelry items, please email [glydecker@msn.com](mailto:glydecker@msn.com) for pick up.

**Thanks in advance to everyone. This event is a huge endeavor, involving many parishioners. Please do not hesitate to call Gale.**

**JAPAN CRUISE** aboard the beautiful Westerdam of Holland America Line, is being sponsored by St Anne's Society, **April 13 - 27, 2024**. For more information please call Gale Lydecker at 925-937-7748.

Space is already going quickly. A donation from each reservation will benefit the St Anne's Society.

## Annual Mass Count.

At all weekend masses in October, ushers will be taking a headcount, as we do each year. This takes place in every parish in the Diocese.



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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Edward Regan	Jeanette Martini	Lois Belmessieri	Rick Williams
Bob Pape	Elaine Chiou	Jeff Westerfield	Mark Suprachauna	Robert Kraftschik
Caroline George	Elaine Chiesa	Joe Cellucci	Martin Keegan	Robin Duggan
Carter Whitlatch	Ellen Stevens	John Statz	Michael Dunn	Ron Barajas
Cass Candell	Ev Eaton	Jordan Navaro	Mike Abell	Tom & Vicki Hughes
Cathy Grimesey	Felice Santos	Josay Hayes	Pamela Maria	Wayne & Maria Sylvia
Cheryl Spitz	Fr. Anthony Chang	Kathleen Rose	Patricia Carey	
Chris Ramirez	George Slinsen	Karen Salchett	Pat Roland	
Cathy Bridges	Hogey Hogenboom	Karl Kropp	Robert DeGraca	
Debbie Campbell	Jannet Tuvilla	Kathleen Clemons	Richard Daniels	

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