

# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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All Souls' Day

November 2, 2025



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## 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 228
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: #708 For All The Saints
- 1st Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9
- Responsorial Psalm: 23  
**R:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
- 2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-9
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel: John 6:37-40
- Presentation of the Gifts: #450 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- Sanctus: #842
- Pater Noster: #845
- Communion: #210 Humbly, Lord, We Worship You
- Sending: #206 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

I'm taking a rest from writing "A Word from the Pastor". Here is a very good reflection by *D.D. Emmons, August 26, 2024.*

It seems unusual that our Church liturgical calendar schedules two major celebrations on days that are back-to-back. But that is precisely the situation with the solemnity of All Saints, a liturgical feast, and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls), a liturgical observance.

During these early November celebrations, those of us still living (the Church militant) unite our hearts with, and in a special way remember, the faithful departed, whether they be in heaven (Church triumphant) or in purgatory (Church suffering).

All Saints' Day, which began most likely as All Martyrs' Day, can be traced to the earliest Christians. By the third century, the followers of Christ were annually honoring their brothers and sisters who had given their lives while witnessing for and defending Jesus Christ. Typically, on the anniversary of a martyr's death, those living would gather to remember and offer prayers at the tomb or place where the deceased had died. Tombs were sometimes decorated and altars built over the tomb. "From the third century the anniversary of a martyr's death, called his 'birthday,' was commemorated at his grave by a celebration". The belief among the first Christians, which continues today, is that believers who died defending Christ were borne by angels to heaven and are face-to-face with the living God, in the presence of the beatific vision.

In those first centuries, especially during the savage reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, there were more and more Christians who accepted death at the hands of the Romans rather than deny Christ, rather than worship false gods or the personage of the emperor. Additionally, others who had publicly confessed their Christian faith and somehow survived the Romans, were also honored. Thus, the number of martyrs and confessors became greater than the opportunities to give each one an anniversary celebration, and the need for a common feast day was recognized. By the fifth century there is evidence of locations, such as in Antioch, where the fledgling Church had set aside the first Sunday following Pentecost to collectively honor these holy and courageous people.

Today, All Saints' Day is a solemnity and holy day of obligation on which the universal Church honors the martyrs, the saints and the confessors, including all known and unknown, all who have gained the reward of heaven.

In the Old Testament's Second Book of Maccabees, written around 100 B.C., Judas Maccabeus orders his army to pray and offer sacrifices on behalf of their fallen comrades. Tombs found in the Roman catacombs are inscribed with prayer requests for the deceased. The second-century writer Tertullian wrote in an essay, "Monogamy," about a woman praying for her deceased spouse: "Indeed she prays for his soul and asks that he may, while waiting, find rest; and that he may share in the first resurrection. And each year, on the anniversary of his death, she offers the sacrifice."

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, evolved onto the Church calendar long after All Saints' Day. Sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo, the abbot at the Benedictine Monastery in Cluny, France, encouraged all the monks to pray for the souls of those who had died, those waiting the joys of heaven. He instituted this commemoration on the day after All Saints' Day, and soon other religious orders and churches began, on that same date, to annually remember all who had died. Remembering and praying for the faithful departed is tied directly to our belief in purgatory.

On All Souls' Day, the universal Church prays for all those in purgatory, people who were much like us, whose offense may have been less than ours. By pleading for them, we are inspired to lead purer lives. On that day, and during the entire month of November, we remember our departed brethren as we go to the cemetery where they are buried, attain indulgences for them, give alms, do some good work, ask for Masses to be said in remembrance, all on behalf of those close to us and to others we may have neglected during the year.

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, November 4th**  
**1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass**

**Anointing of the Sick**

**Wednesday, November 5th**

**Every Wednesday**

**Bible Study**

**10:30 am—11:30 am**

**Parish Hall**

**Thursday, November 6th**

**1st Thursday of every month at 9:00**

**Holy Hour with Benediction**

**Tuesday, November 11th**

**Veteran's Day —Parish Office Closed**

**Wednesday, November 12th**

**Every Wednesday**

**Bible Study**

**10:30 am—11:30 am**

**Parish Hall**

## DID YOU GET YOUR TICKETS?

St. Anne's Society sent out a mailer with raffle tickets and information on the Bake Sale, Jewelry Shop and Silent Auction. This mailer was sent to all **REGISTERED parishioners**. If you would like to register and/or get a mailer, drop your registration form at the rectory office today!



## VOLUNTEER AT THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

- Set-up: December 2nd-5th (Tuesday—Friday)
- Bazaar Days: December 6th & 7th (Saturday & Sunday)
- Clean-up: December 8th (Monday)



Please call or visit the rectory office to sign up!

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> 11/1	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Parishioners and Benefactors</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 11/2	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b> <b>All Souls Novena</b>
<b>Monday</b> 11/3	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 11/4	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 11/5	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 11/6	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>
<b>Friday</b> 11/7	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 11/8	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>

# 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 someone 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 (arch)diocese/eparchy is:

Sr. Dorothy Peterson, FCJ  
 (510) 267-8344 dpeterson@oakdiocese.org





A warm and hearty welcome to our newest parishioners!

Eric and LeeAnne Kaniut	Howard and Nancy Hutto
Barbara Korfhage	Daniel and Marlene Orsot
Fred and Angela Lloyd	Pat and Ann Cain
Kathleen Kamian	Colette Couch
Robert Vetro	



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### Litany of the Faithful Departed

Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who has passed away.

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Michael Dunn
Sheila Wilkins	Claudia Marek
Risha Armstrong	Ursula Gordon
Shawn Ilardi	Henry Fasquelle
Charles Krystofiak	Martin Keegan
Kathleen Rose	Cathy Bridges

**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.**

Bible Study welcomes late registrants. Swing by the rectory office during office hours to sign up. There is a \$25 fee for book/materials.



The subject for this year is the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Torah.

#### UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY DATES:

- Wednesday, 11/5
- Wednesday, 11/12
- Wednesday, 11/19
- NO BIBLE STUDY ON 11/26
- NO BIBLE STUDY ON 12/3
- Wednesday, 12/10
- Wednesday 1/14

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

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| † Josephine Cardaci     | † Raymond Gorski |
| † Edward Emil Rinne     | † Irene Gorski   |
| † Elizabeth Jane Wydner | † Donna Tucker   |
| † Bunk Sicotte          | † Ida Castillo   |
| † Francis Carion        | † Dick McLean    |
| † Barbara Schurhoff     |                  |

## LAST CALL!

The offering envelopes are in the foyer of the parish hall. They will be removed after this weekend, November 2nd. Please pick up your envelopes today!