



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 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

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

I've often been asked what the Origins of Thanksgiving are and are Catholics encouraged to participate in this holiday that is seemingly religious and secular. As I was pondering this question and as I was crafting a good explanation of this holiday, I came across this wonderfully written article from Michael R. Heinlein, the editor of "Simply Catholic." So, I thought I would share his insightful and delightful article which I think will make things clear as for its origin and how our Catholic faith was behind its inception. Enjoy. Fr. L.

"The very heart of Christian worship takes its name from the Greek word expressing thanks. Eucharist means thanksgiving. It goes without saying, then, that thanksgiving is a rather significant aspect of what the Mass is all about. And there is no real separation of church and state where the celebration of Thanksgiving is considered. Citizens of the United States have celebrated Thanksgiving, at least informally, since before the country's inception. Both the Mass and the celebration of Thanksgiving Day call to mind the very necessary reality that, as human beings, we are made to give thanks.

What is the reason for our thanksgiving? The late archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I., put it best: "Recognizing that none of us is self-made and unwilling to declare ourselves a cosmic accident, we turn to the Author of all that is and say thanks. In the face of a gift that cannot be matched in return, all one can do is be grateful."

And our last words at Mass is our response: "Thanks be to God." Cardinal George explained the significance, saying that "Gratitude to God shapes our lives, at their beginning and their end. Each moment is a gift; each event unfolds under God's loving providence." The challenge for Christians is to live each day in recognition that all is gift — chief among which is our salvation. As St. Paul exhorts us, "in all circumstances give thanks" (1 Thes 5:18).

In 1789, George Washington declared a day of thanksgiving to acknowledge "the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor." Washington set the day aside for Americans to give thanks for their newly established government, but most of all, to render unto God "sincere and humble thanks — for his kind care and protection." In his thanksgiving declaration, Washington rightfully acknowledged God as "the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be."

Abraham Lincoln, America's 16th president, said similar things in proclaiming Thanksgiving Day a national holiday. It came at a time when brother fought brother in the Civil War. In many ways, Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation reads like a prayer.

Recounting the benefits of a major victory the Union received, Lincoln recognized God alone as the object of a nation's gratitude. He wrote the victories "were the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy." And so, Lincoln decided to invite all Americans to celebrate Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of each November — a day set aside to offer "Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

In American mythology, the celebration of Thanksgiving traces its roots back to the pioneering Puritan pilgrims of Plymouth Rock who gathered to give thanks for a good harvest in their new North American home. The celebration has religious connotations because these pilgrims sought political asylum to practice their freedom of religion. This "first" Thanksgiving floats about in the minds of many Americans each year as they gather around the table for their turkey.

But that was 1621. Since history is told by the winners, it is an example of the often anti-Catholic English narratives that prevailed about our nation's early history, here specifically despite a detailed account of a thanksgiving feast celebrated over half a century earlier. The Thanksgiving of 1565 was celebrated in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. Of course, the Spanish colonizers who hosted it were Catholic, and they gave thanks to God, as Catholics do, for their safe passage and arrival in the New World. Not only did they celebrate with a meal of gratitude that day, but began with the celebration of Mass.

And so as your family celebrates Thanksgiving this year, don't forget that most historians agree that it really started in America as a Catholic celebration. But, most importantly, remember the holiday's origins and purpose. No matter if you believe it was started by Washington, Lincoln or Spanish colonialists, it has always been clear that God is the reason we give thanks.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



To: St. Anne's Parishioners and Friends

Subject: **St. Anne's Society Christmas Bazaar, 2024**

Saturday, December 7 – 10:00 am to 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 8 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Bazaar this year will feature an ever-popular Bake Sale, Jewelry Shop, Christmas Gift Items, and our fabulous Silent Auction. This year's auction will include some new and exciting items.

We are looking for new or gently used items of value such as linens, treasures, jewelry, gift baskets, hand-made goods, household items, toys & games for children (and grown-ups too!). Any treasure for holiday gift giving is most appreciated.

All Santa's helpers please look indoors, outdoors, in-your-drawers, closets, and garage to find articles for donation to this worthy cause.

Each item that you donate should be delivered to the Parish Center during the following times:

Tuesday, December 3, between 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 4, between 10:00 am & 2:00 pm

Thursday, December 5, between 10:00 am & 2:00 pm

Friday, December 6, between 10:00 & 2:00 pm



Busy bakers get out that flour sifter and please provide us with a baked item or two of your choice. Bake shop goodies are always a sell-out and in demand! All yummys can be dropped at the Parish Center as follows:

Friday, Dec. 6, 10:00 to 2:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 7 beginning at 10:00 am
Sunday, Dec. 8, 8 am to 11am

If you have something to donate for the **Silent Auction**, please provide us with the item and approximate value as soon as possible. Call Barbara Schurhoff at 925-451-2488 or Gale Lydecker at 925-937-7748 as posters must be made for each silent auction and a brochure must be prepared in advance.

If you have **jewelry and watches** that are still ticking (running), please call *Maria Molloy* at 925-818-9857 to arrange donation and “wind things up”. We would like to receive these donations as soon as possible so they can be properly priced.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Decorating the Hall: Tues. Dec 3 – 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Receiving and Pricing: Tues. Dec. 3 – 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Wed. Dec. 4 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Thurs Dec. 5 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Fri. Dec 6 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sales and Cashiers: Sat. Dec 7 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm or 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Sun Dec 8 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Clean-up: Mon. Dec 9 – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

To volunteer for the hall decorating, please call *Nancy Herney* at 925-209-7805 or *Gloria Beckett* at 925-933-6173. To volunteer for the other time slots, call *Gale* at 925-937-7748 or *Kathy Chan* at 415-001-9615. Your help and support for any of the above is deeply appreciated.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 26th
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
10:00 am
Men's Ministry—Parish Hall

Thursday, November 28th
9:00 AM
Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, Nov 28th—Friday, Nov 29th
Thanksgiving Holiday
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 3rd
1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass
Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, December 5th
1st Thursday of every Month at 9:00 am
Holy Hour with Benediction

St. Anne's Christmas Bazaar
Set-Up: Tuesday, Dec 3—Friday, Dec 6
Bazaar: Sat, Dec 7th—Sun, Dec 8th
Breakdown: Monday, Dec 9th

CHANGES—PRAY FOR THE SICK

Effective December 1, at the start of the new liturgical year, we will no longer automatically keep folks on the "Pray For The Sick" list.



Names added to the list will be kept on for 4 weeks. After that 4 week period, they will be removed.

If they still need prayers, no problem! Just call Fran Long to renew them another 4 weeks at 925-939-5151.

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37



DAILY READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11/23	5:00 PM	† Mr. & Mrs. Jean Laborde † Peter E. Jahn
Sunday 11/24	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors † Mother Teresa of Jesus OCD
Monday 11/25	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Noah Santos † May Herrerias
Tuesday 11/26	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Jim Walsh
Wednesday 11/27	8:15 AM	† Living & Deceased members of the Pfautsch & Sommers Families
Thursday 11/28	8:15 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Friday 11/29	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena
Saturday 11/30	8:15 AM	† J. "Hogey" Hogenboom

PARISH FINANCIALS

October

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

October Donation	\$	38,646
Budget Donation	\$	32,850
Excess / (shortfall)	\$	5,796
Year to date excess/(shortfall) *	\$	24,683
Development Fund October donation	\$	4,886
Dev Fund Year to date excess	\$	2,604

* includes bequests \$13,865

OFFERING ENVELOPES MOVED!



Offering envelopes have been moved to the rectory office. Please stop by to pick yours up!



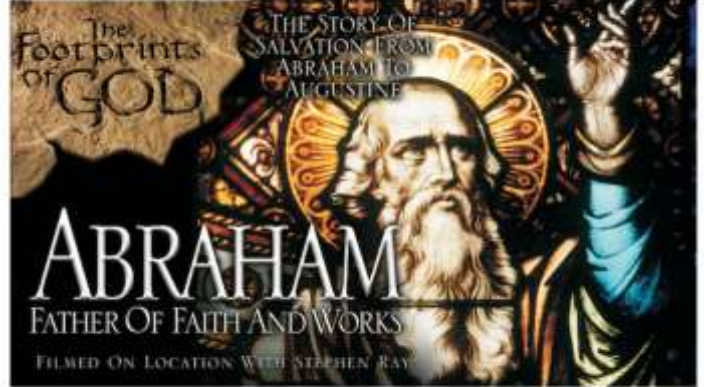
The Perpetual Virgin | Lectio: Mary | Episode 5

Why do Catholics believe that Mary remained a virgin her whole life? Dr. Brant Pitre unpacks this much debated topic in this engaging presentation.

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Abraham: Father of Faith

He left his home, the bones of his ancestors, and the false gods of his fathers to follow the God of glory. Excruciating trials, weary miles of desert travel, and even the command to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice did not deter him. Mount your camels and ride back in time to discover Abraham, the only man called the "Friend of God."

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GRIEF MINISTRY HIATUS

Due to holiday schedules and many folks traveling, the Grieving Ministry will not meet up during the month of December and will resume in January of the new year, in 2025.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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