



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 26, 2023



Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father.'

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.'

Matthew 25:34

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

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Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Organist: Sheila Wilkins

Cantor: Gina Downen

Office Hours

Nov 27th - Nov 30th - 9 am - 12 noon

Dec 1st - Friday, Parish office will be closed

Starting **December 3rd** we will return to our
usual hours. The office will be open

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



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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

I hope everyone had a wonderful and filling Thanksgiving.

During this time of year when the days are short and the cold of winter is settling in, I try spending time in the warmth of my living room reading, writing and contemplating the ways of the world. And right now as I write these words, the world is not at peace, but in chaos. **To reflect on Advent as Thomas Merton understands it, gives me the chance to share with you what his thoughts are on this subject.**

I found this reflection and felt it was appropriate to share these words with you. Thomas' reflections on the Meaning of Advent and Christmas strengthens my own belief in this most sacred of time of year and how best we can prepare for the coming of the Christ child into our lives. Advent, a season of special grace, is a time set aside to prepare to receive Jesus more fully at Christmas. Advent is about readying one's heart to cradle the One who will be born anew when the Nativity feast is celebrated once again. Advent is also a time of hopeful expectation that Jesus will heed one's ardent longing that He abide more completely within oneself. If one's desire for Jesus is great, one's whole being will become centered in the joy that will accompany His renewed birthing in one's life. Thomas Merton writes: **"What joy is ours when we find Jesus, the sunshine of the universe. Heaven and earth kiss in Jesus. Jesus is God's smile on the earth."**

According to Merton, Advent is a graced period of time when a person can choose to begin to end all that is not Christ-like in his or her life. Contemplating Advent as a season of seeking greater wholeness of living in Christ, Merton continues: "I begin to live in Christ when I come to the 'end' or to the 'limit' of what divides me from my fellow man; when I am willing to step beyond this end, cross the frontier, become a stranger, enter into the wilderness which is not 'myself,' where I do not breathe the air or hear the familiar, comforting racket of my own city, where I am alone and defenseless in the desert of God."

In his writings, Merton considers Jesus' three advents as discussed by Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the founder of Cistercian monasticism. In the first Advent, the Logos became incarnated in this world *ad homines*, that is, in order to **redeem humankind**. Merton notes that, according to Saint Bernard, the virgin Mary's role in the incarnation is central, since in and through her humanity God chose to enter into our world.

For Saint Bernard, the second Advent is *in homines*, which means that, **through grace**, God takes up residence within a person. Regarding this, Merton comments: "Christ comes to us, really gives Himself to us, so that we already possess our heaven in hope." During this Advent time, one creates a sanctuary in one's heart for the Word of God; one grows in humility and makes every effort to use one's energies to do God's will.

In his writings, Merton explores Saint Bernard's third Advent as Christ's final coming *contra homines* when He will return to Earth to **judge the living and the deceased**. According to Saint Bernard, this Advent will be an occasion when Christ will manifest His negative judgment on those persons who rejected His saving grace during their earthly lives and positive judgment on those who, in life, were receptive to His salvific grace.

In his work entitled "*The Nativity Kerygma*", Merton provides a meditation on the meaning of Jesus' birth. Merton reflects that the Savior's nativity proclaims His initial historical presence but also His continued epiphany in the now moment. Each Christmas, Christ is born in new ways to be Light and Life in believers' lives.

Reflecting on the reality that long ago God chose to empty God-self to be born as a child in Bethlehem, Merton writes this:

"The Child that lies in the manger, helpless and abandoned to the love of His creatures, dependent entirely upon them to be fed, clothed, and sustained, remains the Creator and Ruler of the universe. ... He wills to be helpless that we may take Him into our care. He has embraced our poverty ... in order to give us his riches."

For Merton, the message of the Nativity is *gaudete*: Rejoice for the Lord who suffered death is risen and is truly near!

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, November 28th - Men's Ministry

10AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 29th - Bible Study

10 :30AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

Saturday, December 2nd & Sunday, December 3rd

Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday, December 5th - Anointing of the Sick

After 8:15 am Mass in the Church

Tuesday, December 5th - Advent Reconciliation

9 AM - 10 AM Confessions in the Church

Thursday, December 7th Eucharistic Adoration

After 8:15 am Mass in the Church

Friday, December 8th

8:15 am Mass—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~ Holy Day of Obligation ~

PARISH FINANCIALS

October 2023 Plate collections,

Donations gifts and bequests	\$50,164
Excess - October	\$1,464
YTD Excess	\$17,827
Developmt fund YTD October	\$27,275
YTD excess Dev. Fund	\$2,275

Thank you for your stewardship!

Bishop's Appeal update 10/31/23

St. Anne's YTD donation \$16,315 or 59% of Goal

Reminder: 100% of all Bishop's appeal donations fund the programs and ministries of the diocese and cannot be used for any other purpose. Every gift is deeply appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 11/25	5:00 PM	† Lloyd Hibbett
Sunday 11/26	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors † Virginia Angelina Xavier
Monday 11/27	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake
Tuesday 11/28	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of Sommers & Pfautsch families
Wednesday 11/29	8:15 AM	† Karen Mangini
Thursday 11/30	8:15 AM	† Thomas Mader † Gloria Pearce & Joanne Finnerty
Friday 12/01	8:15 AM	† Ambrose Ho † Horace Ozario
Saturday 12/02	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena

Sunday, December 17th

3 PM - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Join St. Anne's musicians in Church
for some Christmas music,
followed by treats in the Parish Center*



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.

Bulletin: If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlights by email contact the parish office at info@stanneswc.org. Bulletin is also available on our website www.stanneswc.org

HOLY HOUR with Benediction
December 7, 2023 9am-10am
Please come and worship with us.



The following non-perishable items are needed at St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on a regular basis and are usually in short supply and not provided through the food bank.

Toilet Paper	Oatmeal—small packets	Ketchup
Shaving Items	Chicken Broth	Coffee
Toothbrushes	Top Ramen	Water
Paper Towels	Cleansing Wipes	Tea
Mustard	Pasta / Pasta Sauce	Mayo
Body wash	Soup / Broth	Box Fruit Juice
Peanut Butter	Jam / Jelly	Cereal

Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank.



We need Volunteers to help decorate the Parish Hall for the Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday, November 28th at 9:30 a.m.

Questions? Call

Nancy Herney 925-209-7805
Gloria Beckett 925-933-6173.

THIS
PARISH
LIFE

WITH FR. LEONARD MARRIJO

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



TWO-DAY EVENT INCLUDES BOUTIQUE AND RAFFLE

The St. Anne's Society will sponsor a holiday gift bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on Sunday Dec 3rd from 10 a.m. until the final auction raffle at 2.00 p.m.

There will plenty of gift items, just in time to do your holiday shopping, including jewelry, holiday decorations, linens, toys and games, all at bargain prices! In addition, a silent auction will be held with gift baskets, and valuable prizes such as game tickets, gift certificates, and special treasures.

Donated articles are appreciated to support this bazaar. Some desired items are handmade gifts, such as knit hats and scarves, as well as creche or nativity sets, art-work, and jewelry, new, vintage or valuable. Any treasures for holiday gifts are much appreciated. You may drop off donations at the Parish Center on Weds, Nov 29th between 12 noon and 2 p.m., or Thursday, Nov 30, and Friday, Dec 1st between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information for drop off or pick up, please call Gale Lydecker, 925-937-7748. Jewelry items need to be evaluated and priced, so please call Gale in advance for this.

Doors open on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. On Sunday, Dec 3rd, the hours are from 10 a.m. until the final auction and raffle at 2 p.m. Come early to secure the best goods and choices. **All are welcome !**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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