



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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December 03, 2023  
*First Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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## Parish 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

## 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 Downen

# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

## *Happy Advent to you all.*

*We're already at the beginning of a new liturgical calendar year* and like many of you, I am amazed as to how fast this year has sped by.

*Our parish* has many events planned for the month of December. Not only are we preparing the way for the Lord, but we will also celebrate two of the great Marian feasts:

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

These two events of the life of the blessed mother are the gateway events to the season of Advent and the joyful Christmas season and ending with the presentation of the gift, or as it's commonly known as Epiphany.

*But let's take a moment to understand these two events.* Firstly, the Immaculate Conception of Mary: this is a Roman Catholic dogma asserting that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was preserved freely from the effects of the sin of Adam (usually referred to as "original sin") from the first instant of her conception (her birth). However, Sacred Scripture does not explicitly proclaim the doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception (i.e. freedom from original sin from the very start of her life). The Catholic Church has reflected on this question for centuries, while considering biblical texts which seem related to the topic, at least it is implicitly suggested of this belief. The Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches teach that while Mary "inherited the same fallen nature, prone to sin" as with other humans, "she did not consent to sin through her free will." Due to being conceived in ancestral sin, Mary still needed "to be delivered by our Savior, her Son" according to Eastern Orthodox tradition and teaching.

*There is also the question of Mary's virginity.* Here Scripture is quite clear asserting that Mary did conceive Jesus in a virginal way – and by the power of the Holy Spirit, as we come to understand this belief by way of the Annunciation narrative prior to the birth of our Lord.

*Additionally,* it has been the constant teaching of the Magisterium of the Church that Mary did in fact retain her virginity, having no other children and never engaged in the marital act with Joseph. So how do we explain in Scripture the concept that Jesus had brothers and sisters? The First Lateran Council (649 A.D.) definitively declared that Mary was "ever virgin and immaculate." Therefore, as Catholics, based on Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we do not believe that Mary and Joseph had other children and consequently that Jesus had blood brothers and sisters. On the one hand, in the Catholic tradition, these have always been regarded as the cousins of Jesus. In other words, they're not the children of Mary, so Catholic apologists will often point to a few key texts in the Bible to support the conclusion that the so-called brothers of Jesus are not actually children of Mary.

*Next week* I will tackle the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her significance in her role in the Americas.

*God bless,*

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Christmas Bazaar @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - Anointing of the Sick

After 8:15 am Mass in the Church

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study

10 :30AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Adoration

After 8:15 am Mass in the Church

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

9 AM Mass— Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~ Holy Day of Obligation ~

*Please join us in the Hall for refreshment after mass.*

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Chat

11 AM - Parish Center

Rev. Michael Castori S.J.

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9 AM Mass- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Please join us in the Hall for refreshment after mass.*

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM

Please join us for our 2nd annual  
Christmas Concert

There's no better way to take some time out of this busy season than to spend an afternoon enjoying the concert, singing familiar Christmas carols, and visit with each other.

This year Sheila has planned a wonderful program with additional musicians.

Invite your friends. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after the concert.

**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)

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 12/02	5:00 PM	† Milagrino Sembrano
Sunday 12/03	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors † Gustav Nystrom
Monday 12/04	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of the Pfautsch & Sommers families
Tuesday 12/05	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of DaRoza & Rodrigues families Sp. Int. St. Anne's Church Ministers
Wednesday 12/06	8:15 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 12/07	8:15 AM	† Cassio Almeida † Steve Rapallo
Friday 12/08	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Saturday 12/09	8:15 AM	† Cirilo Roman



Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

**See your December 10 donation envelopes.**

Please turn in your donation envelope to help thousands of elderly religious individuals retire with dignity. Your donation will provide essential care, medicine and other necessities for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served for decades—usually for little or no pay. Let us show our appreciation by generously supporting those who have given so much. Additional envelopes are located in church.



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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.

MINISTRIES		
Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge	925-954-1158
	Lupe Roberts	925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility Maintenance	Keith Crandall	925-932-2324
	Bob Martini	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



December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Our speaker is Fr. Michael Castori, S.J. Fr. Castori will share with us Ignatian Spirituality and how to apply that to our everyday lives.

**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 St. Anne's Society.



ADVENT SEASON CONFESSION

*There will be extended hours of reconciliation from 9 am to 10 am in the church.*

*Tuesdays: December 5th and December 19th*

*Thursday: December 14th*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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