



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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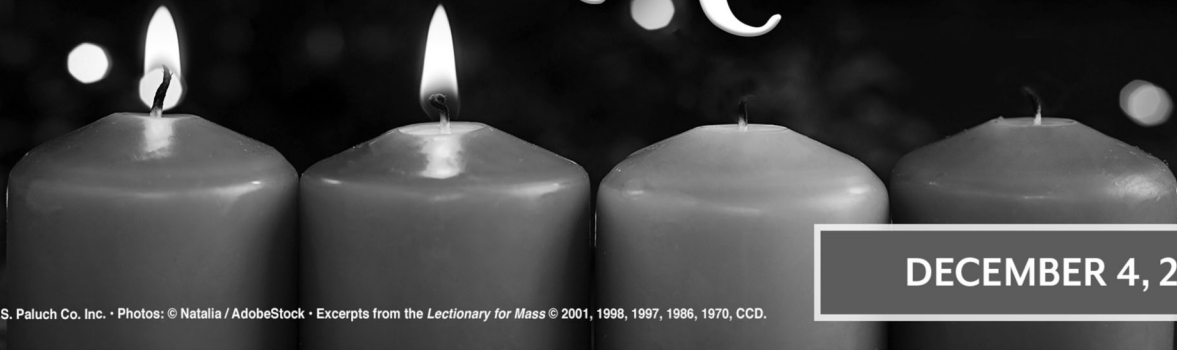
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent



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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

### 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

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am – 12 pm, 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday 9 am - 12 pm

### Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8:45 am - 12 pm

Sacrament of Confession : Saturday 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Library Hours: Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm

# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

## *Happy Second Sunday of Advent.*



*I was remembering many years ago* a friend of mine encouraged me to pursue photography, knowing that I needed something to enrich my artistic curiosity. Photography at one time was an expensive endeavor, but with the age of digital photography and with color photo printers readily available and at good prices, taking pictures is now an accessible medium, for many. Of course the initial start up costs can set you back a bit, but after awhile it pays for itself.



*Photography can be a spiritual experience* as well as a fun hobby or profession. For many though, it's not just point and shoot, but something more personal, more meaningful, that cultivates patients, understanding of the subject matter, and a keen eye for the aesthetic. And like painting, one learns along the way the fundamentals of composition.

*What are the seven compositions in photography?* A photographer's work can be broken down into its component parts—line, texture, shape, form, pattern, color, and space. Basic Photography Concepts Composition is at the heart of each of the seven essentials of photography. It is also important to utilize lines to connect different parts of your image to one another. For myself, these seven rules are not unlike those rules we follow in religious life.

*We compose ourselves for prayer,* connect ourselves to the spiritual and draw from religious life texture and space we encounter while in deep meditation of scripture and other devotions that help paint a greater intellect of who God is and what he wants of us.

*Thomas Merton* in addition to being a writer and monk, became an avid photographer, chronicling his life in Gethsemane and the surrounding Kentucky countryside where the Abby is situated. I mention this as I have returned to this fulfilling art form, while realizing just how gratifying this tool can be, all while connecting myself with a greater understanding of things that surround me.

*"The still silence of the photographic image, for the contemplative eye, is enough to reveal the transcendence of the apparently irrelevant."* Merton understood his camera and its use, as reminding him "of things overlooked," helping him cooperate "in the creation of new worlds." It is through photography that one can see things more clearly by observing the minute details one finds in the printed image than through the naked eye alone. And as such, this gives us the time to stop, see, contemplate and finally absorb the essence of what we observe, giving us a profound perception, and a sense of connectedness to something greater than ourselves. Photography, contemplation and meditation are essentially the same, albeit, they are different in their execution, but are related to each other. To use a camera is just another tool to reach for something outside of ourselves.

*"Mysticism flourishes most purely right in the middle of the ordinary."* T. Merton

*Fr. Leonard Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Bible Study**

~ Lesson 5: The Gentile Mission ~ 2

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

**Eucharistic Adoration**

No Adoration due to funeral

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

**9 AM Mass - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

~ Holy Day of Obligation ~

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

**9 AM Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Reception after mass in Parish Center

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Men's Ministry**

10 AM - St. Anne's Library

### PARISH FINANCIALS

October 2022

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

October donation \$41,713

Monthly Goal \$38,450

Excess/(Shortfall) October \$3,263

Year to date (Shortfall) (\$29,083)

Development Fund (YTD) \$26,244

Special Collections:

Bishop's Appeal \$16,522

Hurricane Ian \$2,478

Diocesan Priests Retirement \$2,368

Thanks for your generous donations!

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**3 PM - CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

*Join St. Anne's musicians in Church*

*for some Christmas music,*

*followed by treats in the Parish Center*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

		Living & Deceased Members of Pfautsch & Sommers families
Monday 12/05	8:15 AM	† Deceased Members of Peter & Geraldine Inwards families
		Living & Deceased Members of DaRoza & Rodrigues families
Tuesday 12/06	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Don Parsons
Wednesday 12/07	8:15 AM	† John Pizato
Thursday 12/08	9:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Friday 12/09	8:15 AM	† Jaime Pasamba Jr.
	8:15 AM	† Rita DaRoza
Saturday 12/10	5:00 PM	† Rodomil C. Dizon
		† Noel Roque
Sunday 12/11	9:00 AM	† Jose Chua
	11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors

### TWO-DAY EVENT INCLUDES BOUTIQUE AND RAFFLE



The St. Anne's Society will sponsor a holiday gift bazaar on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and on Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Doors open on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. On Sunday, Dec.4, the hours are from 10 a.m. until the final auction and raffle at 2:30 p.m. Come early to secure the best goods and choices.

All are welcome

### Library is open every

**Wednesday morning 9AM—12PM.**

Available in our library greeting cards and a small selection of books - **FREE**



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gloria Pearce	Karen Salchett	Jannet Tuvilla
Judith Russell	Dona Newell	Edward Regan
Cathy Grimesey	Carolyn Collins	Jason Navaro
Josay Hayes	Chris Ramirez	Robert Kraftschik
Sandra Chafe	Kathleen Clemons	Bev Regan
Pamela Maria	Tom & Vicki Hughes	Carol Hannon
Caroline George	Thecla Justen	John Lydecker
Kay Woodruff	Hogey Hogenboom	Tom Mader
Joe & Pat Rollo	Michael Dunn	Kevin Kelly
Fr. Anthony Chang	Vincent Riggio	Larry Maday
Joe Cellucci	Karl Kropp	Jeff Westerfield
Gladys Peoples		

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

## ADVENT SEASON CONFESSION

There will be extended hours of reconciliation from 9 am to 10 am in the church each Wednesday during Advent.

December 7th

December 14th

## ★ DECK THE HALLS ★

Extra "Elves" will be needed in St. Anne church for placement of Christmas decorations and the Manger scene.

Work parties are planned for:

**FRIDAY, DEC. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM,** after morning Mass  
**SATURDAY, DEC. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9AM** after morning Mass

The workers we have had for the last decade or more are now in their eighties and nineties so new faces of able-bodied men and women would be most welcome for a variety of tasks which usually take less than 1 ½ hours.

To offer help on either or both days call Nancy Kubacki, 925-988-0216

## MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
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



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.

Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank.

Toilet Paper	Hand Soap	Ketchup
Shaving Items	Toothpaste	Coffee
Cup of Noodles	Top Ramen	Water
Paper Towels	Mustard	Tea
Cleansing Wipes	Toothbrushes	Mayo
Body wash	Shampoo	Conditioner
Laundry Detergent	Fruit Juice	New Socks

GREAT !!!

We have exceeded our goal for the Christmas gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul! Because of your generosity we have collected \$3000 in gift cards to be given to families to make their Christmas better. Please continue purchasing Safeway gift cards as our community still needs our help.

Please visit our parish website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org) for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin.