



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## *Second Sunday of Advent*

### *December 8, 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 3:00 pm—4:00 pm

#### Library Hours:

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

#### Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Res.: Rev. George DaRoza

Office/Min Coord: Rachelle Harmon

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

## 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 patience, 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 Abbey 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

***Amen.***

*Fr. Leonard L. Marryjo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, December 9th

9 AM Mass—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~ Holy Day of Obligation ~

### Tuesdays, December 10th

Men's Ministry

10:00 AM—Parish Hall

~ no meeting on Christmas Eve, Dec 24 ~

### Tuesday, December 17th

Advent Season Reconciliation Service

9 AM—10 AM



**Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 1:00PM**

Whose Mass Is It? A Two Part Discussion on the Mass resumes.

## 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.

## 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: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



DAILY READINGS

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/7	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 12/8	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Angela Rameraz † Alice McNally
Monday 12/9	9:00 AM	Living & Deceased members of the Pfausch & Sommers families
Tuesday 12/10	8:15 AM	† Rita Da Roza
Wednesday 12/11	8:15 AM	† Zvonko Geiser † Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 12/12	8:15 AM	† Isabel & Cassio Almeida † Souls in Purgatory
Friday 12/13	8:15 AM	† Carlos Marrujo Jr.
Saturday 12/14	8:15 AM	† Cirilo Roman

## PARISH FINANCIALS

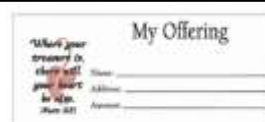
November

### Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

November Donation	\$	31,698
Budget Donation	\$	38,350
Excess / (shortfall)	\$	(6,652)
Year to date excess/(shortfall) *	\$	18,031
Dev. Fund November donation	\$	1,772
Dev. Fund Year to date excess	\$	3,376
Bishop's Appeal (YTD)	\$	17,788
Diocesan Priests Retirement	\$	3,006

\* includes bequests \$13,865

## OFFERING ENVELOPES MOVED!



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

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on

**Monday, December 9, 2024, at 9am.**



## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**St. Anne's Parish Community**  
**9:00 — 10:00 a.m. Dec. 17.**

Faith Formation is kicking off the Advent season with our annual reconciliation service. Fr. George and Fr. Leonard will hear confessions after the 8:15 a.m. mass. For more information please email or call at...

[info@stanneswc.org](mailto:info@stanneswc.org) Call: 925-932-2324

## MINISTRIES

Environment	Nancy Herney Gloria Beckett Laura Smith Karen Roland	925-932-2324 Parish Office
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Facility/Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini John Hertzner	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
Parish Finance Council	Peter Newell	925-891-4479
St. Anne's Society	VACANT	
Ushers	Penny Corempas	925-938-3543

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## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve—December 24th**  
**Tuesday**

~ 5pm (Carols at 4:45pm)

~ Midnight Mass—11:30pm  
 (Carols at 11pm)

**Christmas Day—December 25th**  
**Wednesday**

~ Christmas Masses—9am & 11am

**Solemnity of Mary—January 1st, 2025**

~ New Year's Day Mass—9am



The Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Christmas**  
**Midnight Mass**

**December 24th, 11:30pm**

**Carols at 11:00pm**

**St Anne's Church,  
 Walnut Creek**

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Diane Mauch

Rob Mills

Sheila Wilkins

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



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