



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete, "Rejoice Sunday")

"I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul."  
- Isaiah 61:10

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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

**Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas.**

# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

***A Joyful Sunday.*** The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy. **The Term "Gaudete."** *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

***Multiple Reasons for Joy.*** There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

***A Joyful Color.*** Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for *Gaudete* Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. *Gaudete* Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

***Joyful Adornments.*** The priest may wear a rose chasuble and the deacon may wear a rose dalmatic. Church decorations may include roses or other flowers, a rose-colored altar cloth, drapery on the pulpit or ambo, chalice veil, tabernacle curtain, or wall hangings. The third candle of the Advent wreath is rose.

***Joyful Prayers.*** The prayers in the *Roman Missal* on the Third Sunday of Advent convey a joyful message. The immediacy of Christmas is addressed in the Collect, "O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity," followed by two explicit references to joy: "enable us ... to attain the joys of so great a salvation" and "to celebrate them with ... glad rejoicing." Preface II of Advent says, "we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity" and that we are "exultant in his praise." The Communion Antiphon contains the joyful message, "Behold, our God will come, and he will save us" (cf. Is 35:4). Two invocations in the Solemn Blessing for Advent refer to joy: the second, "may he make you ... joyful in hope," and the third, "So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming."

***Joyful Scripture Texts.*** In the first reading Isaiah says that he was sent "to bring glad tidings" (Is 61:1) and that "my God is the joy of my soul" (Is 61:10); in the Responsorial Psalm the Blessed Virgin Mary prays, "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Lk 1:47); and in the second reading St. Paul insists that we should "rejoice always" (1 Thes 5:16). The gospel is John the Baptist's joyful declaration that he was sent by God to testify to the light, the one who is coming after him, the Christ! \*

*God bless,*

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Confession

9 AM - 10 AM - In the Church

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - No Bible Study

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Holy Day of Obligation

9 AM & 11 AM – Mass (Forth Sunday of Advent)

5 PM - Christmas Vigil

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Holy Day of Obligation

9 AM & 11 AM – Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> - Men's Ministry

10AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 12/16	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 12/17	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Jose Vilela † Carlos & Angela Marrujo
Monday 12/18	8:15 AM	† Pat Turrell Living & Deceased members of Sommers and Pfautsch families
Tuesday 12/19	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Carolyn Collins
Wednesday 12/20	8:15 AM	† Gerald Sullivan
Thursday 12/21	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake
Friday 12/22	8:15 AM	† Alberto & Olga Rodrigues
Saturday 12/23	8:15 AM	† Lou & Loong Families

### ADVENT SEASON CONFESSION

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

Tuesdays: December 19<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas Concert

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

*Please join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.**



**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)

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## 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

## Landscaping Work

The landscaping project we have been planning for the past two years is now underway! We will be replacing water-thirsty lawn with drought-tolerant trees and shrubs, which will be irrigated initially by a low water use system. The project is projected to pay for itself, through water and mowing savings, in less than 10 years. It has been underwritten by a very generous donation from a parishioner, for which we are deeply appreciative!

## St Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Gift Card Drive

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are helping our neighbors prepare for their celebrations with gift cards!

Ways to support by Dec 18 include:

Leave a \$25 Target gift card in the box under the Giving Tree,

Drop off a check made out to SVdP with giving tree on the memo line, or  
Bring cash donation to the office.

Thank you for your generosity!



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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