



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

* Office Closed for Christmas 12/25—12/27

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Christmas Masses

12/24: 5 pm (Vigil)

12/24: 11:30 pm Midnight Mass

12/25: 9 am & 11 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Res.: Rev. George DaRoza

Office/Ministry: Rachelle Harmon

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

This is our fourth and last Sunday in Advent before we celebrate Christmas Eve and Day, so I'd like to share just a few thoughts with you.

First, I love this time of year when we all gather in the name of the Lord to celebrate His birth. Secondly, after all is said and done, come two very important events: New Years Day, where we hope the new year brings us good fortune and health; and The Epiphany, where the three wisemen give their gifts to the baby Jesus.

I am most grateful for you, the wonderful people of St. Anne's, and I feel especially blessed for having my family and friends. Speaking of which, my family has a tradition of singing happy birthday to Jesus just before we partake of my sister's wonderfully prepared and delicious Christmas dinner. My nieces and nephews love seeing their parents, uncles and aunts acting silly and having a good time all the while remembering past family members and why we actually gather and celebrate on Christmas day in the first place. This year, however, my family will share some sadness in the loss of my sister-in-law, Julie. But at the same time, we will gather around the dinner table sharing funny stories about her and all the adventures we shared as a family.

But before dinner begins, and while we're in the living room of my mother's house, the family comes together to open the gifts Santa has brought us and left under the tree. It is especially fun now that we have two small boys scampering about, getting us into the Christmas spirit and fun. These are the small things in my life that keep me going in this rather chaotic and messy world we live in today.

Knowing how important family and friends are, it can be a very uplifting experience of which not all are blessed to have. But nonetheless, I remember those who go without. I also want to remember and thank our bishop and the wonderful way in which he continues to support my brother priests and myself. Bishop Barber each year sends to the priests of our diocese a practical gift he hopes will aide us in our prayer life; he is very thoughtful in that way. Last year, for instance, the bishop gifted the priests of the diocese the beautiful bible series from the Word on Fire Institute. This year he gave us a wonderful book titled, "The Holy Hour", again from the Word on Fire Institute.

Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration was not something I did on a regular basis, but since arriving here I have made it a big part of my prayer routine and now that I do, I find it to be rather peaceful and comforting. What a marvelous way to spend time in quiet prayer and meditation while adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Because of all of you, regular prayer and the addition of Eucharistic Adoration to my routine, I am feeling closer to the Lord, knowing that He is here with us. But more so in the Blessed Sacrament and in the mass we celebrate each day. I hope you all experience the goodness of the Lord in your life during this time of peace, love and the beginnings of a new year. May God keep you always. God bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 24th
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 5:00 pm Christmas Vigil
 11:30 pm Midnight Mass

OR

Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord / Christmas

Wednesday, Dec 25th—Thursday, Dec 26th

Christmas Holiday—Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1st
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 am Mass

Octave of Christmas, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1st

New Year's Day—Parish Office Closed

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



Reminder



Are you new? Moving? Leaving the parish? Drop off an updated parishioner registration card at the office or call to deactivate your registration.

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.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Would you like to bring communion to the homebound? New and returning Eucharistic Ministers are invited to join a retreat on January 8th at 11:00 am in the church. Call, stop by the rectory office or email rharmon@stanneswc.org to RSVP.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/21	5:00 PM	† Cass Candell
Sunday 12/22	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Alberto & Olga Rodrigues Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday 12/23	8:15 AM	† Living & Deceased Members of the Lou & Loong Families
Tuesday 12/24	8:15 AM	† Maria Yap
Christmas Eve Vigil 12/24	5:00 PM 11:30 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors Parishioners & Benefactors
Christmas Day 12/25	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors Parishioners & Benefactors
Thursday 12/26	8:15 AM	† Rev. William Kegel S.J. † Fr. Tim Doody S.J.
Friday 12/27	8:15 AM	† Jennifer Jessica Jake
Saturday 12/28	8:15 AM	† Henry Au

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 1/1

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the Octave of Christmas, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st



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An offering from the ANASTASIO INSTITUTE and SPIRITUS PARISH

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Diane Mauch	Cathy Bridges	Kathleen Rose
Rob Mills	Joe Cellucci	Mike Dunn
Sheila Wilkins	Kathleen Clemons	Tony Dunleavy
Andrea Puccini	William Egan	
Bunk Sicotte	Bill Burnette	

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



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 pm Mass (Carols at 4:45 pm)

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

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Merry Christmas

A note of gratitude from a St Mary St Vincent de Paul Pantry Lead, after the Thanksgiving distribution:

"Last week's pantry distribution experience was like none other. Long lines, our Lord's brothers and sisters waiting in the cold. Passing out gift cards to them as they expected nothing, was a blessed experience. They expressed sheer joy, appreciation and total gratitude. It was us servers that were blessed passing out these gift cards from the generous donors of SVdP."

Our St. Anne's donors need to know the impact of their gifts. I wish they could have seen the faces of these grateful individuals, truly a blessed sight."

For more information, please call 925-937-2817 or email: stmary.stvdvp@gmail.com

