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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 31



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Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

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Organist: Sheila Wilkins

Cantor: Gina Dowen

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

(no reconciliation on Tuesday, January 9th)

Saturday 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Library Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday - 9 am - 12 pm

Parish Office will be closed on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

What is a resolution? Here is a brief definition I found on the internet:

"A New Year's resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western World but also found in the Eastern World, in which a person resolves to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their behavior at the beginning of a calendar year" — **Wikipedia**.

How many of us every year make a new year's resolution and then gradually lose interest in the promise we made or find the resolution was unrealistic to begin with. Sometimes we place ourselves in situations that are too ambitious, too idealistic, and then when we fail at the thing we started become disappointed because it was too difficult to achieve. And when we do fail we tend to abandon the idea and move on to something else, if we move on at all.

I can only speak for myself, for when I fail at something I tend to gather myself together and begin again. As a professor once said to me, "if you wish to be a better artist, you must practice, practice, practice!!!". This is how I correct a failure in my life.

Thomas Merton has spoken to me in his writings on many occasions and on numerous topics, and to my surprise Merton had a list of ten (10) resolutions he would suggest:

While attending graduate classes, one of my seminary dorm mates placed a list of ten new year's resolutions attributed to Thomas Merton on our kitchen fridge. Amidst postcards and magnet poetry, was a the list of resolutions that remained as a thoughtful conversation for me, and my roommates. The list was helpful in considering how we should live a more contemplative and engaged life. These "resolutions" are something I believe most of us can adhere to and use them as part of your, my, prayer life. They're simple in appearance, but can be rather difficult to follow. Here are those suggestions:

- (1) **Pay attention to people:** Fewer things honor people as much, or make them peaceful more readily, or give them an experience of their worth as clearly as paying attention to them.
- (2) **Verbalize human experience and teach others to do this:** The more inarticulate we are, the more likely it is that we might seek violence as a way of expressing ourselves.
- (3) **Reject excessive activity, accomplishments or success:** There is something belligerent about frenetic action.
- (4) **Practice contemplation:** Contemplation is defined as life review, in silence, connecting our reflection with the ideals we have not achieved, making amends for things we regret, and thanking God for the good we were given, the losses we survived, the love we received beyond all measure.
- (5) **Embrace silence:** Silence is shattered not by speaking but by eagerness and anxiety to be heard by others. Silence invites others to speak. Genuine silence is creative and liberating.
- (6) **Resist consumerism:** A desperate need to possess is a form of violence.
- (7) **Lose, then let go:** We are acculturated to go from success to success. Losing gracefully, even in terms of the long run, is a remarkable virtue. Clutching at success, when letting go is necessary, destroys us.
- (8) **Read Scripture:** If you were to read Scripture reflectively for only five minutes a day, your life would be enriched. Scripture makes the norm, not whatever is presently fashionable, but what is truly enduring. It roots us and gives us peace amid the turbulence of passing crises we face.
- (9) **Maintain a sense of history:** We become frantic when we see life in the short run. In the longer view of human history or even our personal histories, patterns of meanings emerge. The good does prevail.
- (10) **Hold the conviction that people are basically good:** People must be reliable or else the Gospel would not have lasted; Christ would have been forgotten. Much of the violence done in the name of religion has been premised on the idea that people are evil.

Now, I am not suggesting you follow these exactly, my only purpose is to give you the tools necessary to promote within yourselves a lifestyle of prayer, contemplation, and discernment. If you wish to resolve nothing else, then try these and see what course they guide you. Next week is Epiphany. Remember, do not throw you Christmas trees out yet. Wait for the three kings. God bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, January 1st - Not a Holy Day of Obligation

9 AM – New Years Day Mass

Tuesday, January 2nd - Anointing of the Sick

After 8:15 AM Mass in the Church

Thursday, January 4th - Holy Hour

9 AM - 10 AM Holy Hour with Benediction

~ Let us worship together in Church~

Tuesday, January 9th - Men's Ministry

10 AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall



Anointing of the Sick

will be the first Tuesday of each month beginning 2024. This occurs at the end of the 8:15 am mass, followed by reconciliation at 9:00.



HOLY HOUR with Benediction
January 4th, 2024 9am-10am
Please come and worship with us.

Welcome ...
to our church family

We are delighted to welcome our newest members to St. Anne's Parish! Say "Hello" to:

Sandra Nethercott

Gregori Vervais

Joseph Tracy

Richard McGahan

Marlene DeNardo

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 12/30	5:00 PM	† Green Hsueh
Sunday 12/31	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Carolyn Collins † Sharon Bursing Tyson
<u>New Years Day</u>		
Monday 01/01	9:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Tuesday 01/02	8:15 AM	† Carolyn Collins Sp. Int. Lynn Alison Martinez Living and Deceased Members of DaRoza, and Rodrigues families
Wednesday 01/03	8:15 AM	† Jim Chanquet & Al Tournon
Thursday 01/04	8:15 AM	† Angelica Mae Rames Hidalgo
Friday 01/05	8:15 AM	† Betty and Bill Stone † Juing- Liang Ou
Saturday 01/06	8:15 AM	† Zhong Jingyun Rau

Thank you!

A very heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who worked so tirelessly to decorate the Church for the Advent and Christmas season.

Your dedication to St Anne's is tremendously appreciated. May the new year bring you many special blessings!

St. Anne's Society News

The Christmas Bazaar, held the first week of December, was again a huge success.

Thanks to Chairperson Gale Lydecker and her huge group of volunteers. The Bakery, Jewelry shop, silent auction and raffle were all winners!

There are too many people to mention here, but we are fortunate to have so many bakers, contributors, donators and purchasers.

Financially it was the best ever!

Thanks to everyone who participated.

MINISTRIES

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Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
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St. Anne's Society	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
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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!

Bulletin: If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlights by email contact the parish office at info@stanneswc.org. Bulletin is also available on our website www.stanneswc.org

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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