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**March 6, 2016 ~ The 4th Sunday of Lent**



*"The Prodigal Son"*

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S

If you haven't registered or are changing information on your registration card,  
please complete this form and return it to the Rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_ New information \_\_\_\_\_ Send Envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 6, 2016

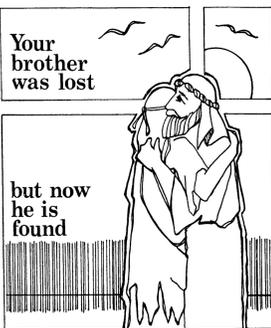
Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come.  
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

### A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another.



We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the first steps to a Catholic wedding takes place in the parish rectory, as the newly engaged come forward to "set a date." We owe this scenario to reforms made by the emperor Charlemagne late in the eighth century. He required that nobles and commoners alike have public weddings, and also required that marrying couples be examined for factors that would block a marriage, such as previous marriages or close kinship. The pope was more conservative, however, and resisted the emperor's creativity. It was enough for the pope that the couples exchange consent.

That tradition is passed on to this day, to some couples' surprise. In 866, Pope Nicholas ruled that a marriage was legal and binding even without a liturgy or public celebration. After that, it was the consent of the couple, not the blessing of parents or priest, that made a marriage "count." If consent was lacking, such as through abduction or fear, then the marriage could not "take." Charlemagne got a great deal done, but he was a political flash in the pan, and the empire had virtually collapsed by the year 1000. Europe broke into a checkerboard of princedoms and languages, and at last all marriages came under the church, the glue holding the known world together.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Pastor's Column

**Welcome!** – Three of our students are preparing to be Baptized into our faith this coming Easter. They are 8th grader, **Samantha Ghanem**, 7th grader, **Nikita Mei**, and her younger sister in 5th grade, **Liana Mei**. Last Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, with the community of faith present, we prayed and interceded for them in a Rite called the Scrutinies. In the early Church, the period before baptism at Easter was a time of preparation for the adults. As



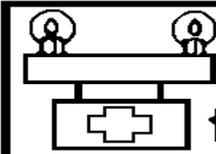
part of that preparation, they were invited to examine their lives to help them uncover all that was weak, defective, or sinful in their heart, so that they could turn to the Lord and experience His mercy and healing grace. So last Sunday, after the homily, we invited these three students

to enter the sanctuary with their parents and, with the whole community participating, we prayed for them. Then we presented them the Creed, which unfolds the story of God's love for us. We'll continue to pray for them this Sunday and next in order to let them know that they don't make this journey of faith alone but with our community supporting them with its prayers. May their desire to enter into communion with the Lord and His Church inspire us to also examine our own relationship with the Lord. And holding each other in prayer, may we all have a rich and fruitful Lent.

**Lenten Soup Supper** – Our Friday nights Lenten Soup Suppers have been going very well, thanks to the volunteers who cook and prepare the rich and hardy soups. We've held them in the Church vestibule and our Sacristan, Matthew, has kindly set up tables and chairs with table cloths so we can have a nice community time. About 30 people have joined us for the soups at 6pm and about 40 have joined us in our Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross at 7pm. As part of the Stewardship of Time, I hope you can find some time during this Lenten Season to join us.

**Pilgrimage Retreat to St. Patrick's Seminary** – Don't forget to RSVP by Monday, March 7 for the Pilgrimage Retreat to St. Patrick's Seminary. The theme of the Retreat is "Journeys of Mercy." Please fill out the registration form and let us know if you need a ride or can give a ride. We'll depart here at 9am and will return back by 3pm. Cost is \$20 and will include lunch at the Seminary.

—Fr. Dan



# Masses for the week

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## March 6—March 12, 2016

<b>Sunday, March 6</b>	<b>Presider</b>
7:30 William Kvaternick & Mary Zuppe (D)	Fr. Nascimento
9:00 Joseph Tsoy (D)	Bishop Walsh
10:30 Telesfora & Arturo Gorospe (D)	Fr. Nascimento
Noon Parishioners of St. Anne	Fr. Zhai, SVD
<b>Monday, March 7</b>	
6:30 Parishioners of St. Anne	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Nicolas Lasola (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
<b>Tuesday, March 8</b>	
6:30 Bea Ver (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Luis Sy (D)	Fr. Nascimento
<b>Wednesday, March 9</b>	
6:30 Maria Pacheco (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Emma Maria Massoni (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
<b>Thursday, March 10</b>	
6:30 Parishioners of St. Anne	Fr. Nascimento
8:45 Intentions, Philomena Lee Wong	Bishop Walsh
<b>Friday, March 11</b>	
6:30 Terry Sullivan (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Emma Massoni (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
<b>Saturday, March 12</b>	
8:45 Confraternity of St. Anne	Bishop Walsh
5 p.m. Parishioners of St. Anne	Bishop Walsh

This Monday, March 7 is the deadline for reserving your place at the **Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance**, held this **Saturday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.** in **Moriarty Hall**. \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. This event, which is sponsored by the St. Anne Men's Club, usually sells out, so act now as advance reservations are required. Contact Patty Diner at 415 566-7500.

**40 Days for Life** is a peaceful, law-abiding prayer vigil in front of an abortion business, for a total of 40 days straight. This campaign is world-wide and since its inception 10 years ago has saved over 10,000 babies from abortion when their mothers changed their minds because of the campaign; has convinced many people to stop working at the abortion businesses; has convinced many people who were pro-abortion, to change and become pro-life; and has also brought the closure of numerous abortion businesses.

Locally, the vigil will be held in two locations, in **San Mateo**, Planned Parenthood, 35 Baywood Ave. and in **San Francisco** at Planned Parenthood, 1650 Valencia St. The campaign began on Ash Wednesday and continues daily 12 hours a day through Palm Sunday, March 20th To ensure there are at least two people present at all times please sign up online at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

Instead of a March event, **SAGES will sponsor parishioner donations to a very worthwhile cause: The Gubbio Project at St. Boniface Church.** This is a wonderful way to celebrate Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy; and a response to our Archdiocesan invitation to meet the urgent needs of our homeless brothers and sisters this inclement winter season. The Gubbio Project has now partnered with St. John the Evangelist Episcopalian Mission District Church. St. Boniface sets aside 76 pews for this Project. From early morning until mid-afternoon, the homeless can safely sleep on/near these pews and eat next door at St. Anthony's Dining Room. St. Boniface supplies their guests with socks, blankets, and toiletries. Presently, up to 300 homeless people are served by both Churches, the majority of them at St. Boniface. So pray about this and, when you feel called to contribute to this very worthy cause, please make a check payable to St. Anne Church (with SAGES on the Memo line), attn. Sr. Esther, and leave in St. Anne Rectory mailbox. By the end of March, all donations will be sent to The Gubbio Project. A bulletin announcement will inform you of the amount raised for this very worthy cause, one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. God bless you.

**Committal Ministry Formation**— The Catholic Cemeteries and the Office of Worship are offering formation training for presiding at Committal Services in the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

In the morning, ministers will be introduced to grief ministry and working with the bereaved by Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, followed by lunch and a tour of the cemetery. In the afternoon, presenters will offer technical and spiritual direction for the minister's specific liturgical and ritual role. Finally, ministers will have a chance to practice presiding and serving at the cemetery. Contact Saint Anne Church to pre-register. There is no fee to participate. Lunch and materials will be provided.

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**  
**10:00am—4:00pm**  
**Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma**

This is a volunteer ministry. Those properly trained and certified will be called upon when needed, according to their availability. Ministers will have several days' notice prior to all services.

### Last Week's Collections

1st Collection, Feb. 27, 28—\$3,597.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Society—\$1,085.00

**This Week's Second Collection:**  
Church Accessibility Upgrade Fund

**Next Week's Second Collection:**  
Building and Maintenance Fund

**Thank You All for Your Generosity!**  
For On-line giving, visit: [www.stanne-sf.org](http://www.stanne-sf.org)

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## ST. ANNE REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday Mass

Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30, 9, 10:30am, 12pm (Chinese)

### Daily Mass

Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am

Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

### Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

### Reconciliation

Sat: 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

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## Every Friday of Lent

Beginning February 12 to March 18

**Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm  
With Exposition & Benediction**

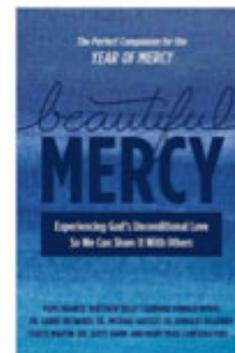


preceded by  
a simple supper  
of soup and bread  
in the vestibule  
at 6:00 PM

In order to help with planning, please RSVP to Tessie:  
415-665-1600 x 22 or [tessievellicario@stanne-sf.org](mailto:tessievellicario@stanne-sf.org)

**Join Fr. Dan, Sr. Mary Peter  
and Rev. John Dupre  
for 5 weeks beginning on  
February 16, 2016 for a  
new Book Club**

*Beautiful Mercy*



**Tuesday, February 16 @ 10:00am  
with Rev. John Dupre**

**Thursday, February 18 @ 7:00pm  
with Fr. Dan**

**Saturday, February 20 @ 10:00am  
with Sr. Mary Peter**

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