March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

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**Pastor’s Column**

**Our High Holy Week** – Beginning with Palm Sunday, our Church enters into Holy Week leading to Easter. On Holy Thursday, the Church recalls Jesus’ Last Supper when He gave us the Eucharist to remember Him. It was also at the Last Supper that Jesus washed His disciples’ feet. This year, the Liturgy Committee suggested that instead of the priest washing the feet of 12 parishioners, that he would only wash 6 parishioners and these 6 would then go into the congregation and wash the hands of other fellow parishioners. Each person present is invited to come and have their hands washed, and then to stay and wash another person’s hands. As Jesus said, “I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you” (John 13:15). After the Mass, as Jesus went to Gethsemane garden to pray before His arrest, we too will process with the Blessed Sacrament to the Lower Hall where we will “stay, keep watch and pray” until 11pm.

The following day on Good Friday, as Jesus was hung on the cross from noon to 3pm, our services will begin with the meditation of Jesus’ last 7 words. Fr. Tony McGuire, former pastor of St. Anne, will come and lead us in the meditation. The Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross will follow at 1:30pm. Confessions will be available afterwards from about 3-4pm. For those who have to work, in the evening at 7pm we will have the Stations of the Cross.

The following day, the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8pm. (Note that there is no Saturday 5pm mass that evening.) The celebration begins in total darkness. The Easter candle is then lit, to show the power of Light over darkness. And various readings from our salvation history will also be read. As these readings lead us to the resurrection, the darkness inside the Church will give way to light, as all the Church lights will then be turned on. A couple of our students will be baptized and we ourselves will be given the opportunity to renew our baptismal faith. I hope you will be able to take part in one or all of these celebrations of our faith. For they remind us that through the struggles and losses we experience in life, they do not end in death nor defeat, but with Christ, Who can transform even our losses to new life, new beginnings, and new hope. Have a Blessed Holy Week!

—Fr. Dan

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**DIVINE CONDITION AND SUBLIME SUBMISSION**

Philippians 2:6-11

Our Palm Sunday second reading has been called the Christ-hymn. St. Paul reminds us through this scripture passage that Jesus is and remains in the form (morphe) of God. The Greek word, morphe, denotes mode of being or appearance from which the central characteristics can be known. Thus, St. Paul asserts that Jesus is and ever-shall be in the nature of God. However, Jesus willingly emptied Himself becoming a slave. He surrendered and poured out His life unto death, even death on the cross of crucifixion. Jesus did not exploit His divine status for His own glory, but Jesus rendered His divine condition into sublime submission in order to give glory to His Heavenly Father.

Each of us during our spiritual journey is called to put on the mind of Christ. God invites us to lose that part of ourselves that seeks its own will rather than God’s path of righteousness. With a self-denying and selfless attitude, we are called to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. Through our baptismal promises, we are called to become a new creation by pulling off the old nature and immersing ourselves in Christ Jesus, who humbled Himself assuming the form of a slave. We must put on a new nature created in the likeness of God, so that the Spirit of God may dwell in our souls today.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to humble ourselves and become servants of God. We must reform our lives through spiritual renewal; always loving God with all our hearts, minds, and souls while loving our neighbors as ourselves. God created us so that we might be formed and committed to an unconditional love relationship with God. Remember, we are the clay and our heavenly Father is the potter. When we reflect on sublime submission in the context of our spiritual lives, we cannot help but be thankful and praise God for His victorious grace. God’s divine grace and mercy has been transforming us into God’s earthen vessels.

Jesus died on the cross for our salvation through sublime submission. So at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend and every tongue confess in the heavens, on the earth and even under the earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God forever.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen!

—Rev. Mr. John Dupre
March 20—March 26, 2016

Sunday, March 20
7:30 Alfonso & Emma Massoni (D)           Fr. Nascimento
9:00 Parishioners of St. Anne           Fr. Nascimento
10:30 Santos & Castoras Lorenzo and Vicente & Eduvijes Lorenzo (D)      Bishop Walsh
Noon Ilisa Chan (D)                                   Fr. Zhai, SVD

Monday, March 21
6:30 Joseph Chen (D)                                 Bishop Walsh
8:45 David Liu (D)                                        Fr. Zhai, SVD

Tuesday, March 22
6:30 Alice Liu (D)                                     Bishop Walsh
8:45 Alfredo R. Gorospe, Jr. (D)     Fr. Nascimento

Wednesday, March 23
6:30 Daniel Abraham (D)                               Bishop Walsh
8:45 Ellen P. Chung (D)                             Fr. Zhai, SVD

HOLY THURSDAY, March 24
8:45 morning prayer                                    Fr. Nascimento
7:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Anne       Fr. Nascimento

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25
8:45 morning prayer                                    Fr. Nascimento
Noon Seven Last Words                                      Fr. Tony McGuire
1:30 Good Friday Liturgy                                  Fr. Tony McGuire
3:00 Confessions                                           All Priests
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross                           Fr. Nascimento

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26
8:45 morning prayer                                    Fr. Nascimento
8 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
Parishioners of St. Anne                              Bishop Walsh

Archdiocesan Conference for Parishes: Go Green!
On Saturday, April 23 from 9am to 12:30pm right here at Saint Anne’s, the Archdiocese will be hosting an orientation and workshop for parishioners from the archdiocese to learn more about environmental justice and how we might make our parishes more “green.” Not only is this good for the planet, but it will save us money! For registration and information, visit sfarch.org/green

Catholic Relief Services — Today’s 2nd Collection
funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve Jesus in the disguise of our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. These agencies provide a broad range of services, including advocating for immigrants, providing humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, resettling displaced individuals, and working for peace. Your generous support of this collection is an opportunity to help Jesus in disguise.

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 the 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.

Six volunteers are needed on March 24, Holy Thursday evening for the Presentation of Oils.

If you are interested in helping with this procession before the Mass, please contact Jan Trusty, 415-564-2217 or email her at: leetrusty@gmail.com by March 21. Thank you.

ABSTINENCE: Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FAST: Everyone 18 years of age and older but under the age of 60 is bound to fast on Good Friday.

On this day, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Last Week’s Collections
1st Collection, March 12, 13
Building and Maintenance Fund
Unavailable at time of printing

This Week’s Second Collection:
Catholic Relief Services

Next Week’s Second Collection:
St. Vincent de Paul Society

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ST. ANNE REGULAR SCHEDULE

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

Daily Mass:
Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am
Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

Holy Days of Obligation:
6:30am, 8:45am, 12 noon, & 6pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:
1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

Baptism: 2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm
Preparation Class:
2nd Sunday @ 1:30pm in Rectory

Office Hours:
Mon.—Fri., 9am—4:30 pm
Good Saint Anne, Mother of Mary,
Pray for us!

St. Anne Mission Statement

We, the people of Saint Anne, envision a Christ-centered community, enriched by the gifts of a diverse heritage. We remember the past and are open to the future; living out the Gospel values with enthusiasm, joy and celebration under the protection of Saint Anne.

We commit ourselves to sharing the mission belonging to all followers of Christ: caring for one another and reaching out to those in need.

We commit ourselves to revitalizing our parish community; to participating meaningfully in the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, to developing a strong sense of stewardship; and to regularly evaluating our work and ministries.