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June 5, 2016 ~ Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS OF 2016

GRADUATES

FAITH SERVICE
ST. ANNE SCHOOL
ACADEMICS

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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HOPE AND LIFE

Today’s readings tell the story of two widows. The first reading relates the plight of the widow with whom the prophet Elijah stayed; the Gospel tells about the widow of Nain. In each story, the widow’s only son had died. For people who lived in those cultures, the son was the only support of a widow, and the carrying on of the family name by the son was equal to immortality. A widow whose only son has died could lose all hope.

Elijah and Jesus are the restorers of hope; they bring the sons back to life. Saint Paul was metaphorically raised from the dead when he experienced the conversion and call from God that he describes in today’s second reading.

What are Christians called to do today? We may not be able to raise the dead, but perhaps we can rekindle hope for a single parent. We may not be able to convert a persecutor like Paul, but if we speak the gospel openly and gently with our lives, we might touch a life with the Good News.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Unless Professor Einstein’s theory of relativity can be translated into any useful kind of time-travel, most of our clues about life in the early church will have to come from ancient letters and ancient prayer texts. A prayer text from a dusty library may yield, for example, an understanding of what “presbyters” actually did. We have such a prayer from the early third century from the hand of Hippolytus of Rome. While our modern prayers derive a great deal from his, some of the practices of the ancient church have fallen away. In his day, bishops were chosen by the people, and the other bishops merely consented. Presbyters, by contrast, seem to have been chosen by the bishops. This makes sense, since it allowed the bishops to hand-pick their most trusted advisers.

It seems that bishops were at first reluctant to share their presiding at the Eucharist with presbyters. In fact, by the time of the fourth-century church’s growth spurt in Rome, the bishop sent deacons out with fragments of the host from his Eucharist to drop into the chalices of the presbyters at the outlying eucharistic celebrations. We still have a vestige of this fermentum in the Mass today, a reminder of the early bishops’ desire to give a powerful sign of the unity of all celebrations of the Eucharist with their ministry, and a clue to their reluctance to delegate a sacramental ministry to the presbyters.

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Pastor’s Column

Congratulations Graduates! – 50 students celebrated graduation from our Elementary School last Friday, June 3. For many of them, it is the end of a 9 year journey with us, beginning with Kindergarten. A few weeks earlier, at our monthly SAPTO (St. Anne Parents Teachers Organization) meeting, we also bid farewell to the “graduating” parents, some of whom have spent over 20 years with us. Our graduates will be going to some of the finest Catholic and public high schools in the city. They’ve been well formed and prepared by our excellent teachers and staff. Our Principal, Mr. Tom White, does an exceptional job keeping our school among the best Catholic schools in the City. And Kindergarten will also be celebrating graduation for 22 of its students on Tues, June 7 at 9am. With them, Mrs. Kathryn Henderson will also be “graduating” after teaching Kindergarten for 32 years here with us. Last, but not least, Pre-K is celebrating graduation on Wed., June 8 at 9:30am. I also want to acknowledge and thank the Director of the preschool program, Ms. Judy Glaser, for her excellent work with the preschoolers, teachers and staff. Have a restful Summer.

Junior High Youth Ministry – Since the Fall of 2015, the Principal, Mr. Tom White, and I—along with the 7th and 8th grade teachers—have been discussing how to help our youth grow in their faith and their relationship with God. What came out of our discussions was the formation of a Jr. High Ministry for 7th & 8th graders. With our Pastoral Coordinator, Ms. Rachel Leluc, our High School Youth Minister, Danyelle Velonza, former principal Sr. Esther McEgan and a few others, we kicked off a Jr.Hi Youth Ministry that met once a month at the end of the school day in the school convent. The teens enjoyed the experience and were always curious when they would meet again. The goal of this ministry is to create a safe place for our tweens where they can be a community that supports each other, centered around faith and service (aka – fun, faith, and fellowship). We look forward to continuing this ministry with them in the Summer and transitioning the graduates into High School Youth Ministry. Thanks to all for making this ministry a reality!

—Fr. Dan

SMALL PLEASURES

Little things seem nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air.

—Georges Bemanos
June 5—June 11, 2016

Sunday, June 5
7:30 William Kvaternick (D) & Mary Zuppe (D) Fr. Nascimento
9:00 Joseph Tsyo (D) Bishop Walsh
10:30 Henry Agaton (D) Fr. Nascimento
Noon Parishioners of Saint Anne Fr. Zhai, SVD

Monday, June 6
6:30 Virginia del Rosario (D) Bishop Walsh
8:45 Paula Chow (D) Fr. Zhai, SVD

Tuesday, June 7
6:30 Virginia del Rosario (D) Bishop Walsh
8:45 Erminia “Nina” Lucier (D) Fr. Nascimento

Wednesday, June 8
6:30 David Liu (D) Bishop Walsh
8:45 Bea Ver (D) Fr. Zhai, SVD

Thursday, June 9
6:30 Karen Cunningham (D) Fr. Nascimento
8:45 Lorraine Duensing (D) Fr. Zhai, SVD

Friday, June 10
6:30 Mrs. Mary Han Zhai (D) Bishop Walsh
8:45 Ann Fry (D) Fr. Zhai, SVD

Saturday, June 11
8:45 Confraternity of St. Anne Bishop Walsh
5 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Anne Fr. Nascimento

Upcoming St. Anne Dates to Remember—
Parish Picnic in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 10.

109th Saint Anne Novena, July 18—26. Masses will be at 8:45am, 2:30pm, and 7:00pm. Solemn procession will be after the 10:00am Mass on Saturday, July 23.

Saint Anne Dance & Exercise Class Fundraiser, Sunday, July 24, 2016. Saint Anne Gym, 3:00pm-8:30pm. Dinner, Performances, Raffle, Ballroom & Line Dancing. $20 per person. Contact Linda Huang at 415 665-1586 or Nita Wong at 415 810-1591.

Bulletins for the Homebound— If you or someone you know is homebound and/or unable to attend Mass at Saint Anne’s regularly and you wish to receive our weekly bulletin in the mail, please call the rectory secretary at extension 22, and we would be happy to include you in our weekly homebound mailing. You should also know that our present and past weekly bulletins are available on our website www.stanne-sf.org

Thank you all for helping keep our beloved church a clean and beautiful sacred place of worship!

High School Boys Vocation Discernment Camp July 31—August 2 This camp is for Catholic boys in the Archdiocese of San Francisco who will be enrolled in high school (public or private) in the fall of 2016. The purpose is to expose our young men to the various Christian vocations of life, particularly to the Priesthood and Religious Life. There will be talks and presentations as well as time for fun and prayer. The leaders will be seminarians studying for the archdiocese and parish youth leaders. The camp will take place at the Diocese of Oakland Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette, California. Families are asked to contribute $50 for the camp but scholarships are available for families in need. The deadline for applications is July 1. Please contact Fr. David Schunk, Director of Vocations, with any questions at 415 614-5683 or vacations@sfarch.org

SAGES (St. Anne Growing, Exploring Seniors) will sponsor another Pilgrimage on Monday, June 27th, this time to Our Lady of Fatima Russian Byzantine Catholic Church on 5920 Geary St., between 23rd and 24th Avenue. Free parking will be available in St. Monica parking lot. (This Byzantine Church has occupied St. Monica Convent for some years.) Jesuits were the founders of the first Russian Catholic Church of the Byzantine Rite in San Francisco, established to address the spiritual and other needs of Russian (Diaspora) immigrants in the 1950’s. SAGES’ events are always open to all Parishioners and friends of St. Anne of the Sunset. Please make your check of $5 payable to Our Lady of Fatima Byzantine Catholic Church, memo SAGES, attn. Sr. Esther, and leave in St Anne Rectory mailbox. Thank you.

Faithful Citizenship Resources— The California Catholic Conference of Bishops has created a Frequently Asked Questions document to guide parishioners, pastors, and parishes in preparing for the upcoming elections. This is in addition to resources provided by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please visit the websites listed below to access these materials:

USCCB.org CACatholic.org

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2016— We have reached $15,200 in contributions for this worthy cause, in which we are asked to support the many projects of the Archdiocese and identify ourselves as more than mere parishioners but as members of the Archdiocese of San Francisco as well as members of the universal church. Please help us reach our goal of $54,292. We have already met 28% of this assessment! Thank you!

Last Week’s Collections
1st Collection, May 28, May 29—$2,696.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society—$1,305.00

This Week’s Second Collection:
Church Accessibility Upgrade Fund

Thank You All for Your Generosity!
For On-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org
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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

Baptismal Preparation Class:
2nd Sunday @ 1:30pm in Rectory

Office Hours:
Mon.—Fri., 9am—4:30 pm

Looking for Gifts? Our Gift Shop is open Saturdays at 4:45 p.m. and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass; and on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sr. Mary Francis and her helpers will be happy to assist you.
O Lord, my God, I cried out to you and you healed me.
—Psalm 30:3

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.