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November 27, 2016



Stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

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*First Sunday of
Advent
November 27, 2016*

"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

—Matthew 24:44



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GETTING READY

Today marks the beginning of another liturgical year. The tone of today's readings casts us in the role of students learning solemn lessons. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage, calling us up a mountain to receive the Lord's instruction. In this passage we study peace.

Then Paul steps forth with sober admonitions. We have to wake up; the day is almost here. Live honorably in the light. Paul reminds us that we really do know the time in which we are living.

Finally, Matthew presents Jesus the storyteller. Just imagine, Jesus tells us, what it was like in Noah's time. He paints a vivid picture of ordinary people living ordinary lives and ignoring the warnings that Noah heeded. Totally unconcerned, they were destroyed. How will it be any different for us? No one knows when the Lord will come. But we have been warned.

Perhaps we find such sobering scriptures unappealing and threatening. But within them there is promise. We are to live in the light with nothing to hide. We are to be ready.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (*Isaiah 2:1-5*).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (*Psalms 122*).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (*Romans 13:11-14*).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (*Matthew 24:37-44*).

ADVENT

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

—Anonymous

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

Pastor's Corner

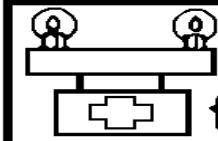
What Are You Thankful For? - This was the title of a Reader's Digest article written by Lauren Gniazdowski. In it she wrote about Anne O. Kubitsky, who started a project entitled *Look for the Good* by asking people to answer the question "What makes you grateful?" and to send their responses to her on a postcard. She got thousands of responses from around the world. And here are 7 creative answers Gniazdowski summarized.

1. *For hobbies:* I am grateful for the meditative place that whittling (wood carving) takes me - Noah Kaeser.
2. *For community:* I believe in community. I believe that if you ask for what you need, people will give it. And sometimes, even when you do not ask, people see what you need and come forward - Nancy Worthen.
3. *For family:* I am grateful for my parents, who taught me to dream. I am grateful for my friends, who shared my dreams. I am grateful for my wife, who supported my dreams. Finally, I am grateful for my daughter, who helped me realize my dreams - Partha Ghosh.
4. *For the little things:* My morning coffee. Couldn't get started without it - M.
5. *For creativity:* I am grateful for my dreams because they push me to do things that I never would have been able to do without them - Van Logan Franklin.
6. *For travel:* I am grateful for being able to travel freely, and to have had the opportunity to visit beautiful places around the world. I have met so many wonderful people who have enriched my life - Dan Yagmin, Jr.
7. *For life:* Art, poetry, friends, health, freedom, peace, seasons, wisdom, beauty, joy, spiritual inspiration, family, love, creativity, harmony, nature, generosity, simplicity, energy, joy, and more joy - Judith Osborne.

Kubitsky concludes with "*this is such an important question, because without even knowing the answer, it will roll around in your head until your heart opens, your eyes soften, and your whole life begins to reorganize.*" As we celebrated Thanksgiving this weekend let us approach God with a grateful heart for all that He has given us: for the good that we've enjoyed and also for the hardships that have caused us to grow in wisdom and strength: "*Give thanks with a grateful heart*" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Save the Date - We only have about \$8K more to go to reach our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal assessment of \$54,292. The funds raised go to support the work of the Archdiocese from on-going training for teachers, to administrative work like HR, to Chaplains for prisons. If you're able to join me at the 1% level (\$543), or its younger sibling 0.5% level (\$272) or higher, we'd like to invite you and a significant other to a New Year's Eve dinner at Moriarty Hall, following that Saturday's Vigil Mass. Save the date and invitations will soon follow.

Gratefully, *Fr. Dan*



Masses for the week

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November 27 to December 3, 2016

Sunday, November 27	President
7:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne	Fr. Nascimento
9:00 intentions, Carla & Anthony Asturias	Fr. Nascimento
10:30 Nicandro Conge (D)	Fr. Nascimento
Noon Ilisa Chan (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Monday, November 28	
6:30 Raymond Rotor (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Rev. George Thomas (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Tuesday, November 29	
6:30 Jaime Vaquilar (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Ramon Masaganda (D)	Fr. Nascimento
Wednesday, November 30	
6:30 healing, Margaret Castro	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Mrs. Choi Ngan Chan (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Thursday, December 1	
6:30 Jose Oviedo, Purita Capoz, & Arnold Cruz (D)	Fr. Nascimento
8:45 Francisco Lam (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
First Friday, December 2	
6:30 healing, Diana Torres, Arnel Torres & Ryan Lagandaon	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Ann Fry (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Saturday, December 3	
8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne	
5 p.m. Flordeliza del Mundo Angat (D)	

Fresh Christmas Wreaths Sale will be on November 27 at the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses sponsored by St. Anne's Boy Scout Troop 15 to support its program. Troop 15 has been a part of St. Anne's since 1938 and currently has over 40 scouts who participate in outdoor activities, provide for service projects, and most recently supported the St. Anne's Parish Fall Festival. Thank you for your continued support!

St. Anne is accepting donations for the **St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive**. There will be a collection bin in the vestibule until November 29th for non-perishable food items. Let us all help to fill it up for our less fortunate brothers and sisters!. Contact Vincent Louie @ 415-661-6890 or Bill Ceragioli @ 415-566-5401.

St. Anne Junior High students will be having an educational trip to Washington, D.C. next Spring. In preparation for this wonderful opportunity, they will be conducting a **Rummage Sale on Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria and **E-Recycling Drive** now until the trip. For any questions, contact jen_caceres@yahoo.com or aclank@comcast.net. Let us all come together and give our utmost support to make their trip happen!

Year of Mercy Speaker Series Closing Talk: On December 4, 2016, Archbishop Salvatore closes the Presentation Sisters' Year of Mercy speaker series with "Reflections on the Year of Mercy." The talk is from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Presentation Convent, 2340 Turk Blvd., San Francisco, followed by a break for refreshments. Event continues with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Presentation Chapel from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. and is open to all.

First Friday Devotion: This Friday, **December 2nd**, there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 10:00 a.m.

This October our sacristan Mathew DeSilva was busy counting attendance at all the Sunday Masses (including the Saturday 5pm Vigil). His findings were that the **total weekly attendance at all five Masses averaged out at 533** (with the weekly breakdown averaging 289 women, 160 men, and 84 children.)

November, a special month for ALL SOULS: As in the tradition at St. Anne, our deceased loved ones will be prayed for throughout the month of November. If you have not done so, please write their names on the All Souls envelopes available in the pews. Thank you.

Looking for Gifts? Our Gift Shop is open Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass; and on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Drop by and Sr. Mary Francis and her associates will be happy to assist you.

Guadalupana Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral: Thousands of pilgrims will walk and pray asking the intercession of Our Lady of the Americas, the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe on December 10, 2016. The walk begins at All Souls Church in So. San Francisco at 6:00 a.m. and arrives at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco at 2:00 p.m. for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone. Transportation to the departure point on So. San Francisco from St. Mary's Cathedral is available beginning at 4:00 a.m.; transportation from the end point at St. Mary's Cathedral back to the departure point is available from 2:30 -5:00 p.m. Call (415)-333-4868 for more information.

Last Week's Collection

1st Collection, November 19, 20
2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development
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This Week's Second Collection Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2016—\$46,809 (86%)
Assessment—\$54,292

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ST. ANNE REGULAR 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)

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: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm



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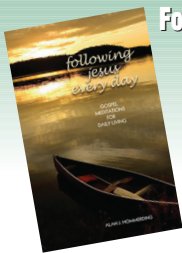
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