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January 29, 2017 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
—Matthew 5:9

GOD’S WAYS

If we itemized the top eight things that bring us happiness, happiness, what items might show up on the list? A hefty bank account? A Caribbean cruise or African safari? A shopping mall marathon? Season tickets for the hometown team? A new car? If we already have some of these things, most likely we know they don’t bring us true happiness. Fact is, they probably bring us more aggravation—items to return or repair, one more object for people to argue over. Today’s scriptures point us toward the things that bring us true joy. The words of all three passages conflict with our society’s conviction that fortune, fame, and power are the sought-after treasures of life. God’s ways are not the ways of our popular culture, after all, and today’s readings help point us in the right direction. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).
Psalm — The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).
Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

Pastor’s Column

Catholic Schools Week - As we celebrate nationally our Catholic Schools this week, here are a few interesting national statistics from the US Conference of Catholic Bishop’s website:

- 99% of students who attend Catholic high schools graduate. Of those, 86% attend 4-year colleges.
- Currently, 6 of the 9 Supreme Court Justices went to Catholic school.
- 16.4% of Catholic school students are not Catholic.
- The national average cost per pupil at Catholic schools is $5,847; the national per pupil average in public schools is $12,054.
- Catholic schools provide over 24 billion dollars a year in savings for the nation.
- Catholic schools tend to operate as communities rather than bureaucracies, which links to higher levels of teacher commitment, student engagement and student achievement.
- The Catholic school climate, mission and purpose positively impact student achievement and attendance.
- In Catholic schools, overall academic achievement is higher.
- Students with multiple disadvantages benefit most from Catholic schools.
- The poorer and more at-risk a student is, the greater the relative achievement gains in Catholic schools.
- Catholic school students are more likely to pray daily, attend church more often and retain a Catholic identity as an adult.
- Catholic school graduates are more civically engaged, more tolerant of diverse views, more committed to service as adults, and less likely to be incarcerated than their public school peers.

As we celebrate the success of our Catholic schools, this is in no way a put-down of public schools, which also have a very difficult job to do at times with limited resources. I too am a product of both Catholic schools (K-4th grade) and public schools, having attended Herbert Hoover Jr. High, Lowell High School, City College, and San Francisco State University. My public school teachers were also hard working professionals who gave us their best. But this week we honor our hard working teachers and staff who help our students achieve, and we also thank their parents who give us the support so that our children can stand on our shoulders and reach higher and farther. A special thanks to Mr. Thomas White, Principal of our Elementary School, for being a capable, hard working, practical, wise and experienced leader of our school community. A job well done to you and to all our teachers and staff!!!

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan

24 Hours of Prayer for Vocations:

Sat., February 4—Sun., February 5:

On the weekend of February 4—5, four sites in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations, with three of those sites open for 24 hours of prayer. We are inviting the faithful to come and pray in a particular way for vocations to Consecrated Religious Life, the Permanent Diaconate, and the Priesthood. You and a group may sign up for a particular time slot; or just stop in and say a prayer. Participating sites are Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, Monastery of Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and Cristo Rey Monastery in San Francisco, and Mission San Rafael. Please visit the website Sfarch.org/PrayForVocations for more information, sign-up links, and resources in English and Spanish.
Last Weeks’ Collections
1st Collection, January 21, January 22—$4,471.00
Saint Patrick’s Seminary—$1,218.00

No Second Collection This Week
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2016—$ (100%)
Assessment—$54,292

Thank You All for Your Generosity!
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Instead of a February event, SAGES (St. Anne Growing, Exploring Seniors) will once more sponsor parishioner donations to a very worthwhile cause: The Gubbio Project at St. Boniface Church. As you know, we have experienced extreme inclement weather conditions this winter. Imagine how our homeless brothers and sisters have suffered during these months! St. Boniface opened its Hall for three weeks as part of the Interfaith Emergency Winter Shelter. The Gubbio Project extended its hours on rainy days so that our homeless people can go directly from St. Boniface pews to the mats at St. Anthony’s Dining Room Winter Shelter. St. Anthony’s has opened its dining room at night for 3½ months for 60 people. What a gift! The Gubbio Project is now serving 300 people per day at their two Churches: St. Boniface in the Tenderloin and St John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in the Mission. Gubbio’s programs include Friday morning breakfast, weekly massage and foot care, daily coffee and pastries. Also, of course, free lunches are provided by St. Anthony’s Dining Room. Case management services, emergency and essential supplies continue to be offered at St. Boniface Gubbio Project. So, please consider making a donation to this very worthwhile cause. Make your checks payable to St. Anne Church, memo SAGES’ Gubbio Project, attn. Sr. Esther, and leave in St. Anne rectory mailbox. Thank you for remembering our beloved homeless people.

Catholic Charities Sunday 2016 Impact
Your contributions changed thousands of lives! Everyday for the last 110 years, parishioners like you have put your faith into action through your support of Catholic Charities which was founded as the social services arm of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Last May, during the Catholic Charities Sunday second collection, at 93 churches in the Archdiocese, parishioners collectively contributed more than 4219,000 to change the lives of our neighbors in need. Your donations helped 3,503 individuals void homelessness and receive housing; 5333 women and men get affordable and ethical legal immigration services. You helped 26,855 children participate in healthy educational development for lifelong success; and 1,628 seniors and adults with disabilities receive the gift of independence. Thank you for your sustained support as we continue to serve those who come to us in need.
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
Saint Anne Athletic Department
Crab Bash

Saturday, February 11, 2017
Moriarty Hall

Adult: $45.00 (if purchased by 1/29)
$50.00 (if purchased after 1/29 till 2/7)
Childcare: $15.00 per family
(kid’s meal, no crab)

All proceeds to benefit the St. Anne Athletic Dept.

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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.
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