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February 12, 2017 ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*...I say to you, until heaven  
and earth pass away, not the smallest letter  
or the smallest part of a letter will  
pass from the law, until all things  
have taken place.*

**Matthew 5:18**

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared for those who love him,  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

### CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (*Sirach 15:15, 16*). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries. In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (*Sirach 15:15-20*).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (*Psalms 119*).

**Second Reading** — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (*Matthew 5:17-37*).

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Our readings today address the laws that God has given us to live by. The first reading and the psalm present them as fulfilling and life-giving. Then along comes Jesus in the Gospel, and while he upholds the law, he calls us to a higher standard. No longer is it enough to observe the letter of the law. As we hear these words proclaimed today, it might be good to reflect on one area of our life where we can do more, and to pray for the grace to do so.

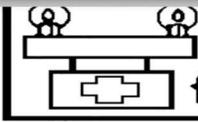
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## Pastor's Column

**Congratulations, Confirmandi** - On Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15 of our elementary school 8<sup>th</sup> graders were Confirmed by Bishop Emeritus Daniel Walsh. Our Church is blessed to have these young men and women say "Yes" to the Lord. To prepare for Confirmation, not only do they have to know the basics of our Catholic faith, but they also have to do community service such as volunteering at the parish as Altar Servers or with the choir, or writing to the homebound, or serving at St. Anthony's dining room or SPCA. The choice of where to volunteer is theirs and it's meant to help them experience the joy of giving and the difference they can make in other people's lives. I also want to take this opportunity to thank their 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers **Ms. Kathy Kelly** and **Mrs. Kimberly Bingham**, their principal, **Mr. Thomas White**, as well as the entire faculty and staff that have taught and modeled faith for these teens. Even their 28 non-Catholic classmates participated with their Catholic classmates in this celebration. They took the same religion classes, attended the same Confirmation retreat, and also did service for the parish and community. I want to thank them for accompanying their classmates in this milestone of their faith, and for serving as members of the choir, greeters, and altar servers on that day. Lastly, but not least, I want to acknowledge and thank their parents who have led them to the sacraments and their sponsors who will continue to model faith for our young people. For all that you do for them, for all the sacrifices and heartaches you bore, know that God does not forget the good you do but will richly reward you for your efforts.

**Alpha Course** - Recently, on Saturday, January 29, the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization sponsored an introduction to the Alpha Course. St. Anne hosted this course in our church hall and a few of our parishioners joined the nearly 100 participants. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, so the Alpha course is a basic introduction to the spiritual life. First begun in London, in the Anglican Church, the course invites non-Christian friends and family members to dinner with the purpose of creating a friendly atmosphere to talk about the deeper things in life, our hearts' deepest yearnings. The course also introduces Jesus who came to answer and fill our hearts' longing. Guests are then invited to speak freely with each other, without judgment, to explore this aspect of their life. The series of 20-minute videos produced for this course are very well done. They are meant to be conversation starters. To test pilot this program, we've begun using their youth series for non-catholic junior high students wishing to be baptized, and they've found them very favorable. We'll be exploring the adult series and hopefully in the near future, we can also use this to invite our non-catholic friends and family members to a deeper discussion of life.

— Fr. Dan



## Masses for the week

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### February 12—18, 2017

<b>Sunday, February 12</b>	<b>Presider</b>
7:30 Paul Salvador (D)	Fr. Nascimento
9:00 Parishioners of Saint Anne and Paulino Salvador (D)	Fr. Nascimento
10:30 Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)	Bishop Walsh
Noon Chee Keet Lin (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
<b>Monday, February 13</b>	
6:30 Ralph J. Mangan (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Ursula Katherine Oey (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
<b>Tuesday, February 14</b>	
6:30 Lorraine Lynch (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 John & Marian Fox (D)	Fr. Nascimento
<b>Wednesday, February 15</b>	
6:30 Ralph J. Mangan (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Ursula Katherine Oey (D)	Fr. Nascimento
<b>Thursday, February 16</b>	
6:30 Mary Siu (D)	Fr. Nascimento
8:45 Michael Christopher Buckley (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
<b>Friday, February 17</b>	
6:30 Valjean Motak (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Goodwyn Wong (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
<b>Saturday, February 18</b>	
8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne	Fr. Zhai, SVD
5 p.m. Deceased members of the Smith family	Bishop Walsh

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**. 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, and daily coffee and pastries, and 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 the St. Anne rectory mailbox**. Thank you.

**Do You Ever Wonder:** *How can I deepen my faith?  
How important to me is my relationship with God?  
I love my faith, but I need to know more.*

If so, you should come to the  
**16-part series of 1-hour catechesis sessions  
twice a week for eight weeks  
beginning this Monday, February 6th**

in the **Saint Anne Rectory 1390 Room**  
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and in the **Saint Anne Convent**  
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### **Help for Bereavement Ministers and the Bereaved** Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM, [tgallagher@mercywmw.org](mailto:tgallagher@mercywmw.org)

The Grief and Consolation Ministry of the archdiocese offers many and varied opportunities for those who grieve and for those seeking training in helping others who grieve. Upcoming are:

**Marin Grief Support Group:** Wednesdays, February 8 to March 29, 1:30-3:00 pm, Our Lady of Loretto Church, 1806 Novato Blvd., Novato, **tel. (415) 897-2171**

**San Francisco Grief Support Group:** Second and Forth Wednesdays each month, 7:00-8:30 pm, St. Gabriel Church, 2559 40th Avenue, San Francisco, **(415) 731-6161**

**Gathering for Grief Ministers:** Bereavement Ministers are invited to a morning of sharing at Holy Name Parish Flanagan Center, 1555 39th Avenue, San Francisco, on Wednesday, February 22, 10:00 am-noon. The theme is "Accepting the Reality of Loss and Learning to Live Again."  
[crisfcc2016@yahoo.com](mailto:crisfcc2016@yahoo.com)

**Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes** at St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush St., in San Francisco: A three-class course of instruction in the Sympto-Thermal Method, one Saturday each month at 2pm beginning February 25 and then held on March 25 and April 22. Many couples who practice NFP report a deeper respect for their spouse and a strengthening of their marriage. For complete information and to register for this course or to learn about Online Course options, visit the website, [live-the-love.org](http://live-the-love.org) Questions? Contact Nicole Hull at [nicolehull87@gmail.com](mailto:nicolehull87@gmail.com)

### **Last Weeks' Collections**

1st Collection, February 4, February 5—\$4,548.00  
School Earthquake Retrofit Fund—\$992.00  
On-line donations 1/1/2017—1/31/2017—\$1,555.00

### **Second Collection This Week** Building and Maintenance Fund

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2016—\$ (100%)  
Assessment—\$54,292

**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 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



## *St. Anne Mission Statement*

**W**e, 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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