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December 23, 2018 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 24th Vigil: 5:00pm

Mass in Chinese: 8:00pm

Midnight Mass: 12:00am

Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 25th 7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

Mass in Chinese: 12:00pm

New Years Day Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:00am

Only 1 Mass today

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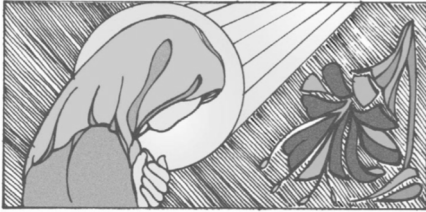
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December 23, 2018



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
— Luke 1:42

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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Pastor's Column

Symbols of Faith & Hope – Around Christmas time, as we put up our Christmas trees, lights, and nativity scenes, the Pope reminds us that they can be instruments to help us in our journey of faith. At the Vatican this year, as they put up a 65-foot Christmas tree in St. Peter's Square, from Italy's Cansiglio forest, the Pope explained that the great height of this tree symbolizes two things: (1) the Son of God who lowered Himself to become one of us and (2) in that process, he also raised us up to Himself. And the Pope continues, the Christmas tree and its lights, "remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World, the Light of the soul that drives away the darkness of animosity and makes room for forgiveness." Of the 52-foot wide Nativity scene in St. Peter's square, this year it is sculpted entirely out of sand. Around 700 tons of sand were brought in for this project. Pope Francis reflected that sand is a humble, poor material that "recalls the simplicity, the smallness with which God showed Himself at the birth of Jesus in the precariousness of Bethlehem. Contemplating the God child, who emanates light in the humility of the Nativity scene, we can also become witnesses of humility, tenderness and goodness." So as Pope Francis leads us to reflect upon our Christmas traditions, may he inspire us with these new meanings so that we can in turn share them with our children and grandchildren.



From all of us at St. Anne,
Bishop Walsh, Fr. Peter,
Fr. Pete, Sr. Esther,
Sr. Mary Francis, Ken,
Rachel, Tessie, Matthew,
Mie Mie, Tom, Judy, Eva,
and I, we wish you a very
Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year!

- Fr. Dan

If You Look for Me at Christmas

— Author Unknown

*If you look for me at Christmas,
you won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do,
and listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
and you'll find Me in the stillness,
as I'm whispering your name.
Love, Jesus*



Masses for the week

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December 23 to December 29, 2018

Sunday, December 23

7:30 Anthony Chan (D)
9:00 Parishioners of Saint Anne
10:30 Joseph Chen (D)
Noon David Liu (D)
5 p.m. *Simbang Gabi Mass*

Monday, December 24

6:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne
8:45 Parishioners of Saint Anne
5 p.m. intentions, Magdalena Wong
& Family
8 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Anne

Tuesday, December 25 — CHRISTMAS

Midnight Parishioners of Saint Anne
7:30 intentions, Nenita Afable & Family
9:00 John & Marian Fox (D)
10:30 Ancieto Lucas (D)
Noon Mrs. Maria Gu (D)

Wednesday, December 26

6:30 In honor of the 60th Jubilee
of Mother Celine, LSP
8:45 Sr. Celia Deng (D)

Thursday, December 27

6:30 Glindsay Alas (D)
8:45 Telesfora Gorospe (D)

Friday, December 28

6:30 Telesfora Gorospe (D)
and Mary Anne Zamora (D)
8:45 Patrick McEgan (D)

Saturday, December 29

8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne
5 p.m. Giovanni & Glindsay Alas (D)

Presider

Rev. Tieng, LRMS
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National Migration Week January 6-12: "Building Communities of Welcome"

National Migration Week is an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For nearly half a century, the Church in the United States has taken this annual opportunity to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, refugees, trafficked humans, and displaced persons, and to take action on their behalf. The theme for National Migration Week 2019 is "Building Communities of Welcome." How do we engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends? Visit the USCCB website (below) for resources and news. justiceformigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week

Christmas Lunch for Inmates

On December 24 (11:00 am – 2:00 pm) is the **Holiday Lunch** at the **Juvenile Justice Center** for incarcerated youth (boys and girls 12 to 18 years old) and their families. You are welcome to participate or donate by contacting Julio Escobar, Restorative Justice Ministry escobarj@sfarch.org sfarchdiocese.org/rjministry 415-614-5572

Priesthood Discernment Monthly Dinner Meetings

The archdiocesan Office of Vocations offers a series of monthly meetings for men who interested in discovering more about the priesthood. Discernment is not a solitary endeavor. Three 1st Thursday meetings are on January 3, February 7, and March 7: 6:15 – 8:30 pm at Church of the Epiphany, 826 Vienna St., San Francisco. San Francisco. The program each time is Eucharistic Adoration in the church, followed by dinner and discussion in the rectory. For information or to RSVP: Fr. Patrick Summerhays, Vocations Director 415-614-5684 summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org

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 12:00 p.m. Sr. Mary Francis and her assistants are always happy to assist you!

Thanks to all our volunteers who did such a great job of **cleaning our church last Saturday** to prepare for the Christmas season! Everything looks beautiful!

Last Week's Collection

1st Collection, December 16, 2018
Property and Insurance Fund
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This Week's 2nd Collection
Christmas Flowers

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018
Assessment— \$56,321.00
Total Donations Received - \$51,427.00

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



5pm Christmas Vigil Mass Dec. 24

At this Mass we have a live pageant depicting the birth of Jesus with a real family portraying the Holy Family. Your children are invited to participate. We need children who can be angels, shepherds, and the three kings.

If your child wishes to join us, please call

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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

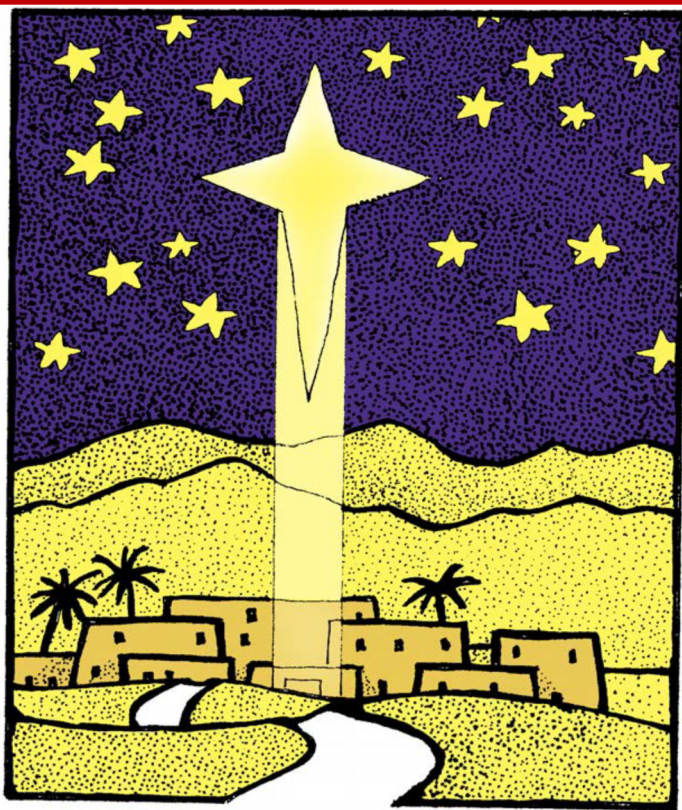
Baptism: 2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm

Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

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

Church Hours: Mon—Fri: 8am-4pm

Sat.: 8am-6pm Sun: 7am-1:30pm



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***Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.***

—Luke 1:45

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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