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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

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________________________________________
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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 giftgiving, 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
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 Jane Anne Sullivan @ 415 902-1533

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 
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. Celicia Deng (D)

Thursday, December 27
6:30 Glindsay Alas (D)  
8:45 Telesfora Gorgospe (D)

Friday, December 28
6:30 Telesfora Gorgospe (D)  
8:45 Patrick McEgan (D)  
5 p.m. Giovanni & Glindsay Alas (D)

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!

Please consider donating to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018. This year's assessment is $56,321.00 and we've received $51,427.00. Thank you all for your generosity!

For on-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org

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!

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 are 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. 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

Last Week’s Collection

1st Collection, December 16, 2018  
Property and Insurance Fund  
Figures Unavailable at Time of Printing

This Week’s 2nd Collection

Christmas Flowers

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018
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Thank You All for Your Generosity!

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

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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
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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