February 17, 2019 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beatitudes

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.
But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.
Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

Luke 6:21

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When we think of the word "Beatitude" we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude! —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy. Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.
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Pastor’s Column
A Vision for our Parish – Have you ever given any thought as to what our parish could be? What would be your vision for St. Anne? What do you think God’s vision for us would be? That is the work that we do at the Parish Council—to set a vision for the Parish and take steps to help us arrive at that vision. Lately, with the help of Fr. Pete, we’ve been discussing the Eight Characteristics of Healthy Churches. Researcher Christian Schwarz studied thousands of churches throughout the world and found 8 qualities in healthy churches. They are:

1. Empowering Leadership
2. Gift-oriented ministry
3. Passionate Spirituality
4. Functional Structures
5. Inspiring Worship Services
6. Holistic Small Groups
7. Need-Oriented Evangelism
8. And Loving Relationships.

Based on Schwarz’s studies, the parish council and I discussed what forming Small Faith Communities in our parish might look like. What would we want these Small Communities to be? In the end, we wanted them to be places of friendship, where we could live our faith in a community that supported and encouraged us and where we could invite others to also find love, faith, and support in their spiritual journey. And having Small Faith Communities could also help us develop the other healthy qualities in our Church, which are (1) to empower others to be leaders, (2) to allow them to use their gifts in service to God and the Church, (7) to allow the group to discuss issues relevant to their lives, and (8) to form loving relationships. So we thought having Small Faith Communities would be a blessing in our parish.

We also discussed what activities we would do in these Small Faith Communities and how often they would meet. We invited several parishioners to discern with us, and several leaders offered ideas from a Pilates Exercise Club to a Walking Club, a Baking & Cooking Club, a Faith Sharing Book Club, Board Games (for young Adults), Reflecting on the Sunday’s Reading Club, Bible Study, Ongoing Adult Faith Formation, Teen Club, and a Seniors’ Club (SAGES). In the next few weeks I’ll share more information with you about our ideas for Small Faith Communities. But what do you think about them? What activity would you be interested in? Who would you want to go with you? And how often would you like these activities to take place? Returning back to the Vision for our parish, it is my hope that St. Anne would be a place where we would find many warm loving communities of disciples who use their gifts and talents to better our community and our world. What’s yours? Let me know…
- Fr. Dan
February 17 to February 23, 2019

Sunday, February 17
7:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne and Wan Lee (D)             Presider
9:00 Mary Ann Zamora and Telesfora & Arturo Gorospe          Rev. Nascimento
10:30 Susan Domenici (D)                                     Bishop Walsh
Noon  Ilisa Chan (D)                                          Rev. Zhai, SVD

Monday, February 18
8:45 Fr. Jerry Van Overbeek (D)                              Rev. Zhai, SVD

Tuesday, February 19
6:30 Nelson Canto (D)                                        Bishop Walsh
8:45 Goodwyn Wong (D)                                        Rev. Nascimento

Wednesday, February 20
6:30 Antonio F. Cirera (D)                                   Bishop Walsh
8:45 healing, Judy Knight                                    Rev. Zhai, SVD

Thursday, February 21
6:30 Lorenzo Del Rosario (D)                                 Bishop Walsh
8:45 Mark Mitchell Family (L & D)                            Rev. Zhai, SVD

Friday, February 22
6:30 healing, Catherine Brother                              Bishop Walsh
8:45 John V. Fox, Sr. (D)                                     Rev. Zhai, SVD

Saturday, February 23
8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne and Nicandro & Eufracia Conge (D) Bishop Walsh
5 p.m. thanksgiving, Herminia Sangalang                       Rev. Nascimento

In Observance of Presidents Day,
the Rectory Office will be closed and there will be no 6:30am Mass.

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- Friday, March 1, at St. Augustine Church, 3700 Callan Blvd., South San Francisco 8:40 am Mass through 12 noon Mass. The noon Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone with the presbyterate and seminarians. (11:00 am to 12 noon is Confessions and Eucharistic Holy Hour.) Contact: Fr. Ray Reyes (reyesr@sfarch.org)
- Sunday, March 3, at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco There will be veneration of the relic after each Mass: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am; and 1:00 pm. 11:00 am Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Christian. Contact: Fr. Art Albano (albano.arturo@sfarch.org)

Clerics Classic Basketball Game
It’s March Gladness! Friday, March 22, 6:30 pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, 1055 Ellis St., San Francisco
Holy Hoopsters, Batman! It’s the Third Annual Clerics Classic. Once again, priests of the archdiocese and St. Patrick’s seminarians will lace up their sneakers, take to the hardwood, and dribble their way to glory (well, earthly glory anyway). The game is in the SHCP gym; parking is available in the Cathedral parking lot, a block from the school. Tickets are $10 adults, $5 students. They’re available in select parishes, at the door, or by calling 415-614-5552

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Catholic Charities Immigration Services
Serve as a mentor
Catholic Charities Immigration Services has partnered with the Archdiocese of San Francisco to launch the Catholic Accompaniment and Reflection Experience (CARE), a new pilot initiative committed to connecting Catholic volunteers with undocumented immigrants and their families. Volunteers will serve as mentors and provide one of the most vulnerable communities in our county with the support to integrate and comply with their immigration proceedings. If you are interested in making a difference in someone’s life, please email Montserrat Ayala at MAyala@CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

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Share your Catholic values. Help Catholic Charities provide 34,000 people with services ranging from housing, homelessness prevention, case management, senior care, to afterschool programs for disadvantaged children. We seek volunteers to share our work. Help us provide goods to our families and individuals, such as healthy snacks, toiletries, socks, and backpacks. Learn more by emailing Nina Taggart, Volunteer Services Coordinator, NTaggart@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or 415-972-1246 or visiting the volunteer page at www.CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

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On behalf of SAGES, Sr. Esther extends her warmest thanks to everyone who contributed to the Gubbio Project during the month of January. The total donation came to $593, and a check for that amount will be mailed to the project. God bless you all!

Last Week’s Collections
1st Collection, February 10, 2019— $3,618.00
Building and Maintenance Fund—$867.00

This Week’s 2nd Collection
Property and Insurance Fund

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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 is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.
—Jeremiah 17:7

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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