But I say to you who hear,
LOVE your ENEMIES
do good to those who hate you
Luke 6:27
February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history. In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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Pastor’s Column

A Dream – Last Sunday at all the masses, I shared a vision I had for our parish community which is that we would be a warm and loving community of disciples that use our gifts and talents to better our community and our world. As I shared my vision, I also asked for your input and about 40 of you responded and your vision included:

- Seeing new faces, bigger community
- Establishing better loving relationships
- More vibrant, more varied age ranges, inclusive
- Service oriented, helping others (i.e. – home less)
- Cheerful, friendly, positive, lively community
- Greater involvement
- Encouraging, supporting, God-centered, growing & strengthening each other’s faith
- Active community that reaches out to young & old, conservative or liberal

It’s heartening for me to hear so many good responses that echo the gospel values Jesus taught us. And that’s something we’ll continue to discuss at the Parish Council. But I believe there are at least 3 ways that we can take all the input and make it into a reality:

1. The first has to do with Small Faith Communities (SFC). It’s hard to be intimate, supportive and welcoming of everyone in a large community. But in a smaller intimate setting, we have the time to study, listen, support and encourage one another. That’s why the Parish Council and I discussed creating opportunities for people to come together in Small Faith Communities regularly. And I encourage each SFC leader, from Knitting, to Dance & Exercise, to Bible Study to include in their activities the 3 Ss (Spiritual, Social & Service). For the knitters, they might offer what they need to cancer patients or children being baptized in the parish. And as they knit, they say a prayer for those who will receive it. The same for Board Game players. They can begin and/or close with a prayer and maybe once a quarter decide on a service project to do, perhaps at St. Anthony Dining Room or here in the parish.

2. The second is for the parish council and I to create those opportunities listed, such as service and welcome, perhaps once a month inviting everyone to wear a name tag so we can get to know each other by name.

3. Lastly, we also need to Be the change we wish to see in the world (Gandhi). With the talents and gifts God has given me, how can I make the change I want to see a reality?

Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream of a better world. His dream inspired and transformed our nation. How can we allow our dream for a warmer loving community transform our parish? What can I do to make that a reality at St. Anne’s? Can you imagine being the change you wish to see at St. Anne?

- Fr. Dan
### Masses for the Week

**February 24 to March 2, 2019**

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**First Friday Devotion**

This Friday, March 1st there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:45am Mass. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 10:00 a.m.

**Catholic Charities and US Census Bureau Partner to Promote 2020 Census Jobs**

**Census Job Opportunities** In advance of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people for temporary jobs across the country. These positions provide an opportunity for many individuals to earn some extra income while helping their communities. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine each state’s representation in Congress, as well as, how certain funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads, and more essential public services in our local communities. Help ensure that everyone in our community is counted! Apply today: 1-855-JOB-2020 or online https://recruitment.2020census.gov/ats/careersite/census.aspx?site=1&c=census

**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!

**St. Anne of the Sunset**

**Every Friday of Lent**

**Beginning March 8 thru April 19**

**Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm Followed by Benediction**

**Preceded by a simple supper of soup and bread in the vestibule at 6:00pm**

If you would like to contribute a pot of soup, please contact Jan Trusty. Email: leetrusty@gmail.com / 415-584-2217.

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**40 Days of Lent Are 40 Days for Life** Take a stand for life. From March 6 to April 14, defenders of life will take part in 40 Days for Life, a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization to keep vigil on behalf of the unborn. The site of the vigil is the Planned Parenthood facility at 1650 Valencia St. in San Francisco. For details, instructions, and registration, contact SF40DaysforLife@gmail.com 408-840-3297

**Last Week’s Collections**

1st Collection, February 17, 2019—$3,219.00
Property and Insurance Fund—$1,067.00

**This Week’s 2nd Collection**

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Thank You All for Your Generosity!

For on-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org
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
Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— Psalm 103:8

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.