March 3, 2019 ~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Luke 6:45
THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul’s expression—words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others’ smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus’ images, is true: “What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh.” By and by, the inside will show through.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God’s promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and “clear the air” by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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Pastor’s Column

Small Faith Communities – I’m very pleased that when the discussion at the Parish Council to form Small Faith Communities came up, it was so well received by the Council members and a few leaders from the parish community. It was their ideas that these new groups came into being:

- Board Games (Thurs @ 8pm @ convent)
- Cooking/Baking (4th Sat @ 9:30am @ convent)
- Knitting (Sat @ 10am @ rectory)
- Parents’ Group (Fri 6pm or Sun 9:30am @ rectory)
- Pilates (Thurs @ 6:30pm @ school library)
- and Walking (Sat @ 10am, meet outside church)

These new groups, coupled with existing groups such as Adult Faith Formation, Bible Study, Book Club, Dance & Exercise, Legion of Mary, and Sages make 12 Small Faith Groups in our parish. The top 3 sign-ups last week were Pilates, Knitting, Cooking/Baking, and Board Games. Pilates and Walking also had a respectable sign-up. Three parents with children in the parish school formed a group called, appropriately enough, Parents’ Group, with the purpose of sharing life and faith by reflecting on the Sunday gospel either on Sun @ 9:30am or on Fri @ 6pm. Bible Study, led by Fr. Pete has been very popular with both a day time session (Fri @ 9:30am) and an evening time session (Wed @ 7pm). Fr. Pete is a natural at explaining the mysteries of the Bible. Adult Faith Formation, attended largely (but not exclusively) by parents of the children attending Sunday school, is a good combination of socializing and having honest conversations about life and faith and how the two mix in family life. Dance and Exercise Club offers both Ballroom & Chinese Line Dancing on Sunday afternoons in the Gym from 2-4pm. The Legion of Mary is a service organization that not only intercedes for parishioners and those in need but does concrete works of mercy in our community. They meet regularly for prayers on Thurs @ 5pm in the Rectory. Sr. Esther’s SAGES (Saint Anne Growing and Exploring Seniors) is a social club that travels the city every 4th Monday at 10:30am. And this Lent, the Faith Sharing Book Club will explore Building a Bridge between the Church & the LGBT community and meet on Tues @ 7pm in the Rectory. We’re looking also to form a Teen Small Faith Community, especially with our Junior High and Confirmation teens. If you haven’t signed up yet, it’s not too late. This Sunday will also be a sign-up Sunday with the plan that many of these groups will begin in Lent. Stop by the vestibule to find out more information about these different groups.

The sole purpose of these various groups is to build friendship, fellowship, and faith in our community. Wouldn’t you want to be part of a warm and loving community of disciples here at St. Anne?

—Fr. Dan
March 3 to March 9, 2019

Sunday, March 3
7:30 healing, Billy Stack             Rev. Tieng, LRMS
9:00 Joseph Tsoy (D)                  Rev. Nascimento
10:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne      Bishop Walsh
Noon Anthony Nguyen (D)               Rev. Zhai, SVD

Monday, March 4
6:30 Msgr. John Pernia (D)            Bishop Walsh
8:45 thanksgiving, Regina Lirazan     Rev. Zhai, SVD

Tuesday, March 5
6:30 Chee Keet Lin (D)                Bishop Walsh
8:45 thanksgiving, Dolly & Jimmy Hernandez Rev. Nascimento

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6
6:30 healing, Billy Stack             Rev. Zhai, SVD
8:45 healing, Agnes Fulton & Anne Mason Rev. Zhai, SVD
6 p.m. Robert Evans (D)               Rev. Nascimento

Thursday, March 7
6:30 birthday, Tristan Austria        Rev. Tieng, LRMS
8:45 healing, Agnes Fulton & Anne Mason Rev. Zhai, SVD

Friday, March 8
6:30 Nina Lucier (D)                  Rev. Tieng, LRMS
8:45 healing, Andrea Parker           Rev. Zhai, SVD

Saturday, March 9
8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne      Rev. Tieng, LRMS
and Rev. Didacus Ma (D)               Rev. Nascimento
5 p.m. Maria Pachecho DeLomparte (D)  Rev. Nascimento

This Wednesday, March 6, marks the beginning of Lent. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday seems to be a day when the majority of Catholics like to attend Mass. So there will be four Masses celebrated at Saint Anne on March 6— at 6:30am, 8:45am, noon, and 6:00pm, during which ashes will be distributed.

Fast & Abstinence

While attendance at Mass or reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday is not required, there are of course requirements about our food intake during Lent. Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. And everyone 18 years of age and older but under the age of 60 is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. That means only one full meal on those days unless health or ability to perform one's work would be seriously affected. Have a most blessed Lent!

Loneliness & Brain Health— an open conversation about how loneliness impacts our overall health and ways to stay connected. Wed., March 13 in Moriarty Hall at 6pm. A free public service sponsored by Community Living Campaign in partnership with UCSF. More info? Contact Patti Spaniak 415 821 1003, x 106.

On Monday, March 25th, SAGES will sponsor a Docent Tour of St. Anne Church, beginning at 10:30 AM. Our Docent will be none other than our Parish Manager, Ken DelPonte. For his BA degree, Ken majored in English and minored in History at the University of Connecticut. This was followed by an MA degree at SF State University, where he then taught English for 12 years. However, he has always been interested in and studied history. So Ken’s Tour of St. Anne Church will provide not only information on the beauties of our Church, with its magnificent stained glass windows and architectural features, but also interesting facts about its history. So sign up for this one-of-a-kind free tour! By Monday, March 18, please provide your name, phone number/email address to Sr. Esther and mail/leave in the Rectory mailbox.

Lent begins this Wednesday, and we will be having the popular Friday night Simple Soup Supper beginning this Friday, March 8 at 6:00pm. If you can bring a pot of your favorite meatless soup on one of the 6 Fridays of Lent or contribute bread and butter, please contact Jan Trusty at leetrusty@gmail.com

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in our church twice on the Fridays of Lent: at 1:45pm and at 7pm.

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 Street in San Francisco. For details, instructions, and registration, contact SF40DaysforLife@gmail.com 408-840-3297

Last Week’s Collections
1st Collection, February 24, 2019— $2,647.00
Saint Vincent de Paul Society—$770.00

This Week’s 2nd Collection
School Earthquake Retrofit 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
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 / 415-554-2217.

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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