



St. Anne of the Sunset Catholic Church

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March 31, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Lent



Parish Lenten Retreat

The Mystery of the Cross



The Mystery of the Cross.
A mystery of love,
can only be understood in prayer.
Pray and weep,
kneeling before the Cross.
- Pope Francis



When:

Saturday, April 6, 2019
(9:30am - 2:30pm)

Where:

St. Anne School Cafeteria
(enter thru school yard)

Cost:

\$25 (includes snack, drinks,
lunch & stipend for speaker)

Speaker:

Professor Mark Miller, USF
Besides teaching theology , he
coaches the USF Taekwondo
Club & Team. With his wife
Eveline, they have 2 children at
St. Anne School.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please RSVP by Mon., April 1, 2019

Name(s): _____

Phone/Email: _____

Number attending: _____ x \$25 = _____ (*please make checks to St. Anne Church*)

For more information:
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Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, "Laetare Sunday," breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning "spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness," and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the "elect" were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

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Pastor's Column

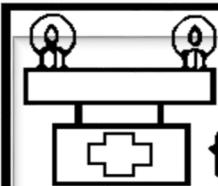
A Reflection on Lent – Fr. Ronald Rolheiser explains that the word Lent, from old English, means springtime while in Latin, *lente*, means slowly. So Lent points to the coming of spring and invites us to slow down our lives to take stock of ourselves. And as Jesus entered the desert for 40 days, we too are invited to enter a metaphorical desert where we are unprotected from normal nourishment so as to face "Satan" and the "wild animals" and see whether "angels" will indeed come to save us. Rolheiser points out that Satan or "wild animals" can be the chaos inside us that we sometimes don't deal with. They could be paranoia, anger, jealousy, addictions, hurts, sexual complexity, doubts, or other secrets, and facing them with God's help and with our guardian angels can lead us to peace and wholeness. And he uses the story of Cinderella to help us have a deeper appreciation of lent and fasting. The name Cinderella literally means: the little girl (*puella*) who sits in the ashes (*cinders*). The moral of the story, he points out, is clear. Before you get to be beautiful,



before you get to marry the prince or princess, before you get to go to the great feast, you must first spend some lonely time in the ashes, humbled, smudged, tending to duty and the unglamorous, waiting. Lent is that season then, a time for us to sit in the ashes to look over our lives, our relationships with others, but also our relationship with God. And if in the course of this Lent, if you've already broken whatever promises you've tried to keep as I have, do not be discouraged. Another way to look at Lent is that it is a practice time to help us change whatever bad habits we've gotten ourselves into, and practice becoming the better person we want to be with Easter as our finish line. So if you've broken your Lenten promises, get back up and keep trying. As Maria Kanellis, professional wrestler, said, "Don't be afraid of getting back up. Be afraid of giving up."

Why Attend a Retreat? – If, per Fr. Rolheiser's reflection on Lent, we are to be Cinderellas and "sit in ashes" during Lent, we'll need to set some time aside to do that. And that's what the purpose of a *Retreat* is; to *retreat* from the regular business of life and enter into a special time with ourselves and the Lord. There are various types of retreat from silent retreats, to guided retreats, to group retreats. At our parish, we're offering a group retreat this Lent, meditating on the *Mystery of the Cross* to help us have a richer and deeper understanding and experience of God's love. I hope you'll join us. The retreat will be on **Sat., April 6 from 9:30am to 2:30pm at our School**. See the bulletin cover for more information and registration.

—Fr. Dan



Masses for the week

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March 31 to April 6, 2019

Sunday, March 31

7:30 Maureen O'Meara (D)
9:00 Parishioners of Saint Anne
10:30 Susan Domenici (D)
Noon Kwei Tim Shu (D)

Monday, April 1

6:30 healing, Patrick Dunleavy
8:45 Moy Chan Mei Kwei (D)

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 Barbara Faust (D)
8:45 Taurino Yadao (D)

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 Rita Murphy (D)
8:45 John & Marian Fox (D)

Thursday, April 4

6:30 Hugh Erb (D)
8:45 birthday, Zeny Mangabat

First Friday, April 5

6:30 healing, Anna O'Connor
8:45 Moy Chan Mei Kwei (D)

Saturday, April 6

8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne
5 p.m. thanksgiving, Diane Gresko

Presider

Rev. Tieng, LRMS
Rev. Nascimento
Bishop Walsh
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To Be Determined
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Lenten Kerygma at Saint Anne of the Sunset

If you are suffering or
looking for the TRUE
meaning of life,
Come and Listen
to the Kerygma!

For adults & teens (12+)

**Starting Monday,
April 1st, 2019**



Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm

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in the vestibule at 6pm*

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First Friday Devotion

This Friday, April 5th
there will be an Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament
following the 8:45am Mass.
Adoration will conclude
with Benediction at 10:00 a.m.



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1st Collection, March 24, 2019— \$3,661.00
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This Week's 2nd Collection
Catholic Relief Services

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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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IS ON FOR
YOU



*Confessions in all parishes
on Lenten Tuesdays
6-8pm*

*We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.*

*For our sake he made him to be sin
who did not know sin,
so that we might become
the righteousness of God in him.*

—2 Corinthians 5:20-21



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