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July 21, 2019 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrate the Feast of Sts. Joachim & Anne
Friday
July 26th

Novena
Mass Times
Monday through Friday:
8:45am
2:30pm
7:00pm

Happy Feast Day!

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.

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A MINDSET OF SERVICE
There’s a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God’s steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke’s Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, How am I present to God and others in my life? — Colossians 1:28b

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
There’s a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so careworn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God’s deep desire for us to know divine love. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pastor’s Column
What’s a Novena? Why Pray a Novena? — To do a Novena means that you will pray for nine consecutive days. Some people even pray a Novena of nine consecutive 1st Fridays of the month, while others do nine consecutive Saturdays. But why pray a Novena? Doesn’t God hear us the first time we pray? Why do we have to repeat ourselves?

When the prophet Daniel turned to God in prayer, he prayed for 21 days before he got a response from the Lord. An angel finally appeared to him explaining that God had heard him the first time and sent the angel immediately to deliver God’s response. But the angel had to battle the Prince of this world to get through. It was only with the help of Michael the Archangel, that he finally broke through to deliver God’s message (Daniel 10:12-13). So when we think God has forgotten or ignored us, the book of Daniel reminds us that there is a spiritual battle being fought for our hearts and souls. We find also, in the gospel of Luke, Jesus teaching us to be persistent in our prayer. The Lord uses the example of a widow who kept asking an unjust judge to give her a fair verdict (Lk 18:1-8). And, Jesus continues, if an unjust judge would yield to her request, how much more will our Heavenly Father. So Jesus teaches us not to lose hope or give in to despair, but instead to be persistent and trust in the goodness of our Heavenly Father. Right before Jesus ascended to heaven, He taught His disciples to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Nine days in the Upper Room, they experienced Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, who gave them wisdom, faith and courage to share the good news with the people of the whole world. That’s where the Church learned to pray for nine days.

In doing a St. Anne Novena, we ask the grandmother of Jesus to pray with us and for us. We don’t have to pray alone. We can call upon the communion of saints, our deceased loved ones, our grandparents, and St. Anne, Mother Mary, and Jesus to intercede for us. Throughout the years, those who have come seeking the intercession of Good St. Anne had their prayers answered, from conversion to faith, miraculous healing, successful pregnancy and safe birth, to finding a spouse, and many, many more. So even if you haven’t attended the first few days of the Novena, come and attend what portion you can. Bring your concerns and ask the grandmother of Jesus to pray with you and for you. Experience what others throughout the past 111 Novenas have experienced: prayers work, especially when we have special intercessors like Good St. Anne.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our Redemptorist Fathers for their 112 years of dedication and service to us at St. Anne. Thank you, Fr. Patrick Keyes, Fr. Ted Lawson, Fr. Byron Miller, Fr. Maurice Nutt, and Fr. John Schmidt. Thank you for your tireless service and devotion to us. May God bless you for your kindness!

- Fr. Dan
I am thrilled to return to assist in preaching and praying with you during the 112th anniversary of your continuous Novena to good St. Anne. Due to a prior commitment, I will only be able to stay until July 23rd. I was deeply touched by the devotion and spirituality of your parishioners and the devotees who attend. This year as my Redemptorist brothers and I reflect upon Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation, “Rejoice and Be Glad,” which calls us to a more explicit life of holiness, we must remember that holiness is not only achieved in isolation but in communion with others. We need each other as we follow Jesus as missionary disciples. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Fathers Patrick, Ted, John and I. Father Byron was ordained a year later. I can honestly say that my brothers with whom I share religious life and priesthood have sustained and challenged me to follow Jesus more faithfully and to seek holiness. Pope Francis offers that “a Saint” is “one whose life is offered for others…this shows an exemplary imitation of Christ, one worthy of imitation” (Guadete et Exsultate #5).

May our devotion to St. Anne inspire us to imitate her holiness and draw us closer to Jesus and to others.

Abundant blessings,

Father Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R.

Beloved friends of St. Anne of the Sunset Parish,

Auxiliary Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P., died unexpectedly at his residence at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park on July 11. A Vigil service (not a Mass) will be held on Monday, July 22, at 7:00 pm, in St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush St., SF. The funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, July 23, at 10:00 am, in St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., SF. All are welcome to attend; a reception will follow the funeral Mass. The funeral liturgy will be live-streamed on the archdiocesan YouTube channel. Bishop Christian was 70 years old. He was ordained a bishop on June 5, 2018 at St. Mary’s Cathedral and became rector of St. Patrick’s Seminary in January. May he rest in peace.
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
- Sat: 9am-1:30pm

**Church Hours:**
- Mon—Fri: 8am-4pm
- Sat.: 8am-6pm Sun: 7am-1:30pm

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The mystery hidden from ages has now been manifested to his holy ones.
—cf. Colossians 1:26

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.”
Psalm 119:105

When: Every Wednesday starting August 7, from 7:00 - 8:15PM and every Friday starting August 10, from 9:30 - 10:45AM
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