



St. Anne of the Sunset Catholic Church

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December 22, 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S

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They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (*Isaiah 7:12*), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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FEAST OF FAITH—Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (*Matthew 18:20*). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Pastor's Corner

The Song from Heaven – In William Bausch's book, "A World of Stories," he tells the following story about the origins of "Silent Night." On Christmas eve, 1818, Fr. Joseph Mohr was working on his Christmas sermon and reading from the Bible the verses, "*Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy... for this day is born to you a Savior*" when someone knocked at his door. A woman had just given birth, and the priest was being summoned to bless the infant that he might live and prosper. The priest trudged through knee-deep snow and arrived at a ramshackle hut. The father of the family greeted the young priest and invited him to enter. Inside, in the dim light and air filled with wood smoke, he saw the mother in bed, smiling happily. In her arms she held her baby who was peacefully asleep. Fr. Mohr gave them his priestly blessing and on his return back to the parish, walking in the woods, he reflected on the scene that he had just witnessed. It was as if a Christmas miracle had just happened before his eyes. He felt the promise of peace and good will in the forest silence and in the brilliance of the stars. Even the forest creatures seemed to know and keep the peace of that Holy Night. Fr. Mohr returned to the parish and celebrated Midnight Mass, but when he went to bed, he found no sleep. So he began writing down what he had witnessed, and the verses turned into a poem. On Christmas morning, he took his poem and shared it with his friend, Franz Gruber, who was a school teacher and music composer. Franz composed the music to accompany the poem, and on Christmas day, 1818, the priest and his friend sang for the first time "Silent Night" to the delight of their audience.

Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

'round yon Virgin Mother and Child!

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,

sleep in heavenly peace,

sleep in heavenly peace.

Pope Francis, in writing about the Nativity Scene, points out that "when, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: In Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all."

It is our hope that all of you experience the open arms, the peace, the love, and the embrace of God for you and your family this Christmas. From all of us at St. Anne—Bishop Walsh, Fr. Pete, Fr. Peter, Sr. Mary Francis, Rachel, Jun, Ken, Mie Mie, Jessica, Tessie, Mathew, Tom, Judy, Eva, and me—**we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!**

—Fr. Dan



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December 22—December 28, 2019

Sunday, December 22

7:30 Rose Motak Capili (D)
9:00 Ana Alcazar (D)
10:30 Alice Liu (D)
Noon Ko, Wai Wing (D)
5 p.m. *Simbang Gabi Mass in Convent*

Monday, December 23

6:30 David Liu (D)
8:45 Joseph Chen (D)
7 p.m. *Simbang Gabi Mass in Convent*

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

6:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne
8:45 Parishioners of Saint Anne
5 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Anne
8 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Anne

Wednesday, December 25—CHRISTMAS

12 a.m. Parishioners of Saint Anne
9:00 John & Marian Fox (D)
10:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne
Noon Mary Lau (D)

Thursday, December 26

6:30 Rose Capili (D)
8:45 birthday, Jesusa Morales Montilla

Friday, December 27

6:30 Patrick McEgan (D)
8:45 Telesfora Gorospe (D)

Saturday, December 28

8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne
5 p.m. Intentions, Cora Intertas

NOTE: There is no 7:30am Mass on Christmas Day.

A big Thank You to all the dedicated volunteers who showed up last Saturday to clean and beautify our beloved church for the Christmas season! You provide a great example of stewardship in action!

Please Complete a Survey for Our Mental Health Ministry—The Archdiocese is developing a ministry for mental health. For complete information, and essential background, as well as a listing of local mental health resources, visit sfarch.org/mental-health. Parishioners are invited to take a one-page, anonymous online survey. The survey, from the Catholic Institute for Mental Health Ministry (CIMHM) at the University of San Diego, will capture baseline data for our Archdiocese. These data can be used to track the progress of our Mental Health Ministry initiative. All are invited to take 3 to 5 minutes to aid in this important effort. To take the survey, visit sfarch.org/mental-health. Thank you for your assistance. Ed Hopfner, Office of Marriage and Family Life 415-614-5547 hopfnere@sfarch.org

Support Groups Fridays at St. Mary's Cathedral

St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco, Monsignor Bowe Room (west side of parking lot level) Sr. Elaine Stahl 415-567-2020 ext. 218 estahl@stmarycathedralsf.org

January 17: Third Friday of every month, 10:30 am – 12 noon: Grief Support Program: These sessions provide information on the grief process, and tips on coping with the loss of a loved one. No charge.

Facilitator: Deacon Christoph Sandoval. For details, contact Sr. Elaine Stahl, above.

January 3: First Friday of every month, 1pm – 3pm: "Strength for the Journey" is a free monthly **support group for people with life-threatening illness**. Diagnosis can be an opportunity to seek spiritual support through scripture, sacrament, and community. Sessions also provide guidance on Catholic teaching and the preparation of Health Care Directives. No charge. Facilitator: Deacon Christoph Sandoval. For details and registration, contact Sr. Elaine Stahl, above.



Seeking Children to Be Angels, Shepherds, Kings and Adults and Children to Be Singers in the Choir

for the St. Anne Christmas Vigil Family Mass on December 24th at 5:00pm

For the Pageant: Please contact Jane Anne Sullivan sullivanjaneanne@gmail.com or 415-902-1533

Pageant Rehearsal: Dec. 23, 10:30am—12 in Church

For the Choir: Please contact Jun Alvar junior.alvar@gmail.com or 415-530-0474

If you wish any donation to Saint Anne Church to be included in **this year's Tax Letter**, please be sure to get it to the rectory by **Sunday, December 29, 2019**. Any donation that is received after that date will be counted as a 2020 donation.

Last Week's Collections

1st Collection, December 14, 15
Property and Insurance Fund
Figures Not Available at Time of Printing

This Week's 2nd Collection
Christmas Flowers

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019
Campaign Goal—\$50,289
Donations Received as of December 10—\$42,957

Thank You All for Your Generosity!
For on-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org

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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

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!

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ST. ANNE SCHOOL CENTENNIAL GALA

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