ST. ANNE OF THE SUNSET CATHOLIC CHURCH
850 JUDAH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO
CA 94122

January 26, 2020

Saturday 02•01•2020
Centennial Gala
Embassy Suites, Burlingame
STANNESF.EJOINME.ORG/100YEARS

Sunday 02•02•2020
Centennial Mass Celebration
Special Time 11am
(10:30am & 12pm mass combined)
School Open House to follow
SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today’s readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John’s arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes, “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen” (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin’s death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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FEAST OF FAITH—Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God’s mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus’ feet with the words, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord’s presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional Confiteor or “I confess” to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

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Pastor’s Corner

Catholic Schools Week – An online resource for parents called AdmissionsQuest.com lists twenty-three Key Benefits of Catholic Schools that include:

- High Academic Standards; students score significantly above the national averages on standardized testing.
- Value-added education and a safe school environment.
- Partnership with parents, which results in higher attendance rates and lower dropout rates.
- Faculty and Staff that are role models who share their faith, talents, and time.
- Excellent success rate in educating minority students.
- Helping students understand that each person is unique and valuable.
- Encouraging each student to accept the challenges of being a better person in tomorrow’s world.
- Mutual respect among students, faculty, and administrators, which generates an atmosphere of care and concern.
- Religious, moral, and spiritual development.
- Emphasis on self-discipline and commitment.

Regarding this last benefit, in the June 1, 2018 edition of The Wall Street Journal, an article titled “The Catholic School Difference” reported on a study comparing Catholic Schools with public and other private schools. Because Catholic schools put an emphasis on self-discipline, their students “were more likely to control their temper, respect other’s property, accept their fellow students’ ideas, and handle peer pressure,” which means that their teachers “wouldn’t have to spend as much time, energy, and political capital on penalizing students” for bad behavior. Lastly, the author of the study concluded by stating, “Don’t underestimate the power of religion to positively influence a child’s behavior.”

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week and conclude it with celebrating our School’s 100th Anniversary next Sunday, we thank all the teachers and staff, past and present, who have formed and guided our children. They have helped them to reach their fullest potential and in turn, these students and alumni have become a blessing to their families and to our community. May God bless our school so that it may continue to form great young men and women for our families and our community.

Thanks from Catholic Charities – Just a little over a month ago, many of you supported the Christmas giving tree. Catholic Charities reported that we provided 40 books, 38 board games and science learning kits for their afterschool program clients. In addition, we also provided 70 gift cards for the HIV/AIDS residents and Rita da Cascia program that serves women and children suffering from chronic illness and poverty. Lastly, parishioner Bill Barnickel, who is also head of the Outer Sunset Merchant Association, collected 180 toys and donated them to Catholic Charities. Your kind hearts made Christmas and the holidays brighter for many people. Thank you for being someone’s Secret Santa!

—Fr. Dan
Change in Mass Schedule – Please note that because of the School’s Centennial Celebration, the regular 10:30am & 12pm masses will be combined and we will have just one mass at 11am. The 7:30am & 9am masses will be at the same time. A School Open House will follow after the 11am mass and all are invited to attend.

MARRIED COUPLES: Winter brings crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like winter because it’s a weekend full of fresh air and a time to rejoice in the beauty of our marriage and family. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 29—Mar 1, 2020 in San Francisco, CA and May 15-17, 2020 in San Jose, CA. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413

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.

Last Week’s Collections
January 18, 19—$2,788.00
Property and Insurance Fund—$968.00
This Week’s 2nd Collection
Latin America
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019
Our Campaign Goal of $50,289
Has Been Met as of January 7, 2020!!!

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

Chinese New Year Mass Saturday, February 1, 2:30 pm St Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., SF
The Chinese Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco extends a warm invitation to all priests of the Archdiocese and their parishioners to join Bishop Wang, Bishop Walsh, and the Chinese community for the celebration of Chinese New Year with the New Year Eucharistic Celebration and Ancestors’ Veneration Ceremony at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Following the Mass, a fundraising banquet will be served in Patrons’ Hall at 5:00 pm. To join in the banquet, please contact Fr. Peter Zhai, Director of Chinese Ministry, to purchase tickets. 415-614-5575 or zhaip@sfarch.org sfchinesecatholic.org sfarchdiocese.org/events/chinese-new-year-mass

Saint Anne Athletic Department
Crab Bash
Sunday, February 9
5:00pm Moriarty Hall
$55 per person
$20 per child under 11
No Host Bar
($20 Corkage Fee)

Reservation forms at rectory & church entrances.
or call 415 665-1600 x 22
or contact rosendaluk@hotmail.com

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program on February 28- March 1, call (415) 893-1005 or email: sf@retroca.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Share Your Care for the Environment— St. Ignatius Parish (650 Parker at Fulton in S.F.) is hosting talks on Laudato Si, Pope Francis’ encyclical on ecology on Jan. 26 & Feb. 9th, Noon -1:30pm in the Blue Room (entrance through the bookshop). Contact Mary Rose LeBaron, maryroselebaron@gmail.com. All welcome!

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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 (with 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 Sat @ 10am in Rectory (*Please Register*)

**Office Hours:**  Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm

**Church Hours:**  Mon - Fri: 8am - 4pm
 Mon-Fri: 8am - 4pm;  Sat: 8a - 6pm;  Sun: 7a - 1:30pm
They left their nets and followed him

St. Anne School
Celebrating 100 Years Of Education

Saint Anne, Pray for Us!
Parishioner
Bill Barnickel
Recommends
World Team USA
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