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March 15, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Lenten Retreat
The Last 7 Days of Jesus' Life

When:
Saturday, March 28, 2020
(10am - 3:00pm)
Where:
St. Anne School Cafeteria
(enter through school yard)
Cost:
$25. (includes snack, drinks,
lunch & stipend for speaker)

If you had a week to live,
how would you spend it?
Examine how Jesus spends his last days,
knowing that He would be
arrested and suffer persecution.

Speaker:
Fr. Peterson Tieng, LRMS, is a
highly sought after teacher and
speaker, helping listeners to
experience the Bible come
alive and see its relevance in
our lives today.

REGISTRATION FORM
Please RSVP by Monday, March 23, 2020

Name(s):__________________________________________

Phone/Email:_______________________________________

Number attending: _______ x $25. = ____________ (please make checks to St. Anne Church)

For more information call: 415-665-1600 x22 or email: info@stanne-sf.org
THIRST

Each time today’s Gospel story is read, I can’t help but think of the many television commercials I’ve seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

FEAST OF FAITH—The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

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Pastor’s Corner

The Lord is With Us – In today’s first reading, the Jewish people, tired and thirsty from their journey in the desert, complained and asked “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” In the gospel, Jesus offers water that will forever quench our thirsty souls. In a sense, Jesus was answering that question the Jewish people posed in the desert. “Is the Lord in our midst? He is with us!” As St. Paul explained to the Romans in today’s second reading, God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. So Pope Francis encourages us in this time of uncertainty and fear “to live this difficult moment with the strength of faith, the certainty of hope, and the fervor of charity.” And as I shared in last Sunday’s homily, we all live dual lives. The exterior life where we get up every morning, go through our normal routine, eat breakfast, go to work, come home, take care of the family, watch a little TV and go to bed. Alongside that journey, is the journey of the soul, where we walk with our Lord, we talk to Him, and we listen to His voice. Amidst the uncertainties of this world that may cause panic in us, the voice of the Good Shepherd speaks His words of peace and assurance to us. He tells us, “Do not be afraid. I will be with you until the end of time.” Yes, we will need to do what we normally do to take care of ourselves and our families, we still have to practice good hygiene, but our hearts can be at peace. We listen to the voice of the Lord who reassures us, “I am with you always. Do not be afraid!”

Precautions We Are Taking at Church – At this unusual time in world history, we are taking the following steps to minimize exposure to the Coronavirus. Regular weekday and Sunday masses are still offered as is Confession on the Tuesdays of Lent from 6-8pm and on Saturdays from 4-4:50pm. However, to minimize exposure to the virus, for the time being:

- We will not have hospitality after Sunday masses.
- The same with the Friday Stations of the Cross. We’ll continue to pray the Stations at 7pm, but we won’t have the Lenten soup supper beforehand.
- In addition, frequently touched surfaces such as door handles and pews will be sanitized before/after each mass as will be the vessels for Holy Communion.
- Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and priests will wash their hands before and after mass, and will use anti-bacterial gel before distribution of communion.
- Missallettes will be removed from the entrances and we will instead project the readings and song lyrics.

Let’s all do our part to minimize transmission of the virus. If you are sick, you are not obliged to attend mass and should stay home. Join me and let us together offer our Lenten sacrifices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, for all affected by this virus.

- Fr. Dan
Last Week’s Collections
March 7, March 8—$3,476.00
Building and Maintenance Fund—$691.00

This Week’s 2nd Collection
Property and Insurance Fund

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

Looking for Gifts? Our Gift Shop, located in the vestibule, 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 Noon. Sr. Mary Francis and her assistants are always happy to assist you!

Webpage with Lenten Resources
New on the archdiocesan website is a page devoted to Lent, with a beautiful slide show illustrating Our Journey through Lent, and many resources for entering deeply into and emerging fruitfully from this spiritually challenging but rewarding season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Read the Archbishop’s Lenten message, Bishop Barron’s Gospel reflections, and find activities and resources for all ages, including a link to the page “The Light Is on for You.” Visit the webpage, sfarch.org/lent

“The Light Is On” for Extra Confession Times
Again this Lent, the Archdiocese is encouraging greater participation in the Sacrament of reconciliation. Especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently. The goal is to make the sacrament readily accessible by making opportunities for Confession more frequent. Here at Saint Anne, in addition to our regular Saturday confessions at 4:00 to 4:55pm, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available every Tuesday in Lent from 6:00—8:00pm.

Afternoon of Reflection with Council of Catholic Women on Sunday, March 22, 1:00 pm
Holy Name of Jesus Convent Chapel, 1555 - 39th Ave., San Francisco
The San Francisco Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women’s annual Afternoon of Reflection will be held on Sunday, March 22. The afternoon will start with 1:00 pm Mass in the Convent Chapel with Fr. Tom Martin, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Redwood City as the celebrant. Lunch will follow downstairs in the dining room, and the afternoon’s reflection with Fr. Tom will be on “The Samaritan Woman at Jacob’s Well and the Two Standards of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.” Cost for the day is $25 per person. For more info, contact Josephine Longhitano at 650-438-0773 or Cathy Mibach at 415-753-0234.

The Catholic Professional Women’s Club is sponsoring its annual St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon with Irish entertainment and silent auction of Sunday, March 29th at 11:00—3:00 pm at the Irish Cultural Center located at 2700 45th Ave. in S.F. This event, called Shamrock Shenanigans, is a fundraiser providing assistance to students attending Catholic high schools in SF. To purchase a ticket, or if you would like to donate a prize or gift certificate to be used in the raffle, or for more info, contact Gloria Pizzinelli @ 415-681-3733 or gloriapizzinaelli@yahoo.com
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

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