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November 29, 2020 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent



*"What I say to you,
I say to all,*

First Sunday of Advent

Mark 13:37

Watch!"

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S

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First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020



Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33

Here are some suggestions on how we can live with hope:

- **Healthy spiritual life** - While we strive to be healthy physically, let us strive to be healthy spiritually by avoiding the virus of sin, and be nourished and strengthened by the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist. Come to Jesus through prayer and sacraments.
- **Openness and obedience to the plan and movement of God for us** - This pandemic has led us to changes in our lives. We do what is essential and put aside the non-essentials. May we also be open to the spiritual transformation God works in us. As Paul writes in *Romans* 12:2, "Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and perfect."
- **Perfection** - During this pandemic, we can turn to ourselves and simply focus on our own safety and security. However, we also see plenty of people who unselfishly reach out to the needs of others and care for them. Let us be a sign of hope, by being perfect in our love, mercy, and compassion to those who are in need. As Matthew 5:48 tells us, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
- **Excellent Christians** - We have seen how cooperation with the guidelines set forth by the health department can lower the transmission of the virus, and how non-compliance can worsen the situation. By being good and responsible citizens, we also show ourselves being excellent Christians. Let the light of Christ shine through us by the life of faith, hope, and love we live each day.

—Fr. Peterson Tieng, L.R.M.S

Advent Message from Fr. Pete

"Maranatha": Come, Lord Jesus!

We begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. There is a tendency to overlook the significance of this season because we focus more on the coming season of Christmas. The celebration of Advent is twofold. The first part of advent which begins from the First Sunday of Advent until Dec. 16 reminds us of the second coming of Jesus. It invites us to be alert and watchful, to prepare our minds and hearts by repentance. The second part of advent from Dec. 17-24 reminds us of the events that transpired and led to the first coming of Jesus. It invites us to imitate Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph, and Mary in welcoming Jesus into our lives. Throughout this season, our prayer is "Maranatha," meaning "Come, Lord Jesus." A fitting reminder at the beginning of the liturgical year that we all need God in our lives! We call out to God, "Come and fill us with your presence and grace, renew our lives so that with Jesus we can be called your children." Be open to and welcome Jesus this season of Advent!

HOPE

"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone." — *Isaiah 9:1*

People were living in the darkness of sin, helplessness, and hopelessness. God promised to send a Savior, and he fulfilled this by giving us His only Son, Jesus Christ, to be with us, save us, and give us new life. Today, we are also living in this darkness of the pandemic and we're filled with fear and uncertainties. God promised that he would be with us until the end of time, He will never leave us orphans. God never turns his back on us, but many times it is we who turn away from Him. May this season of Advent lead us to open once more our lives to welcome Jesus and live a life filled with joy and hope. (*cont'd at top of next column....*)

MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage. It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.
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Masses for the week

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November 29 to December 5, 2020

Sunday, November 29	President
8:00 Andy Kwong (D), Arnold Cruz (D)	Fr. Tieng, LRMS
10:00 intentions of Abe Gorospe, Jaime Vaquilar (D)	Bishop Walsh
Noon Parishioners of Saint Anne	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Monday, November 30	
8:45 Angel & Angelo (D), Ramon Masaganda (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Tuesday, December 1	
8:45 Les McDonald (D), Mr. Johnny Than (D)	Bishop Walsh
Wednesday, December 2	
8:45 Rev. Robert T. Walsh, SJ (D)	Fr. Tieng, LRMS
Thursday, December 3	
8:45 thanksgiving, Herminia Sangalang	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Friday, December 4	
8:45 Dorothy Arca (D), Remedios Carrion (D)	Fr. Tieng, LRMS
Saturday, December 5	
8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne	<i>To Be Determined</i>
5 pm Parishioners of Saint Anne, Catherine Simpson (D)	<i>To Be Determined</i>

All Masses are celebrated in church and open to the public.
All Masses are Livestreamed except the Sunday 8am Mass.

St. Anne School Accepting Applications

We are now accepting Kindergarten - grade 7 applications for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are looking for a warm, caring school with strong academic programs, St. Anne School is the school for your child AND your family. For an application, download one from our school's website: www.stanne.com or call the school office - 415-664-7977.

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If you would like to take a live Virtual Tour of St. Anne School, please join us on one of the upcoming School Tour dates: December 1, December 16, 2020 and January 7, 2021. Meeting ID: 970 0313 9543. Passcode: white You can also go to our school's website to get this information: www.stanne.com

Saint Anne Health Ministry Volunteers Needed

As you know, we have opened up all Masses to be celebrated indoors by as many as 100 people per Mass. However, due to County health regulations, we need to take people's temperatures and have them sign in as they enter. To assist us with this, we need a minimum of three volunteers for each of the following Masses on the weekends: Sat. 5pm, and Sundays 8am and 10am. If you'd like to help out in any way, please contact Mary at marydedelao@gmail.com Many thanks!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need. The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don't let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

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Christmas Wreaths!! Boy Scout Troop 15

will be holding its sole annual fundraiser and selling 22" Noble Fir Wreaths for \$31.00 each at St. Anne Church on **Sunday, December 6** after the 8am & 10am Masses.



Many Thanks to those Saint Anne Donors who have been contributing through our **Lifeline Offertory** and whose donations are not always recorded below in the weekly bulletin report of the money dropped into our collection baskets or slipped through the rectory mailslot! Tessie, our parish secretary, is certainly right when she states that these nine individuals and families deserve an acknowledgment of our gratitude, for they have generously combined to gift us with \$2,490 just for the period from 10/1 through 10/15. Well done!

Last Week's First Collection

November 21, 22, 2020
Not Available at Time of Printing

This Week's 2nd Collection

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2020
Assessment— \$54,584

As of 11/16— \$30,656 collected (56%)

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ST. ANNE Covid-19 SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Sat. Vigil, 5pm;
Sun., 8:00am, 10:00am & 12pm (Chinese)

Daily Mass:

Mon - Fri.: 8:45am;
Sat., 8:45am (with Devotion to St. Anne)

Reconciliation: Sat. 4pm—5pm and by appointment

Baptism: 2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm

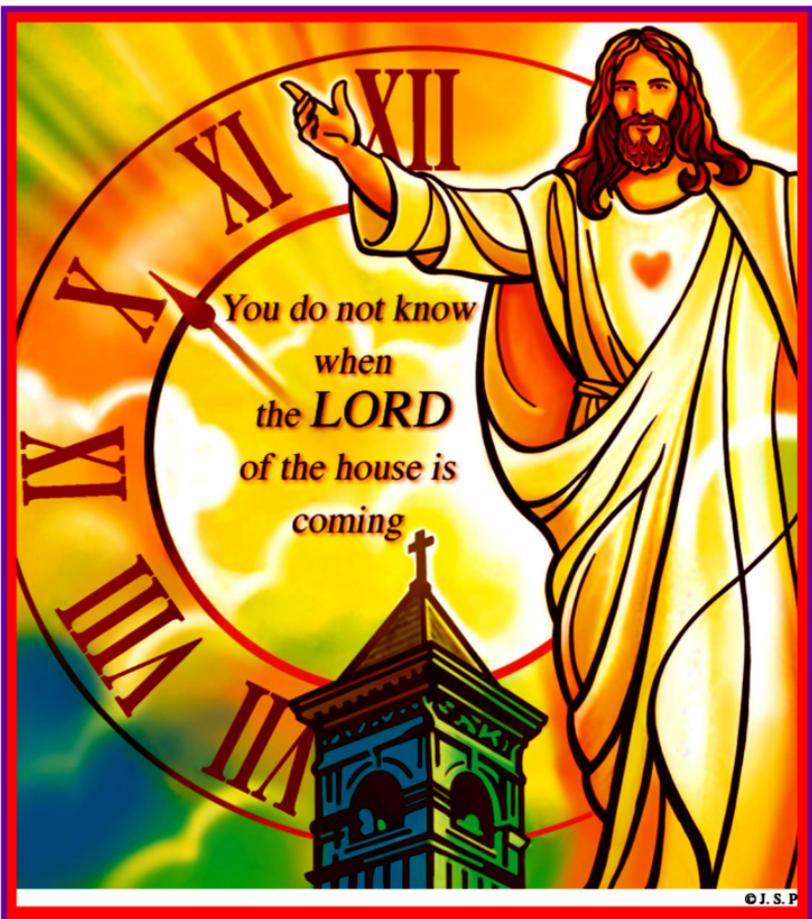
Preparation Class: 3rd Sat @ 10am in Rectory (Please Register)

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Sat., 8:30am—10am, 4pm—6pm

Sun., 7:30am—1pm



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