



# St. Anne of the Sunset Catholic Church

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December 20, 2020 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

*'Behold, you  
will conceive  
in your womb  
and bear  
a son,*



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*and you shall name him Jesus.'*

Luke 1:26-38

### WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S

If you haven't registered or are changing information on your registration card,  
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 20, 2020



The child  
to be  
born  
will be  
called  
holy,  
the Son  
of God.

—  
Luke 1:35

## Pastor's Column

**Secret Santas** — I want to thank so many of you for being Secret Santas to those in need this Christmas. As you might have heard, this year our Giving Tree is supporting again the clients of Catholic Charities. To limit exposure and transmission of the coronavirus to their volunteers and staff, they've asked for \$25 gift cards from either Safeway or Target which will be easier to collect and distribute. And many of you have responded already. But it's not too late if you'd like to give; you can drop them off at the rectory mail box. Catholic Charities will pick them up on Monday, 12/21. Parishioner Bill Barnickel, President of the Outer Sunset Merchant's Association, is also chairing a toy drive through his Merchants. Each year they've been generous toy donors and this year, they've donated already 400 toys and are expecting to gather another 100 more by Dec 21. For a kid, there's nothing like finding a toy with their name on it on Christmas day. Bill and his merchants will be making many kids happy this Christmas. Thank you Bill, the Outer Sunset Merchants, and to all of you Secret Santas! The Clients of Catholic Charities may not know who their Secret Santas are, but knowing that we've made someone's day brighter this Christmas is all that matters. Good job, everyone!

**Volunteer Appreciation** — Each year around this time, the parish opens up the rectory and throws a big party for all our volunteers. This year, of course, this was not possible so we did the next best thing. We had a zoom virtual party on Fri, Dec 11 @ 5:30pm. Prior to the event, Ms. Rachel Leluc began planning. She got teens to help decorate the gift bags and then to fill them with chocolate, nuts, a small bottle of wine or apple juice, an invitation card and a flash drive with St. Anne recipes and a collage of pictures of St. Anne in 2020. Then she got a few teens— **Angelina Tonella, Nicole Moore and Mia Leluc**— to bake 200 snickerdoodles. These also went into the gift bag. The weekend prior to the party, the parish volunteers who came to mass, also picked up their gift bags. Then on Friday, they gathered dressed in their Christmas party outfit. They opened their gift bags, drank a toast and cheered the

past year, munched on their treats while they watched the 2020 collage of pictures in a 5-minute video and broke into groups to play games. When they reassembled, a few of our cantors— **Mia Leluc, Cassandra**, and her younger brother **Cael Conde**— led in singing Christmas carols. It was a fun evening, the next best thing to a real party, but one filled with cherished memories nonetheless. Truly our parish functions and thrives through all our volunteers. From all of us in the parish, we send our volunteers many thanks!

**Seasons' Greetings** — This year has been difficult for many of us. A few of our parishioners came down with the coronavirus and fortunately they all survived. Others were affected financially and were not able to continue sending their children to our school. Some also felt emotionally strained by the shelter-in-place order. But thankfully, we reached out and helped one another. And through the grace of God, as Pope Francis expressed, He has kept us *Strong in the Face of Tribulation*. The priests and staff of St. Anne would like to express our gratitude for your support in these difficult pandemic times. We're grateful that you checked in on us, brought us food, and continued to financially support us and join us in our virtual masses, Bible Study, and 3pm prayers. Know that we're touched by your kindness, and know that we'll continue to pray that you may have a very **Merry Christmas** and a much, much Brighter **New Year**!

With love and  
prayers from  
**Bishop Walsh,**  
**Fr. Peter,**  
**Fr. Pete,**  
**Sr. Mary**  
**Francis,**  
**all the Staff,**  
and me,  
  
*Fr. Dan*



## THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (*Luke 1:35*).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (*Romans 16:26*).

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## December 20 to December 26, 2020

### Sunday, December 20

8:00	Parishioners of Saint Anne Arturo & Telesfora Gorospe (D) Mary Ann Zamora (D)	Presider Bishop Walsh
10:00	Raymond & Susan Dominici (D)	Fr. Nascimento

### Noon Fr. Mario Rosso (D)

### Monday, December 21

8:45	Brenice Sabin (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
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### Tuesday, December 22

8:45	Rev. Michele A. Raimondi (D), Maria Lau (D)	Bishop Walsh
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### Wednesday, December 23

8:45	Gloria Motak (D) Mr. Salvador dela Rosa (D)	Fr. Tieng, LRMS
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### Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

8:45	Confraternity of Saint Anne	Fr. Zhai, SVD
4 pm	Birthday, Emmanuel Bedania	Fr. Tieng, LRMS
8 pm	Intentions, Joseph Wong and Family	Fr. Zhai, SVD

### Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

8:00	Parishioners of Saint Anne	Fr. Tieng, LRMS
10:00	John & Mary Fox (D)	Bishop Walsh
Noon	Intentions, Nenita Afable & Family	Fr. Zhai, SVD

### Saturday, December 26

8:45	Confraternity of Saint Anne	Bishop Walsh
4 pm	Birthday, Fe B. Wong Rev. Michele A. Raimondi (D)	Fr. Nascimento

**All Masses are Livestreamed except the Sunday 8am Mass.  
In-person Masses in Schoolyard on Saturdays at 4pm  
and on Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon**

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse,  
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Clergy Abuse hotline at 415 614-5506.

### 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](http://www.stanne.com) or call the school office - 415-664-7977.

### St. Anne School Tours Available

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](http://www.stanne.com)

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are approaching the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!  
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### California Bishops Issue Positive Statement on

**Vaccines** — On December 3, the Catholic bishops of California issued a statement and launched a webpage saying that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable. The bishops committed the California Catholic Conference to working with Catholic health care ministries and Catholic Charities to promote and encourage COVID-19 vaccinations in collaboration with state and local governments and other entities. Archbishop Cordileone said, "I join my brother bishops in welcoming the news that safe, effective vaccines against the COVID-19 virus will soon be available. Together, we bishops affirm that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable, and we encourage everyone to receive the vaccine when it becomes available." The full statement can be found at the California Catholic Conference website, [cacatholic.org/covid-vaccines](http://cacatholic.org/covid-vaccines)

If you wish any donation to be included in this year's **TAX LETTER**, please be sure to get it to the rectory office by Sunday, Dec. 27. Any donation received after that date will be counted as a 2021 donation.

### Last Week's First Collection

December 12, 13, 2020  
Unavailable at Time of Printing

### This Week's 2nd Collection

Property and Insurance Fund

### Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2020

Assessment— \$54,584

As of 12/08— \$34,214 collected (63%)

**Thank You All for Your Generosity!**  
For on-line giving, visit: [www.stanne-sf.org](http://www.stanne-sf.org)

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## ST. ANNE Covid-19 SCHEDULE

### Sunday Mass:

Sat. Vigil, 4pm;  
Sun., 8:00am, 10:00am & 12pm (Chinese)

### Daily Mass:

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

### Reconciliation:

By appointment

### Baptism:

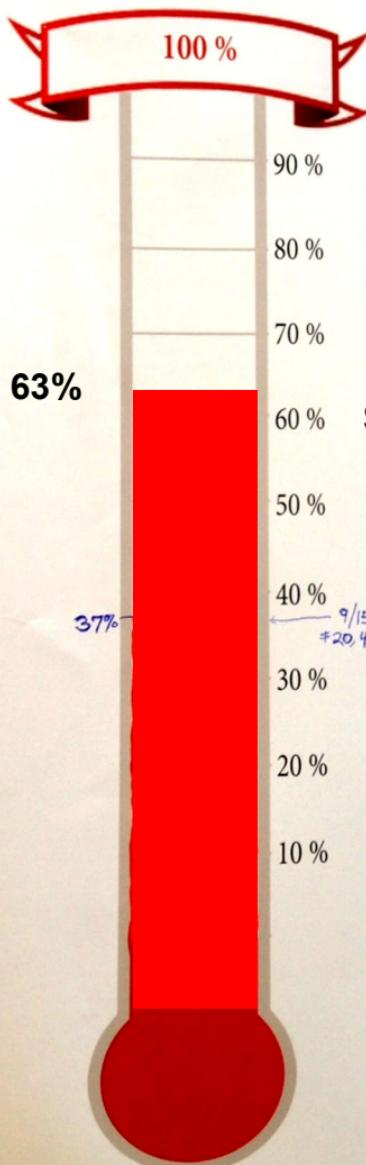
2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm  
Preparation Class: 3rd Sat @ 10am (Please Register)

### Office Hours:

CLOSED

### Church Hours:

CLOSED  
All Masses Live-streamed (except Sun. 8am)  
In-person Masses in Schoolyard on Saturdays at 4pm  
and on Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon



Thank  
You!

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ANNUAL  
APPEAL  
2020  
Saint Anne  
of the Sunset  
Is Getting There!

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done to me  
according to  
YOUR WORD



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