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SAINT ANNE MASSES

Daily Masses: 8:45am Mon.—Sat.

Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil at 5pm,
Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Chinese)

Confessions: Sat. @ 4pm

All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am

Office Hours: Mon. & Tues. 1-4p,
Thurs. & Fri. 9a—12p

Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm
Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am

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***Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.***

— Psalm 85:12

Fulfilling God's Purpose for Choosing Me

This Sunday, the Church provides us an excellent opportunity to ask ourselves these crucial questions: "What is God's purpose for choosing me as his disciple? Am I fulfilling this purpose?" In our first reading, God chose a poor farmer Amos to prophesy in Israel's northern kingdom. God had a purpose for this. He knew there were prophets there. However, they were not his choice because they had compromised their calling. They were corrupt and distracted by materialism. So they no longer delivered justice or spoke the truth. Instead of speaking for the poor and the oppressed, they worked for their pockets, accounts, and stomachs. Hence, in their place, God chose Amos. Despite the opposition and challenges he faced from the "professional and paid prophets," he fulfilled God's purpose in choosing him. He was not tainted by the corruption and materialism of his time.

In our second reading, Paul not only reminds us that God chose us in Christ. He equally reminds us of the reason He chose us: "To be holy, and spotless, and to live through love in his presence.... that we should become his adopted sons." This is the remote purpose of God's choice of each one of us. As the old *Baltimore Catechism* teaches us: "God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him..." (q.126). If we do not compromise this primary purpose, we shall become outstanding disciples and instruments for His mission. So, as no disciple lives for himself alone, the secondary goal of God's choice of us is to reach out to others—that is, to develop a missionary spirit. Together, these constitute the ultimate purpose of God for choosing us.

Today's gospel highlights Christ's choice and purpose for

his disciples. Christ called his disciples and strengthened their faith through his teachings and miracles. In other words, He took the time to prepare and nourish them spiritually. Afterward, he sent them out as missionaries to preach to others—that is, in mission to their community and world. Through this, mission "ad intra" becomes the foundation for mission "ad extra." This simply means building our faith in Christ, living a holy life in him. It also means developing a missionary spirit to lead others to encounter and experience Christ.

To help his disciples succeed and not lose focus on this purpose, Christ instructed them in how to go about their mission. Of course, He knew the power and influence of materialism and that any soul trapped by it will lose the focus of his mission. That was why he instructed his disciples against it. This was the case of Demas (Paul's former companion), who, according to Paul, "has followed the way of this present world" (2 Tim 4:10). Sadly, some of us pastors, priests, and religious and, of course, the people of God have lost focus on our mission by disobeying Christ's necessary instruction. Perhaps this is the reason we achieve little. Finally, obeying Christ's instruction is a sure means of fulfilling his purpose for choosing us as his disciples. At the same time, neglecting it is the easiest way of losing focus. So, we must continually remind ourselves that God chose us for a purpose and strive to achieve it.

—Fr. Celestine Tyowua, Parochial Vicar

FEAST of FAITH— Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer

After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands." The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God" (*Rite of Ordination*). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply "for the praise and glory of his name." God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, "for our good and the good of all his Church." This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body "share[s] its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

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Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
 WEEK of July 11, 2021

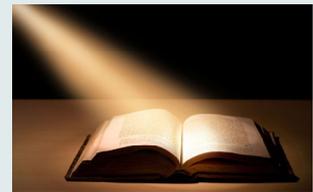
Sunday, July 11	Presider
8:00 am Rotor & Luna Families (D)	Fr. Diaw
10:00 am Parishioners of Saint Anne Norinne Shively (D)	Fr. Celestine
Noon Parishioners of Saint Anne	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Monday, July 12	
8:45 am Mary Petrovich (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Tuesday, July 13	
8:45 am Rev. Philip Chan Chi Yan (D)	Fr. Nascimento
Wednesday, July 14	
8:45 am Barbara Teutschel (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Thursday, July 15	
8:45 am Lilijanti (D) Arcadio de Castro, Sr. (D)	Fr. Celestine
Friday, July 16	
8:45 am thanksgiving, Carmen Del Rosario thanksgiving, Marvin Sandoval Jackson	Fr. Nascimento
Saturday, July 17	
8:45 am Confraternity of Saint Anne	Fr. Celestine
5pm Jean Lau (D)	Redemptorist

Saint Anne Novena July 18—26

Greetings from the mighty Mississippi River! My name is Fr. Kevin Zubel, and I'm a Redemptorist missionary serving as chaplain to the Hispanic Apostolate in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Although I was born in North Carolina, it is difficult to say exactly from where I come since my father was a career officer in the US Air Force and I grew up mostly in moving boxes. Coming to California always feels like a homecoming, as nearly all my mother's side of my family lives in the Golden State including many in the Bay Area. For the past four years I have served in Hispanic ministry first in the Mississippi Delta and now in southern Louisiana where I minister to communities around the local diocese. Last year I participated in the virtual novena, and so I'm grateful to join you for the first time in person for the 114th Novena to St. Anne. Most of all, I'm excited to visit Saint Anne of the Sunset to reflect together on what the Spirit has revealed to us during this extraordinary year. We have moments of loss, of celebration, and of hope to lift up in prayer as we honor St. Anne and join our family stories to those of the family of our Redeemer. Please keep me and my confreres in prayer as we prepare for the novena and know that you remain in mine. See y'all soon!

—Fr. Kevin

The Bible
Behind the
Scenes



Have you ever wondered how the Bible came together, who wrote it, and what its history might be? Come explore with us this summer!

When: Thurs., July 15, 22, and 29 at 7pm
Where: Via Zoom, please register to receive link
Register or info: Fr. Celestine Tyowua
 frcelestine@holynamesf.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Does the scene of the disciples being sent out two by two bring to mind any other scripture? After the flood, Noah opens the door of the ark and sends his passengers out to renew the face of the earth. Certainly, Jesus has the same purpose. The purpose is fulfilled in your communion in the Body of Christ today, and in your being sent from the Eucharist into the world. The sending is so important that our word "Mass" derives from it. In Latin, the last words of worship are *Ite, missa est*, which means, "Go, you are sent." From that, people began to call Catholic worship the *missa*, or in English, the "Mass." Our English words dismissal, missal, emissary, and mission are all related. We are not sent into the workaday world alone, but in relationship with one another. Some people have acquired the unhappy habit of leaving worship as soon as they receive Communion and therefore miss the prayer, the dismissal, and the solemn blessing that are essential parts of the Mass. The dismissal is a seal on our Communion and reveals its purpose! Thanks be to God! *James Field Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

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July 4, 2021 — \$3,283.12

School Earthquake Retrofit Fund — \$675.00

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Building & Maintenance Fund

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