




# St. Anne of the Sunset Catholic Church

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## April 3, 2022 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

# He who is without sin let him throw the first stone

John 8:7



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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*)

**All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am**

**Confessions:** Saturday @ 4:30—4:55pm  
and half an hour before each Sunday Mass

**Office Hours:** Mon.—Fri., 9a—4:30p

**Baptisms:** 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm

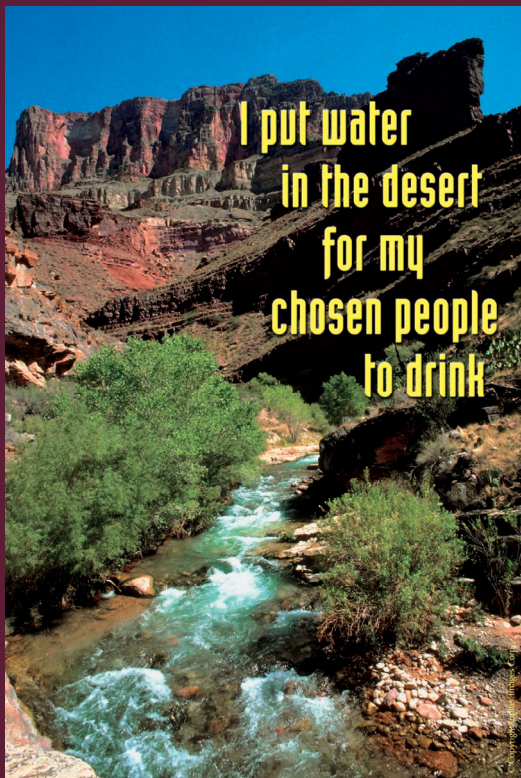
**Baptismal Prep:** 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am

The  
Fifth  
Sunday  
of Lent

April 3,  
2022

“See, I am  
doing  
something  
new!”

—Isaiah 43



**Isaiah prophesies for the Lord:** “Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!” One of the most dangerous things that we can do is get stuck in our old ways. As individuals, as parishes, as nations we can say, “We’ve always done it that way,” and miss calls to growth and change. Throughout this Lent and our lives, God continues to call us to life, and we should celebrate that! The psalmist reminds us that “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!” Saint Paul realizes this as he explains, “I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” In the Gospel, Jesus offers a new way of looking at a tricky situation and provides a kinder, less judgmental response.

### **AN AGE-OLD STORY OF JUDGEMENT**

In our Gospel today we hear an ancient story, but one that feels like it could be taken out of the headlines today. We can be very quick to pass judgment on others, those with different political or cultural backgrounds, or perhaps with a different sexual orientation. Jesus was teaching in the temple, and the scribes and Pharisees did not like the message that he was proclaiming or the popularity he was gaining. When a nearby woman was caught in adultery, they thought it was the perfect chance to trip Jesus up, wondering how he would respond when the Mosaic Law provided

clear consequences for such behavior. Many would be able to quote instantly chapter and verse of the law pertaining to the infraction. Instead of answering their question, Jesus turned it back on the accusers: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

### **DRAWING IN THE SAND**

Awaiting the response of those challenging him, Jesus bent over and wrote in the sand. According to scripture scholar John Pilch, this was a simple technique that peasants used to buy time in a discussion or argument. Instead of looking the scribes and pharisees in the eye, he looked down and did his own thing while they all slipped away. The scriptures do not tell us what the woman was doing during this time. But by not looking at her, Jesus gave her a chance to restore her own dignity. He didn’t comment on her innocence or guilt. Rather, he instructed her to go forth and sin no more. It is not our past that matters as much as the choices we make now and in the future. Again and again, God gives us the chance to start our life over. This is our challenge this Lent, to continue to use the opportunities we are given to repent and grow.

### **SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST**

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life’s message. Jesus’ response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

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### **TRUE TEACHERS**

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters. —*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

### **HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR**

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity . . . with it you can accomplish what you desire. —*St. Vincent Ferrer*



*Saint Anne Parish*  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**WEEK of April 3, 2022**

**Sunday, April 3**

**8:00am** John and Marian Fox (D)  
Baltazar Bedania, Sr. (D)

**10:00am** All Souls at 19th Avenue Nursing Home  
Miguel Rosello (D)

**Noon** Intention, Francis  
Healing, Cambira Lyness

**Monday, April 4**

**8:45am** John Kerbleski (D)  
Edward Twiford (D)

**Tuesday, April 5**

**8:45am** Carmen Del Rosario (D)  
Rosette Nguyen (D)

**Wednesday, April 6**

**8:45am** John and Mabel Ottman (D)  
Michael Niemi (D)

**Thursday, April 7**

**8:45am** Wenquan Wei (D)  
Sylvia Navarro (D)

**Friday, April 8**

**8:45am** Fr. Thomas Madden (D)  
Glenna Kelly (D)

**Saturday, April 9**

**8:45am** Confraternity of Saint Anne  
**5:00pm** People of the Parish



**2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Join us in person or via Facebook livestream

**Lenten Reconciliation**

**Wed., April 6, 7PM** in Church

**2022 Holy Week Schedule**

Join us in person

or via Facebook livestream

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**April 14, Holy Thursday**

7:30pm - Mass w/Adoration in Church  
'til 9:30pm

**April 15, Good Friday**

12pm - Last 7 Words of Jesus  
1:30pm - Liturgy with Veneration  
of the Cross  
3pm—Divine Mercy Prayer  
7pm - Stations of the Cross

**April 16, Holy Saturday**

8pm - Easter Vigil Mass

**April 17, Easter Sunday**

8am, 10am & 12pm—Mass in Chinese  
Easter Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt  
follows after 10am Mass

**CASINO ROYALE**  
& silent auction  
on April 9th

St. Anne School  
presents  
**CASINO ROYALE  
NIGHT**

April 9, 2022

6pm to 10pm

(Doors open @ 5pm)

in Moriarty Hall



**Silent Auction — Casino Card Games**  
**Raffles — Music — Hors d'Oeuvres**

**No Host Bar**

For Tickets and Info, Visit website:  
[stanne.com](http://stanne.com)

**Previous Week's Collections**

Sunday, March 27, 2022— \$3,939.37  
Catholic Relief Services— for Ukraine: — \$1,349.00

**This Week's Second Collection**

School Earthquake Retrofit Fund

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