

# SAINT ANNE of the SUNSET CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 12, 2023

Jesus said,  
"Whoever drinks the  
water I shall give  
will never thirst;  
the water I shall give  
will become in them a  
spring of water welling  
up to eternal life."

*John 4:14*

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**Fr. Emmanuel Adams**

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**Daily Mass:** 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 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass

**Office Hours:** Mon.—Fri., 9a—4:30p

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

(*Registered Parishioners only*)

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

(*Registered Parishioners only*)

**While we were still sinners  
Christ died for us.**

— Romans 5:8



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## *Third Sunday of Lent*

*March 12,  
2023*

### *Saint Anne Column*

**RITE of ELECTION**— Every First Sunday of Lent, all the adults in the archdiocese who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil (Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation) gather at the Cathedral to be recognized by the Archbishop upon the testimony of their sponsors in a ceremony called **the Rite of Election**. This is quite a grand affair as the candidates from all the parishes in the three counties make an effort to attend. Whereas each individual parish might have 3 or 4 candidates, when the candidates from all the parishes gather together in one place, it becomes quite an impressive number.

As you may know, St. Anne's has two programs for adults wanting to become full members of the Catholic Church— an English track, which I lead, and a Chinese track, led by Fr. Peter. This year Fr. Peter has **Kelly Chen, Jake Lo, and Ruby Qiao** who are preparing for Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, and **Clara Tu and James Tyhurst** who will be confirmed. I have **George Hu** preparing for all three sacraments and **Ron and Joy Williams** who will be confirmed, while Joy will also be receiving First Communion.

When I asked George, Ron, and Joy what they liked best about the Rite of Election, Ron said he enjoyed the Archbishop's talk, and all agreed that it was nice to feel they were part of something bigger than just the parish. They received an enhanced sense of getting ready to become a full member of a vast family of faith. When asked to share something about their faith journey so

far, Ron said he wants to reconnect with his Catholic faith so he can raise his 7-month-old son in a household with religious values. Joy said that she began the process for the same reason but now finds her own spirituality and faith in God growing deeper. She also states that she has learned to apply what she has learned of the sacraments and the Catholic Church to her own life. George, a St. Anne School parent, whose wife and two daughters are already Catholic, says, "I've always believed that I would discover my spiritual calling...eventually. Over the past few months, I've had a wonderful teacher who has guided me through the church's teachings and led me towards the next steps to becoming a Catholic." Let's pray for all these spiritual seekers!

*—Ken DePonte*

### *God Ever Pursues Us*

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

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### *Lenten Recollection*

**Persevere — to continue in a course of action  
even in the course of difficulty**

#### ***The Gift of Final Perseverance***

On the journey of faith, will we have the strength and grace to persevere until the end? How did the Saints do it? How will I not lose faith when it's most important? We invite you to reflect on this with **Fr. Emmanuel Adams**.

**When: Saturday, March 18, 2023 10:00am—1:30pm**

**Where: Saint Anne School Library**

**Cost: \$25 includes Lunch and a stipend for Fr. Emmanuel**

**RSVP: by Monday, March 13 to Tessie @ 415-665-1600 x21**

*We must remember what Jesus said; it's not about  
who began but those who persevere to the end  
that shall be saved. —Philip Neri*



*Saint Anne Parish*  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**WEEK of March 12, 2023**

**Sunday, March 12**

**8:00am** Mary Donnelly (D)

**10:00am** People of the Parish  
 Margaret Frances O'Neill (D)

**Noon** People of the Parish

**Monday, March 13**

**8:45am** Msgr. Harry G. Schlitt (D)  
 Lynn Lee (D)

**Tuesday, March 14**

**8:45am** Intentions, Family of Barbara Mannone

**Wednesday, March 15**

**8:45am** Vincent Vago (D)  
 Lee Trusty (D)

**Thursday, March 16**

**8:45am** All Souls at the 19th Avenue Nursing Home

**Friday, March 17**

**8:45am** Aurelia Vaquilar (D)  
 Barbara Mannone (D)

**Saturday, March 18**

**8:45am** Confraternity of Saint Anne

**5:00pm** John and Marian Fox (D)  
 Nieves de Castro (D)

**PRAYER of SAINT PATRICK**

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
 Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
 Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit,  
 Christ where I arise,  
 Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
 Christ in every eye that sees me,  
 Christ in every ear that hears me.  
 Salvation is of the Lord.  
 Salvation is of the Christ.  
 May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen.

**Previous Week's Collection**

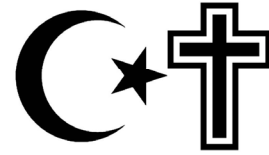
**Sunday Collection, March 4, 5— \$2,695.00**  
**School Earthquake Retrofit Fund— \$706.00**

*This Week's Second Collection*  
**Building and Maintenance Fund**

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**Understanding  
 Islam & Christian Faiths**



Presented by **Fr. Emmanuel Adams**

Born and raised in a Muslim family, **Fr. Adams** studied in a Catholic school, came to embrace the Christian faith and chose to become Catholic.

His experiences are bound to enlighten us.

**When: Thursday, March 30 @7pm**

**Where: Rectory**

**For more information or to register, contact**

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**PART 2 — Parish Survey**  
**On the Relational Health of our Community**



Scan QR Code or Text 42284 for link to **90 second** survey

**Text Code**

**ANNESF to 42284**

As families and couples sometimes experience conflict, we want to see whether we can strengthen relationships and families.

This survey helps us assess whether there is a need or what that need might be as we plan activities for the coming year.

— *Fr Dan*