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The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 17, 2023



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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: 20 minutes before
Saturday Vigil and each Sunday Mass**

Office Hours: Mon.—Fri., 9am — 4:30pm

**Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm
(Registered Parishioners only)**

**Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am
(Registered Parishioners only)**

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Forgive as you are forgiven.

Understanding Forgiveness

The parable of the Unforgiving Servant in today's Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35) conveys a significant lesson about forgiveness God's mercy is abundant, and we must pass that mercy on to others. Just as the king forgives the servant's debt, we too have been forgiven by God, and we are called to extend that same grace to others. The parable takes a serious turn when the forgiven servant fails to show mercy to another. This harsh act is met with severe consequences, reflecting a spiritual truth: If we do not forgive others, we risk losing the grace we have received Forgiveness is not optional but a necessary expression of our faith.

Lastly, the Gospel challenges the tendency to quantify or limit forgiveness. Peter's question about how many times to forgive is answered by Jesus with a call to unlimited mercy. God's forgiveness is not constrained by numbers or conditions; it's a boundless grace that transforms us. For Catholics, this is a reminder to approach others with the same unlimited compassion and forgiveness, reflecting God's own boundless love in our daily lives.

The readings collectively summon us to embrace forgiveness as a way of life. Whether it's overcoming anger and vengeance as in Sirach or learning from the parable's harsh lesson about the consequences of withholding mercy, the message is clear: we must be as merciful as God is. For Catholics, this is not just a moral guideline but a profound spiritual calling to live our lives in a way that mirrors the very nature of God. This embodiment of forgiveness fosters compassion, empathy, and a deeper connection with our divine Creator.

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Pastor's Column

Back to Sunday School – Now that a new school year has begun, the Religious Education program for Public School students will also be starting up on **Sunday, Oct 1, 2023**, following the 10am mass, from **11:15am – 12:30pm**. Families with children in Public School are encouraged to enroll in our program to help them grow in the knowledge and love of God, as well as to help them belong to a community of faith. **Mrs. Rachel Gee** is our Religious Education Coordinator and has developed a wonderful program where even the graduates are welcomed to return and help with educating the younger students. She has also recruited and trained adult volunteers for the different class levels and while the students attend their class, the parents themselves are invited to stay and share faith over coffee and pastries. It's a great program for the students, parents and volunteers as they develop a great community among themselves. Those interested to enroll, or to volunteer, please contact Rachel Gee at rachel.gee@stanne-sf.org or call the office at 415-665-1600 x 22.

Adults Growing in Faith – Are you interested to grow in faith? Do you know of anyone interested to learn more about the Catholic faith? Each year, we have a program for adults who seek to grow more deeply in faith, which can also lead to baptism and full initiation for non-Catholics. Although I was Catholic my whole life, was baptized as an infant, grew up going to Sunday Mass weekly, attended Catholic school until 4th grade and Religious Education (CCD) until I was Confirmed in 8th grade, I was surprised by how much I learned attending an adult class in the faith. And that's because as an adult, having gone through the ups and downs of life, the topic of faith isn't just hypothetical but becomes real and meaningful. So I encourage you to make time for one meeting to learn faith as an adult. If you find it enlightening and enriching, then do what I did, and keep coming back. As I get older, there isn't anything more precious than my faith and my relationship with God, outside of my relationship with family and friends.

For more information or to sign-up, please contact **Mr. Ken DelPonte** at 415-902-2040 or sfdelpo@aol.com Classes will be held **every Thursday in the rectory (850 Judah St.) from 7pm—8:30pm beginning on October 12th**. For the first few sessions, we'll discuss the Christian understanding of God in general; later on, we'll explore specifically Catholic beliefs and practices as well as the meaning of the Sacraments and the Mass. This is a great opportunity for adults to prepare for Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation!

—*Fr. Dan*



Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of September 17, 2023

Sunday, September 17

8:00am People of the Parish
 Lourdes Penalosa (D)

10:00am Helen Morales (D)

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Monday, September 18

8:45am Special Intentions, Anonymous
 Severina Samson (D)

Tuesday, September 19

8:45am Special Intentions, Anonymous
 Marcelino Tengco (D)

Wednesday, September 20

8:45am Steve Miley (D)
 Danny Foley (D)
 Jose C. Dominguez (D)

Thursday, September 21

8:45am Jim Ferenz, Jr. (D)
 Carlos Perianez Mejias (D)

Friday, September 22

8:45am Helen Borrone (D)
 Intentions, Mary Jean Dominguez

Saturday, September 23

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne

5:00pm Alice Liu (D)
 Intentions, Eden Niemela and Family

St. Anne Knights of Columbus present

SAINT ANNE
 COUPLES RELATIONSHIP ENRICHMENT

PARTY KNIGHT

SEPT 23
 Saturday, 6pm-10pm
 @ St. Anne School cafeteria



Enjoy cocktails, camaraderie, karaoke and complimentary child care at our fundraiser for the St. Anne hospitality fund. Tickets and VIP Food & Cocktail package available online.

PARTY KNIGHT Join our end of Summer party and Parish hospitality fundraiser hosted by the St. Anne Knights of Columbus. Enjoy a cocktail and get to know new couples in the parish community. Complimentary child care provided when you register. Get your ticket online and save 1/2 Off admission (\$10). Saturday, September 23. 6pm-10pm. Get your tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/early-bird-ticket-tickets-695180121457> For more information: <http://www.stanne-sf.org/2023/08/partyknight/>



DATE NIGHT

The core of the Church is the family and at the core of every family is a couple. St. Anne is inviting young couples to take part in a fun contest that you can sign up for online. Participate this month for a chance to win a romantic dinner for two at Puerto 27. Register today <http://www.stanne-sf.org/datenight/>

**Archdiocesan
 Annual
 Appeal**

Your commitment to this Annual Appeal enables the Archdiocese to provide vital services to our local community and our greater Church.

2023 Goal: \$49,348

Donations as of 9/11/23: **\$28,622 (58% of Goal)**
 Please help us meet our goal by donating directly online at **SFArch.org/AAA** or by dropping off a check made out to **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2023** at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket.

Previous Week's Collections

1st Collection, September 9, 10 —\$3,768.00
 Building and Maintenance Fund —\$1,310.00

This Week's Second Collection
Property and Insurance Fund

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