

# SAINT ANNE of the SUNSET CHURCH

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## The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 24, 2023

*As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.*

—Isaiah 55:9



# MERCY

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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)**

## Pastor's Column

**Blessing of Animals** – However we call them, whether they are our pets, our furry angels, companions or a member of our family, they are such a great blessing to us. Their unconditional love models how we are to treat one another and gives us a glimpse of how God loves us. St. Francis certainly had a great appreciation for them and called them his brothers and sisters. He talked to them and he even preached the gospel to them because our Lord told us to *proclaim the gospel to every creature* (Mark 16:15). So on the feast day of this City's Patron Saint, St. Francis, we will have a blessing of animals in the school yard. I'm grateful for members of the Student Council for helping us plan this event. We have the Commissioners of Religious Affairs, Kaley Perea, Abigail Smith, and Dash Gorospe, preparing the prayer. We have those in charge of Publicity, Alex Ting, Benyapa (Tia) Seeto, and Natalie Hin, helping to spread the news of this event. And we have the Commissioners of Eco-logy, Frans Tuulos, Matthew Kam, and Melania Chan, educating the



school community on simple actions that we can all do to care for creation. We wish to thank our parents Hattie Dong and Stephen O'Driscoll for helping coordinate this event. So we welcome you to bring your pet, your friend, your companion and family member to this **Special Animal Blessing**. We'll have 2 opportunities:

- **Sunday, Oct 1, 2023 at 11:30am in the Schoolyard**, next to the Convent Garden door (*Note: Hospitality will take place in the Convent Garden, and you can get there through this door.*)
- **Wednesday, Oct 4, 2023 @ 3:10pm in the Schoolyard.**

Hope to see you and your animal friend then.

**Farewell Mrs. Rachel Gee** – Over the past 7 years, Mrs. Gee has been the Religious Education Coordinator at St. Anne. She has brought her teaching experience and love for sharing the faith to us and she developed a wonderful program here. Among her gifts is her love of teaching and of helping to form teachers. So besides coordinating

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**Are you envious because  
I am generous?**

the Religious Education for the students who come, she also trains and supports the teachers who educate the students. We've been so blessed to have her these past 7 years and we're certainly sorry to see her go. Her full time work, ongoing education in a Master's program and caring for her family is leaving little time for her to continue with this position. She regrets leaving us, but so that the program can have the attention it properly needs, she is resigning to make room for the new Coordinator. Thank you Rachel for your love and dedication to our students, parents and catechists! You are a blessing to us. Rachel will continue in this position to help us in the transition. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who is, please contact me for more information or to apply at 415-665-1600 x 24 or [frdan@stanne-sf.org](mailto:frdan@stanne-sf.org).

**Christian Silent Meditation** – While many people have heard of Yoga as a form of meditation and its practice is even encouraged by health care providers as a way to achieve mental health, we have also within our tradition, Christian meditation. Whereas Yoga may teach one to enter into silence to still us from anxiety and worries, in the Christian tradition we also enter into silence but in the presence of a loving and welcoming God. For us, meditation is a form of prayer, and there, we can leave our worries and fears and simply rest in God's embrace. Join us to learn more either in person on Thursdays at 8am in the Convent chapel (1330-14<sup>th</sup> Ave), or Tuesday nights at 7pm via Zoom. For more information or to sign-up, contact me at 415-665-1600 x 24 or [frdan@stanne-sf.org](mailto:frdan@stanne-sf.org).

– Fr. Dan



*Saint Anne Parish*  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**WEEK of September 24, 2023**

**Sunday, September 24**

**8:00am** Stephanie (Nguyen) Thomas (D)

**10:00am** People of the Parish  
Intentions, Raquel Pasco

**Noon** St. Anne Chinese Pastoral Center,  
28th Anniversary

**Monday, September 25**

**8:45am** Intentions, May Kay

**Tuesday, September 26**

**8:45am** Healing, Joe Laguda

**Wednesday, September 27**

**8:45am** Intentions, Joan Hume  
Conchita Ayroso (D)

**Thursday, September 28**

**8:45am** Rev. Thuan X. Nguyen (D)  
Healing, Virginia Dilim

**Friday, September 29**

**8:45am** Alice Liu (D)  
Intentions, Vera Rogulsky

**Saturday, September 30**

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

**5:00pm** Healing, Charles Cunningham  
Lucy Kwok (D)

*Rising beyond Limited Views*

The first reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Isaiah 55:6-9, calls us to seek the Lord while He is near and to forsake our wicked ways. It reminds us that God's thoughts and ways transcend our own, just as the heavens are higher than the earth. This passage invites humility and a recognition of our limited perspective before the divine wisdom. In the context of the gospel for this Sunday, Matthew 20:1-16A, these verses resonate deeply. The parable illustrates God's unfathomable generosity, where all workers, regardless of when they arrive, receive the same reward. Isaiah's message of God's transcendent thoughts finds its echo here. Just as the landowner's ways surpassed the laborers' expectations, God's mercy exceeds our understanding.

Both passages invite us to release our rigid notions of fairness and instead embrace God's vast, compassionate perspective. Just as the heavens dwarf the earth, God's grace surpasses human comprehension. This calls for a shift in our attitudes, from judgment to rejoicing in God's abundant love. As we ponder Isaiah's words and the parable's message, we're called to humility and trust. We're urged to seek God earnestly and to relinquish our self-centered viewpoints. The divine economy of grace challenges us to let go of our limited sense of justice and instead embrace the boundless generosity of our Creator.

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**DATE NIGHT**

The core of the Church is the family and at the core of every family is a couple. St. Anne's 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/>



**Previous Week's Collections**

1st Collection, September 16, 17 —\$2,595.00  
Property and Insurance Fund —\$917.00

***This Week's Second Collection  
Priests Retirement Fund***

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