

SAINT ANNE of the SUNSET CHURCH

850 Judah St., San Francisco, CA 94122

www.stanne-sf.org 

Rectory: 415-665-1600

School: 415-664-7977

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 15, 2023



“Behold, I have prepared my banquet . . . Come to the feast.”

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Daniel Nascimento, Pastor
frdan@stanne-sf.org 415-665-1600 x 24

Fr. Peter Zhai, SVD,
Archdiocesan Director of Chinese Ministries
ZhaiP@sfarch.org 415-614-5575

Sr. Mary Francis, Pastoral Associate
415-665-1600 x 22

Rachel Abaqueta Leluc, Pastoral Programs Director
raleluc@stanne-sf.org 415-665-1600 x 23

Randell Rentar, Music Director
rvrentar@stanne-sf.org

OFFICE STAFF

Ken DelPonte, Parish Manager
kdelponte@stanne-sf.org 415-665-1600 x 21

Tessie Velicaria, Secretary
tessievelicaria@stanne-sf.org 415-665-1600 x 22

Mie Mie Kwong, Athletic Director
athleticdept@stanne-sf.org 415-665-1600 x 22

Jessica Guevara, Bookkeeper
bookkeeper@stanne-sf.org 415-665-1600 x 21

SCHOOL STAFF

Tom White, Principal, Elementary School
white@stanne.com 415-664-7977

Judy Glaeser, Director, Preschool
stanneps@gmail.com 415-731-2355

Eva Wong, Director, Chinese School
evawong467@gmail.com 415-665-3929

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES: 415-866-6455

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)**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

You spread
the table
before
me....

You anoint
my head
with oil;

my cup
overflows.



God's Constant Call to Divine Feasts

In the readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we find striking parallels that delve deep into God's graciousness and the nature of divine invitation. Isaiah speaks of a grand feast prepared by the Lord, one that promises sustenance and joy, a removal of sorrow and a lifting of burdens. Matthew, on the other hand, offers the parable of the wedding banquet, where a king invites guests to celebrate his son's wedding. The interconnectedness between these passages reflects the continuity of God's love and outreach throughout the scriptures.

The rejection by the initially invited guests in Matthew's parable can be seen as a mirror to those in Isaiah's time and even our own, who often overlook or dismiss God's offerings due to distractions or worldly concerns. The feast in Isaiah represents the promise of salvation and eternal joy, yet many miss out on this divine opportunity. Similarly, in Matthew, the king's invitation, representing God's call, is ignored or treated with disdain, highlighting human tendencies to neglect spiritual wealth for fleeting worldly gains.

Drawing these passages together, it's evident that God's benevolent invitation remains constant, spanning across time and testament. The challenge posed to us, both as individuals and as a collective, is to recognize, accept, and prepare for these divine moments. Whether it's the grandeur of Isaiah's feast or the solemnity of the wedding banquet in Matthew, both underscore the importance of being spiritually ready and receptive to God's eternal call.

©2023 [Young Catholics](#). All rights reserved.

Pastor's Column

Meditating with the Rosary – As this is the month of the Rosary, I recently asked a group of faithful Catholics about their experience of praying the Rosary. Many were silent about their experience, and those who did answer shared that they found it repetitive and not very helpful. I felt the same way when I tried it in my youth. My college Christian friends even asked why Catholics would pray the rosary, repeating the same prayer over and over again, when Jesus Himself taught us *not to pray like the pagans, who babble thinking their many words will be heard* (Matthew 6:7). I found two scripture passages helpful to understand the richness and depth of praying the rosary. The first comes from St. Paul who teaches us that *sometimes we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings* (Romans 8:26). I think we've all found ourselves in situations when we feel the need to pray. Perhaps it's a worry, a tragedy, a loss, and words are not enough to express to God the feelings we have in our hearts. So the heart wants to continue praying, even after we've expressed our prayer to God in words. Praying the rosary, then, creates the structure for the heart to pray, and in the process, as St. Paul explained, we allow the Spirit to intercede with us and for us. The second scripture passage that I found helpful is Jesus' teaching about persevering in prayer (Luke 11:5-8). Why persevere? In the book of Daniel 10:13-21, the prophet tells of a spiritual battle with the evil one, and hence the need for perseverance on our part. As we pray the rosary, I like that we're not praying alone. We ask our Blessed Mother to pray with us and for us. I find that just as in meditation we use a mantra and repeat it over and over again to help us stay centered in prayer and centered in the Lord, likewise, the repetition of the Hail Mary prayer is like the mantra used in meditation. In so doing, we're not praying with the mind,



paying attention to each word of the prayer, but we're praying with the heart, to allow us to draw closer to God. An old definition of prayer is the *raising of our*

minds and hearts to God. Spoken prayers, the mass, as well as reading scripture are prayers of the mind. Meditation is a prayer of the heart. And when we meditate using the rosary, repeating the Hail Mary's like a mantra, we are raising our hearts to God. In the process, we find peace as our hearts are drawn closer in union with God. So the next time you pray the rosary, try using the Hail Mary as a mantra, breathing it in, and breathing it out, to help you enter into quiet and into the presence of a loving God.

—Fr. Dan



Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of October 15, 2023

Sunday, October 15

8:00am Melinda Ricafort (D)
10:00am People of the Parish
 Kenneth Tsui (D)
Noon People of the Parish

Monday, October 16

8:45am Intentions, Raymond Thomas

Tuesday, October 17

8:45am Special Intentions, Leonard Migleo

Wednesday, October 18

8:45am Intentions, Aida Gomez
 Intentions, Richel Hume

Thursday, October 19

8:45am Intentions, Susana Cheng

Friday, October 20

8:45am Intentions, Helen Hung Wong
 Healing, Vincent Kwan

Saturday, October 21

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne
5:00pm Intentions, Auring Intertas
 Special Intentions, Leonard Migleo



FRIDAY

5:30p Festival begins; Parking and Food opens
6:30-9:30p Drive-in Movie: Across the Spider-verse
 Food Truck & a variety of treats! Adult beverages

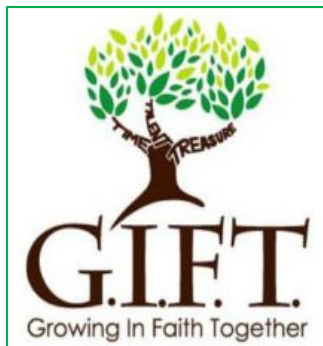
SATURDAY

10:30a-5p Indoor carnival and outdoor games;
 Beer Garden, BBQ, Foods from around the World
6:00p-7:00p Registration: Decades/Dinner Dance
7:00p-10:00p Decades/Dinner Dance
 Catered taco bar, adult beverages and live DJ

SUNDAY

9:00a-Noon Pancake Breakfast
 hosted by Boy Scout Troop 15
12 Noon Raffle Drawing and Festival ends

Want to explore the Catholic faith?

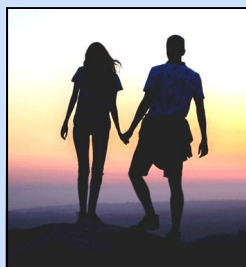


**Or prepare for adult
 Baptism or Confirmation?
 Or grow deeper in
 your own faith?
 Join our GIFT program,
 meeting in the Rectory
 (850 Judah) every
 Thursday @ 7p—8:30p
 starting October 12.
 Contact Ken DelPonte**

415-902-2040 or sfdelpo@aol.com

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/>

**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 **10/10/23: \$31,248 (63% 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 Weeks' Collections

1st Collection, Sept. 24— \$1,161.50
 1st Collection, Oct. 1— \$2,750.00
 1st Collection, Oct. 8— \$4,530.00

Priests Retirement Fund— \$948.00
 School Earthquake Retrofit Fund— \$795.00
 Building and Maintenance Fund— \$906.00

***This Week's Second Collection
 Property and Insurance Fund***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

For on-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org