

SAINT ANNE of the SUNSET CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent — December 3, 2023



“What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

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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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Lord, enlighten our hearts and dispel the darkness of ignorance and sin!

Patience and Vigilance in God's Plan

It's common for us to become impatient, especially when things don't go according to our plans. During the first week of Advent, we are reminded that our own plans may not align with God's vision for the world The readings call us to return to God's path, recognizing that His aim is the restoration of all creation to Himself, not merely fulfilling our individual desires.

Isaiah speaks to us of a people who have wandered from God's ways. We too can relate to this wandering. In the midst of our daily challenges, we can become lost, focused on our immediate wants and grievances. However, the call of Advent is a call to turn back, to trust in God's plan even when it seems distant or difficult to comprehend.

In the gospel for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year B, Jesus warns his disciples to be vigilant, to stay awake. This is not just a call for the disciples of Jesus' time but for us today. Life is full of unpredictable events, both tragic and joyful. It is not for us to know the time or the place when we will face these trials or when we will encounter Christ in our daily lives. Therefore, we must live in a state of readiness, serving Christ through our actions, words, and thoughts, at every moment.

Advent is a time to renew our commitment to God's plan, to embrace the waiting and the uncertainty with faith and hope. It's a period to prepare, to watch, and to be attentive to the ways in which we can serve and encounter God every day. Let this first week of Advent be a reminder to us to slow down, to reflect, and to align ourselves with God's will, ready to act with love and compassion at every opportunity presented to us.

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Pastor's Column

Rolling Back the Darkness – As we enter into the season of Advent the nights continue to grow longer while the days continue to grow shorter until we reach the time around Christmas. From that time on, each day will grow a little bit longer and each night will grow a little bit shorter. What a beautiful expression for the birth of our Lord! He comes at the darkest moment in human history, and from His birth onwards, darkness begins to roll back. The kingdom of satan gives way to the Kingdom of God. And though satan may have the upper hand at times, like the time he crucified our Lord, Christ's resurrection turns satan's seeming victory into defeat. The same is true in our lives. Darkness can also engulf us and our loved ones. But as Mother Teresa said, once she realizes the hardships that befall her are the work of the devil, she knows how to defeat him. It is certainly through prayer, but also kindness, patience, love, mercy and forgiveness. These, she adds, satan has no defense against. She reminds us that we too can roll back the darkness in our lives. By prayer, by kindness and patience to those who are having a bad day, by forgiveness and turning the other cheek, and even with just a simple smile, which, Mother Teresa said, is the beginning of love. When we offer a smile to someone, it can bring warmth to their day. As many of you know, since the beginning of the year when we did a survey and asked for your input, we've been looking at how we can be a better Church to serve your needs. The survey results from Catholics and non-Catholics who attend our school and participate in our programs such as Athletics and Scouts reveal a desire for spirituality and community. Even we, Americans, who pride ourselves on our individuality, need a community. Covid highlighted that. And that's what our Church can offer to our neighbors, a sense of belonging and community. But if we are to be successful in this, if we are to make St Anne a welcoming place for all, we'll need everyone's participation. The face of St Anne is not just the pink building, or the religious and staff at St Anne. You are the face of St. Anne. All of us together, make up St Anne and not just the building. So it falls on all of us to be welcoming to the stranger and to one another. If someone new comes to one of our Masses or events, as great as the event might be, and do not encounter a friendly face or a welcoming heart, they will not find it a safe place to belong. Conversely, if they do encounter in us the warmth of Christ, who welcomes and desires to know them, they will have found a home, a safe place to belong and we would have rolled back the darkness. As we enter a New Church Liturgical year, may I ask if you would be the face and heart of Christ? Don't hesitate to reach out to one another, especially if you see someone by themselves. When we do that, it'll bring warmth to our Church, even as we enter into winter. —**Fr. Dan**



Family Nativity & Choir



Christmas 5PM Vigil Mass
St. Anne of the Sunset
850 Judah



All are welcome!



To sign up. For more information

stannesunset@gmail.com

- **Friday, Dec 15–Saturday, Dec 23** -- Christmas Novena,
Masses on weekdays at 6pm and on weekends at 5pm.
- **Sat, Dec 16 @ 9:45am** – Decorate & Clean Church for
Christmas. Lunch provided.
- **Sun, Dec 24** – Christmas Vigil Family Mass @ 5pm;
Vigil Mass in Chinese @ 8pm.
- **Mon, Dec 25** – Christmas Masses at 12am Midnight,
8am, 10am & 12pm in Chinese.





FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

1390 14TH AVENUE, WEEKLY PRACTICE IN DECEMBER
DAY & TIME TBC, BASED ON MAJORITY'S SCHEDULE



JOIN THE
FAMILY CAROLING FUN
& OPPORTUNITIES TO
SERVE THE COMMUNITY



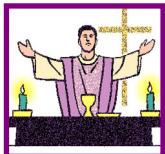
WITH MUSIC DIRECTOR,
RANDELL RENTAR
& VOCALIST
CASSANDRA CONDE!

INNER SUNSET FAMILIES
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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TO SIGN UP OR
FOR MORE INFORMATION





Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of December 3, 2023

Sunday, December 3

8:00am Maria Osztovits (D)
 Birthday, Ramona Carrion

10:00am Nicandro Conje, Jr. (D)

Noon People of the Parish

Monday, December 4

8:45am Arturo Conje (D)

Tuesday, December 5

8:45am Rosemarie Conje (D)
 Sixto Posadas, Jr. (D)

Wednesday, December 6

8:45am Cristina Conje Sy (D)

Thursday, December 7

8:45am Gloria Motak (D)
 Vincent Vago (D)

Friday, December 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:45am Lee Trusty (D)

Noon Raymond Rotor (D)
 Rotor and Luna Families (D)

6:00pm Fr. Ed Bohnert (D)

Saturday, December 9

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne

5:00pm Intentions, Aning Laguda
 Thanksgiving, Auring Intertas

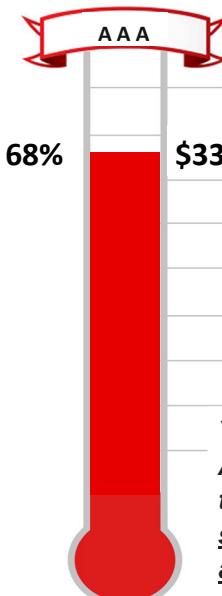
Please Note that in 2024, we will go back to offering only **one intention per Mass**. This is the not only the norm, but what Canon Law requires. Thank you.



Dec 8 - The Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

She too was saved by Christ, but in an extraordinary way, because God wanted that from the moment of conception the mother of his Son was not touched by the misery of sin. — Pope Francis



\$49,348

Our goal

**Archdiocesan
Annual
Appeal Thank You!**

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



PHOTOS WITH SANTA & MRS CLAUS ~

JOIN US
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
AFTER 10AM MASS
IN MORIARTY HALL (FUNSTON & JUDAH)

Free Community Event!

Please bring your family for photos with Santa
 refreshments, arts and crafts!

FOR MORE INFO ~ TO RSVP
 MGLIWANAG@MAC.COM

**ALL ARE WELCOME!
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ST ANNE PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



2023 Goal: \$49,348

Donations as of **11/27/23:**

\$33,757 (68% 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 rectory or in weekly collection basket.

Previous Week's Collections

1st Collection, Nov. 26, 2023—\$2,609.00
 Thanksgiving Mass, Nov. 23—\$297.00

This Week's Second Collection
School Earthquake Retrofit Fund

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