

# SAINT ANNE of the SUNSET CHURCH

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*December 31,  
2023*

*The Holy  
Family  
of  
Jesus,  
Mary  
and  
Joseph*



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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)**

## The Holy Family

December 31, 2023



### Embracing the Church as Family

The Feast of the Holy Family Year B invites us to a deeper contemplation of family, urging us to look beyond our biological connections. The Gospel of Luke (2:22-40) presents the Holy Family not merely as a model of domestic virtue, but as an icon of the larger spiritual family God calls us to be part of. This narrative, where Jesus is presented in the Temple, symbolizes the integration of the individual family into the broader religious community.

The Temple, as a place of gathering, teaching, and worship, prefigures the Church. In this light, the Church emerges not just as a place of worship, but as a familial space where we, like Jesus, are presented and nurtured in faith. The interaction with Simeon and Anna demonstrates this connectedness. This redefinition of family challenges us to see our relationship with the Church in a new, familial light.

As we celebrate this feast, it becomes imperative to nurture both our biological families and our spiritual family – the Church. Just as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived their lives centered around the Temple, signifying their commitment to the wider community of believers, we too are called to invest in our church community.

The Church is a place where spiritual bonds are not just formed but deeply nurtured, where we learn to live out the virtues of faith, hope, and love in community with others. By strengthening these bonds, we mirror the Holy Family's commitment to God's plan and become active participants in the manifestation of His love and mercy in the world. In this way, our celebration of the Holy Family extends beyond admiration of a holy household to active participation in the expansive, spiritual family of the Church.

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### Pastor's Column

**New Year's Resolutions** – In the Dec 22, 2023 issue of *America Magazine*, the Jesuit staff put together 6 New Year's resolutions inspired by the Synod. As you may recall, the recent Synod held in October of this year completed the 1st part of this worldwide listening session to discern a path forward for our Church. The staff suggests that the lessons of the synod can provide valuable insight also for us to move forward as Catholics. So here are their suggestions:

- **Let Go of Rigid Timelines** – while this may rub us Americans the wrong way, the key here is to be in tune with the movement of the Holy Spirit, to *give God's dreams for our lives plenty of time to unfold.*
- **Ask for Feedback** – Months before the Synod meeting, Pope Francis asked for input from the Universal Church. Similarly, *the New Year is a good time to stop and reflect deliberately on our path and to ask for advice, help or feedback from those who know us well.*
- **Listen Carefully** – Sometimes this means *setting aside your need to respond, to correct, to be right... In many conversations with people who held opinions different than my own... "Please explain"... helps to build friendships and break down walls. Listening is a gift we can give to one another. And ourselves.*
- **Cultivate Your Friendships** – *When we engage with friendships that supersede the boundaries of our own beliefs we take an active part in the Gospel message, which, at its core, preaches kindness, empathy, and connection – values that find their truest form in friendships.*
- **Get Comfortable with Change** – While many of us like stability and predictability, perhaps that may not be the best way to measure our lives in 2024. Rather, are we growing closer to God in prayer and closer to the poor in service? If not, are we open to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into change? *If change is drawing us closer to deeper relationships, it might be worth the risk.*
- **Trust that God Is at Work** – *God works over time. Seeds planted decades ago will one day flourish. Trust, as Teilhard would say, trust is the slow work of God. This year... choose to trust more.*

This list is certainly suitable for me as well, as your Pastor: to ask for your feedback, to listen carefully and to cultivate deeper friendships with you. But perhaps equally important is to trust, to allow God to lead us, especially in change, and allow His will to unfold in His time. As we enter into a New Year, I entrust you and your loved ones into the loving hands of God, and ask His blessings upon all of you for a safe and blessed New Year! —Fr. Dan





*Saint Anne Parish*  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**WEEK of December 31, 2023**

**Sunday, December 31**

- 8:00am** People of the Parish  
 Intentions, Vivienne Rull
- 10:00am** Mrs. Teresa Vasquez (D)  
 Charles Cunningham (D)
- Noon** Zhijing Han (D)

**Monday, January 1—MARY, the Mother of God**

**8:45am** Charles Cunningham (D)

**Tuesday, January 2**

**8:45am** John and Marian Fox (D)

**Wednesday, January 3**

**8:45am** Charles Cunningham (D)

**Thursday, January 4**

**8:45am** Maximo and Lucila Siao (D)

**Friday, January 5**

**8:45am** Charles Cunningham (D)

**Saturday, January 6**

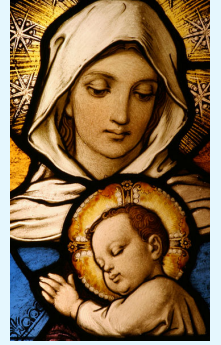
**8:45am** Confraternity of Saint Anne

**5:00pm** Thanksgiving, Siao and Austria Families

**Please Note** that in 2024, we will go back to offering only **one intention per Mass**.

Visit the rectory or call 415 665-1660 x22 to offer a Mass on behalf of a loved one or yourself.

January 1 marks the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Although in 2024, this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, let's start off the year by honoring and showing gratitude for this remarkable woman who has touched so many lives. Attend a Mass, pray a rosary, reflect on her virtues of obedience, chastity, mercy, humility, and devotion to God. Give thanks to God for her!



**U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

**In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564**

**Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024**

**YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO**

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). **If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor. Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.**

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at [RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com](mailto:RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com) or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

**\*\*If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing\*\***

**Previous Week's Collections**

- 1st Collection, Dec. 24, 2023— \$4,660.00
- Christmas, Dec. 25, 2023— \$20,449.00
- Christmas Novena (*Simbang Gabi*)— \$510.00

**No Second Collection This Week**

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