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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024



“Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”

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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: 30 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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*“Destroy this temple and in three days
I will raise it up.”*

The Temple

The gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B takes place in the temple. We must understand that the temple in Jerusalem was considered the most holy place for the Jewish people, and it was a place where they would come to offer sacrifices and worship God. The Israelites believed God was really present in the temple. The sales going on there enabled people traveling from afar to purchase animals for sacrifice. This was a great convenience. However, the presence of the merchants and money changers had turned the temple into a marketplace, which was not only disrespectful but also a distraction from the true purpose of the temple. Jesus, as the Son of God, recognized this and was filled with a righteous anger that compelled him to drive out the merchants and money changers.

In a similar way, we are called to reflect on . . . how we may have turned our own lives into a marketplace, where we prioritize material possessions and worldly pursuits over our relationship with God. Like the merchants and money changers, we may have allowed distractions and temptations to take over our lives, causing us to lose sight of what is truly important . . .

We must also recognize that the temple in Jerusalem was a foreshadowing of the true temple, which is the body of Christ . . . [As members of the Body of Christ,] we are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps and strive to purify our own hearts and minds. This means being mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions, and ensuring that they are aligned with God's will. We must be honest with ourselves and acknowledge our own weaknesses and faults . . . willing to ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

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Pastor's Column

Journey of Faith – In the early Church, before Christianity was the accepted religion of the Roman Empire, being a Christian was not only dangerous but it was also counter cultural. So the preparation to become a Christian not only involved learning and knowing the faith intellectually, but also required a change of thinking and behaving. As adults continued in their journey towards baptism and full initiation into the Church, the Season of Lent was created to support them and help them reflect more deeply upon their lives and whether they were living in conformity with the gospel. So rituals called the Scrutinies began to be celebrated to help deliver them from the power of sin and Satan and to give them strength to follow Christ. While in the early Church the Season of Lent was meant only for the baptismal candidates, it didn't take too long for the Church to realize that all of us, the baptized, could also benefit from these Scrutinies, which we also call an Examination of Conscience. While we as Baptized and Confirmed have received the power and grace of the Holy Spirit to help us, these candidates need our support and encouragement. At the 10am Mass on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent we will pray over this year's candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation, asking for God's Light and Love to help uncover and heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in their hearts— as well as in our own. This year's candidates are:

**Brandon Chew, Karen Chiang, Jasmin Kristianto,
Umsunai Kubatbekova, Loletta Lao, Zahnuzak Ulankalyi,
Rose Upadhyay, Lanie Valdez and David Zubia.**

We invite you to hold them in your prayers.

And we also invite you during this Season to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As the Holy Spirit has helped you to recognize your faults, make use of the Sacrament to receive the grace you need to heal and make the change you need in your life. During Lent, a priest will be available for **Confessions 30 minutes before the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses**. And the parish is also offering the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wed, March 20 at 7pm** in the Church with 4 priests. As Pope Francis said, in celebrating this Sacrament, we are celebrating God's love and mercy for us.

—Fr. Dan

St Anne Church and the Knights of Columbus are organizing a **blood drive on Sunday March 17th in the School Yard** where we will be visited by a mobile donation center from Vitalant.



Due to limited donation slots **RSVP is required**.

Please look for flyers around the church for the link to the COORDINATOR PORTAL where you can sign up for a donation appointment. Please know that your generous donation in blood, plasma, and time will translate to real lives being saved. Thank you!



ST. ANNE'S
Masquerade
A night in Venice!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

St. Anne Moriarty Hall
1320 14th Avenue, San Francisco

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

Tickets are \$65

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. No host bar.
Childcare is available for additional fee.
Access link below or scan code.

<https://stannesf.joinme.org/2024masquerade>



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THANK YOU EVERYONE! AWESOME EVENT!!! THANKFUL FOR GOOD WEATHER, IT WAS FUN! DRINKING MY THAI ICE TEA NOW :) WE HAD SUCH WONDERFUL SUPPORT FROM ALL WHO CAME..





Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of March 3, 2024

Sunday, March 3

8:00am Intentions, John M. Synan

10:00am Tony Cunliffe (D)

Noon In Thanksgiving, for Fiona

Monday, March 4

8:45am Charles Cunningham (D)

Tuesday, March 5

8:45am Josefina Contreras (D)

Wednesday, March 6

8:45am Laureano and Julia Rotor and Family (D)

Thursday, March 7

8:45am Francisco Vasollo, Jr. (D)

Friday, March 8

8:45am In Thanksgiving, for Jose and Gorgonia
Laguda

Saturday, March 9

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne
Fernando Lompart, Maria Pacheco
and Family (D)

5:00pm Adelina, Gloria, and Lilia Luna (D)
and Deceased Family Members



“One of our most fundamental rights is the right to vote.”

Archbishop Cordileone is encouraging all faithful Catholics to vote in the election on **March 5, 2024**. Early voting has already begun. Visit the Archdiocesan website sfarchdiocese.org/faithful-citizenship to learn more about forming consciences for faithful citizenship.

Pope Francis’ prayer intention for the month of March is for the martyrs of our day and witnesses to Christ.

He reminded the faithful that “there will always be martyrs among us” and that it is a “sign that we’re on the right path.” “The courage of the martyrs, the witness of the martyrs, is a blessing for everyone.” Pope Francis concluded with a prayer: “Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. And to be open to the grace of martyrdom.”



Previous Week’s Collections

1st Collection, February 25, 2024— \$3,353.00

This Week’s 2nd Collection

School Earthquake Retrofit Fund

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After their **First Confession on 2/24/24**, our Religious Education and St. Anne students pose for a picture with their “polished halos” : **Calder Bodway, Yasmin Ruiz Castro, Megan Chaset, Rose Gabrielle Cohen, Alexander King, Philip King, Ariel Koonce, Joseph Lawhon, Michael Miller, Savannah Solano, Matthew Villanueva, Linda Wald, Brandon Wu**, – with Fr. Narcis Kabipi, Fr. Dan Nascimento and Fr. Benjamin Rosado. **Lourdes Scott-Smith** and **Ronan Scott-Smith** (pictured in the inset) received their First Confession separately.
Please pray for all of them!