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The Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. John 12:24

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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**

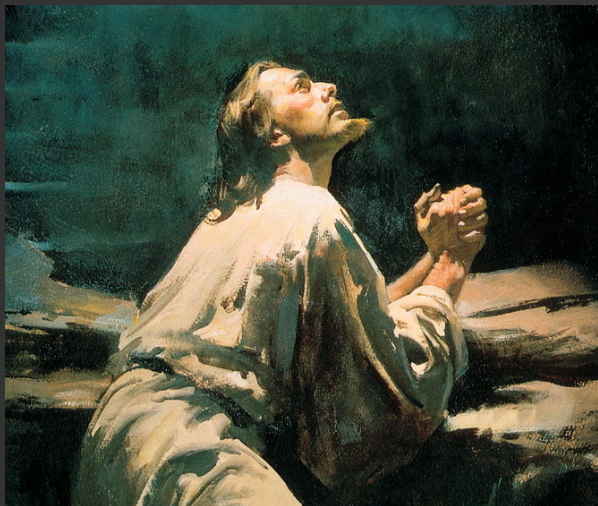
Office Hours: Mon.—Fri., 9am — 4:30pm

**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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...when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death....

—Hebrews 5:7

Written on Our Hearts

The first reading for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B is a beautiful promise of God's love and mercy. In this passage, God is making a new covenant with his people. This new covenant is not like the old one that was made with their ancestors, which they broke. This new covenant is a covenant that will be written on their hearts.

This new covenant is a promise of forgiveness and love. God is saying that he will remember their sins no more. This is a powerful promise because it means that God . . . will not keep a record of our wrongdoings. Instead, he will forgive us and love us. This is a promise that should bring great comfort to all who hear it.

The idea of a covenant written on the heart is also significant. It means that this covenant is not just an external agreement or contract, but it is something that is internalized and personalized. It becomes a part of who we are . . . This new covenant is not just a promise of forgiveness and love, but it is also a promise of a new relationship with God. It is a promise of intimacy and closeness with him. When we accept this covenant, we become his people We are no longer estranged from him we are brought near to him.

How does the concept of a covenant written on your heart change your understanding of your relationship with God? How do you cultivate this intimacy in your own spiritual life? Are there practices or disciplines that help you to remain close to God and aware of His presence?

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Saint of Immigrants

With the recent release of the new movie *Cabrini*, about the life of the first U.S. citizen to be declared a saint (on July 7, 1946 by Pope Pius XII), it might be well for us as Catholics to review her life and accomplishments

Born in Lombardy in Northern Italy, diminutive (5 ft. tall in maturity) and frail of health, as a child she dreamed of being a missionary. (Playing near a canal she once launched paper boats with violets in them that she called “missionaries” to India and China.) Between the ages of 13 and 18 she was taught by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but when she was 20, they rejected her application for admission to their order due to her weak constitution. She then headed an orphanage, eventually taking religious vows in 1877 and adding the name Xavier to her own in honor of Francis Xavier, the 16th-Century Jesuit missionary to the Far East. Three years later she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and remained their Mother Superior until her death. The order took in orphans, ran a day school, and taught needlework, expanding to seven homes within just 5 years.

By the time she was 37, she sought Pope Leo XIII's approval to establish a mission in China. Instead, he famously told her, “Not to the East, but to the West.” She was advised to be a “missionary” to the masses of Italian immigrants then flooding the shores of America and who were living in poverty, were largely uneducated, and found little spiritual guidance. Taking up his suggestion, she arrived in New York City in 1889 with 6 other sisters of her order and at first received little encouragement from New York's Irish Archbishop Michael Corrigan. However, he soon had to recognize the energy, love, determination and prayerfulness she displayed in founding orphanages, hospitals, and schools. She always seemed able to recruit people to donate their time, talent, and treasure to her many works serving the Italian immigrant community, which at the time represented the newest wave of immigrants and who were therefore subject to much poverty and bigotry.

But soon she was founding missionary institutions, 67 in all, to serve the sick and poor of all backgrounds (this was before the days of government social services) in Chicago, Philadelphia, Denver, New Orleans, Seattle, and Los Angeles. In 1909 she became a citizen of the United States, a nation of immigrants, and she is fittingly known as the saint of all immigrants.

—Ken DelPonte



St. Frances Cabrini

b. July 15, 1850

d. December 22, 1917



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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Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of March 17, 2024

Sunday, March 17

8:00am Lee Trusty (D)

10:00am John Feeny (D)

Noon People of the Parish

Monday, March 18

8:45am John and Marian Fox (D)

Tuesday, March 19

8:45am Joan Benjamin (D)

Wednesday, March 20

8:45am Lena Farrell (D)

Thursday, March 21

8:45am Kristine Ann Quinn (D)

Friday, March 22

8:45am Terence Sullivan (D)

Saturday, March 23

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne

5:00pm In Thanksgiving, Cora Intertas

Pastor's Column

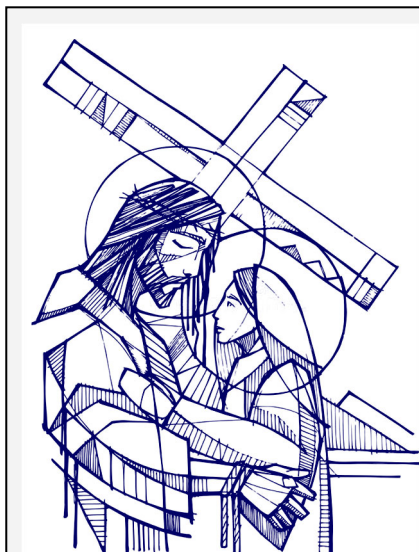
Becoming our Best – Confession can be about getting rid of our guilt, but it can also be a way to honestly look at ourselves and see who we are becoming. And if the course of our life is not helping us develop into the kind of person that we'd want to become, we can also alter course. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, besides asking God for pardon for our sins, we can also be asking God for the graces we'll need to change our course so we can become the very best version of ourselves. The parish is offering the following opportunities to celebrate this Sacrament in the Church:



- **Wednesday, March 20 @ 7pm**
- **Good Friday, March 29 @ 3-4pm** following the Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross.
- **And 30 minutes prior** to every Saturday vigil & Sunday mass.

We encourage you to make use of this Sacrament during Lent. As Pope Francis has said of this Sacrament, *It is an encounter with the God of Mercy & Love.*

—Fr. Dan



Station of the Cross
in the Church

7:00pm

Friday, March 22

Preceded by a

Simple Lenten

Soup Supper

in the Vestibule

6:00pm

Happy St. Patrick's Day! The St. Anne's St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance was a resounding success thanks to the

superlative efforts of all involved, but especially **Mary & Kevin Cronin.**

A long-standing St. Anne tradition, it had taken a hit with the Covid lockdowns, but it returned as strong ever! Pictured here is the

S.F. Irish Pipers Band.



Thanks to all who made the **Athletic Department Crab Bash** on March 3 such a wonderful event! Big kudos to **Mie Mie Kwong**, our tireless athletic director, **Bev Perea**, volunteer extraordinaire, and **Rosenda Chan**, who helped organize the wonderful St. Anne student servers. The food was yummy, even surpassing previous standards!

Previous Week's Collections

1st Collection, March 10, 2024— \$3,578.00
Building and Maintenance Fund— \$675.00

This Week's 2nd Collection

Property and Insurance Fund

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