

SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET

Sunday - December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

- 11/22-23: Jubilee of Choirs
- 12/14: Jubilee of Prisoners

For a complete list, visit www.iubilaeum2025.va to learn more about the Jubilee Year Events.

Pastor's Column

Jubilee Year Events – This Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will formally inaugurate the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. A common practice during the Jubilee Year is to take a pilgrimage. Many will make a pilgrimage whether to their local Cathedral, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, or some other designated holy site with the plan to walk through its Holy Doors. To make a pilgrimage means to make a journey toward God. And passing through the Holy Door, grants a favor of Divine Mercy and forgiveness (aka – an indulgence). But as St. Pope John Paul II explained, *“to pass through that door means to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord... it presumes... the courage to leave something behind (sin), in the knowledge that what is gained is divine life.”* To properly receive this Divine Mercy or indulgence, a person should go to Confession, receive Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Below are some events scheduled in Rome for the Jubilee Year:

- 12/24: Opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica
- 1/24 - 26: Jubilee of the World of Communications. Journalists, video makers, PR staff, IT professionals, etc. are all invited to this event with an opportunity to meet with the Holy Father.
- 2/8 - 9: Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police & Security Personnel.
- 2/15 - 18: Jubilee of Artists
- 3/8 - 9: Jubilee of the World of Volunteering
- 4/5 - 6: Jubilee of the Sick & Health Care Workers
- 5/1 - 4: Jubilee of Workers
- 6/14 - 15: Jubilee of Sport
- 7/28 - 8/3: Jubilee of Youth
- 9/20: Jubilee of Justice
- 10/31 - 11/2: Jubilee of the World of Education

Enriching our Faith & Prayer Life – Alex Jones grew up Catholic, but lost his faith as a teenager. With the use of meditation, Jones chose to become Catholic again and made the decision to create a platform to assist others in a similar situation. In 2018, with Eric Kerekes and Alessandro DiSanto, they founded the prayer App called Hallow. As of February of 2022, the app has been downloaded more than 2 million times and in February of 2024, Hallow reached the number 1 spot in Apple's App Store, ahead of ChatGPT, Google and others. It offers guided prayers, meditations, Lectio Divina and daily reflections on the Gospel and Sacred Scriptures. Additionally, it offers audiobooks, catechesis, and various genres of Christian music. A regular year subscription is \$70/year, but the Archdiocese of San Francisco was able to secure a year subscription for all our parishioners for only \$1. Simply log into <https://Hallow/parish/> enter **St Anne Sunset**, and **Join**. You can download the App and try it for free before your purchase and you can also share this offer with others. Give this a try to enrich your prayer and faith life in the coming year.

- Fr Dan

Upcoming Parish Events:

12/24 - Christmas Vigil

(5pm – Family Mass; 8pm – Chinese Mass)

12/25 – Christmas Masses

(12 Midnight, 8am, 10am; 12pm in Chinese)

1/1 - **New Year's Day – Mary, Mother of God**
(Holy Day Mass at 9am)

1/12 - **AAA Champagne Brunch**
(Following the 10am Sunday Mass)

1/19 – Feast of Santo Nino

(Bring a statue of your baby Jesus for a blessing this day that the Christ child may continue to dwell close to our hearts even after Christmas is over)

thank you

Previous Week Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$2,633
Second Collection (Property and Insurance Fund) - \$910

No Second Collection this week.

AAA 2024 as of December 16, 2024 - \$36,736.00
(Goal: \$51,889.00)



Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday, December 22

8:00AM Thanksgiving, Rene and Marilyn Makilan
10:00AM Cresencia and Pablo Sr. Caloma (D)
12:00PM Mary B. Deely (D)

Monday, December 23

8:45AM Lucila L. Siao (D)

Tuesday, December 24

5:00PM English Vigil - Vincent Vago (D)
8:00PM Chinese Vigil - People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25

12:00AM Midnight Mass - People of the Parish
8:00AM John and Marian Fox (D)
10:00AM Lucilita Escobar and Family (D)
12:00PM Bea Wirth (D)

Thursday, December 26

8:45AM William Rohrig (D)

Friday, December 27

8:45AM William Rohrig (D)

Saturday, December 28

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne
5:00PM People of the Parish



Treasures From Our Tradition

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm - Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading - We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel - Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

O Come, Long Foretold

O Come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

- Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)

St. Anne Date Night - St. Anne is inviting young couples to spend more time together and go on a date once a month. Sign up for our Date Night contest and you could win a prize. As if spending more time together wasn't reward enough. Register today

<http://www.stanne-sf.org/datenight/>



Bible Sharing - Join Fr. Peter Zhai and others as we seek to learn and grow in our faith from the Word of God. We meet monthly via Zoom. If interested, please contact Terrence Leung at terence.scp@gmail.com.

21st Annual Walk For Life Mass West Coast and Rally at St. Mary's Cathedral -

When: Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 9:30am

Where: St. Mary's Cathedral
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

Contact: Saul Perez | 415-614-5616
perezsa@sfarch.org

Join Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and thousands of others:

Friday, Jan. 24, 2025

- Walk for Life Prayer Vigil & Mass at St. Dominic Parish (2390 BUsh Street, San Francisco: 5:30pm Mass followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour and Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Adoration for Life, at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (666 Filbert Street, San Francisco) from 8:00pm to 10:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025

- 9:30am Mass: Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
 - 12:30pm Rally: Civic Center Plaza
 - 1:30pm Walk: Along Market Street
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 10am- 4:30pm;
Office closes on Federal Holidays

Daily Mass: 8:45am

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil (Sat.), 8am, 10am
& 12pm in Chinese

Confession: 20 min before Sat Vigil & all Sun Masses

Baptisms: 2nd Saturday of the month, 12:30pm

Pastoral Emergencies: 415-866-6455