

# SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET

Holy Family of Mary, Jesus and Joseph

December 29, 2024

## Pastor's Column

**Learning from the Holy Family** – At last year's feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis offered the following lesson that we can all learn and imitate. He reminds us that Joseph and Mary, even though they had faith, this faith did not shield them from the harshness of life. Soon after the baby's birth, they had to flee for their lives to a foreign country as refugees and experienced what many people in our world today still experiences. But Pope Francis points out that God is not beyond our problems, instead He came *"to live our life with its problems."* The Pope continues, Jesus came to the world as a baby, He lived in a family with His parents and spent most of His time growing and learning an everyday life, and *"He did not avoid difficulties."* By choosing a family that was *"expert in suffering,"* the Pope adds that our Lord knows what we are experiencing, because He experienced it. Yet through it all, **the Pope reminds us that Mary and Joseph marveled at what God was doing through them and in them.** And the Pope invites the faithful to also *"marvel before God."* It is good, he adds, *"to know how to marvel at one's spouse,"* and then *"to marvel at the miracle of life, of children,"* and *"to marvel at the wisdom and serenity of grandparents, who bring life back to what is essential."* In closing, the Pope also encourages us to *"marvel at our own story of love, which God believes in, even when it seems that the negative parts prevail."* He concludes, *"May Mary, Queen of the family, help us marvel every day at the good, and to know how to see it on the faces of those who are nearest to us."*

- Fr Dan

**A Catholic Prayer App for only \$1** – Want to enrich your prayer life? Hallow is a prayer App that you can download on your phone or tablet. 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, but the Archdiocese was able to secure a year subscription for all our parishioners for only \$1. From <https://Hallow/parish/> enter **St Anne Sunset**, and **Join**. Give this a try to enrich your prayer and faith life in the coming year and share this news and offer with others.

## Upcoming Events

### At St. Anne:

- 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)
- 1/26 - **Catholic Schools Week**  
(School Mass at 10am followed with School Open House. All are welcome!)

### In the Archdiocese:

- 1/4 - **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass, Holy Cross Cemetery**  
Mass offered for all our beloved deceased.  
Contact: Monica Williams | 650-746-5463  
[mjwilliams@holycrosscemeteries.com](mailto:mjwilliams@holycrosscemeteries.com)
- 1/8 - **Divorce Care Support Group** (via Zoom)  
Thurs 1/8 – 4/9, 7-8:30pm  
Contact: Ed Hopfner | 415-614-5547  
[hopfnere@sfarch.org](mailto:hopfnere@sfarch.org)
- 1/19 - **Immigration Community Listening Session**  
1:30 – 3:30pm @ St. Raphael Church  
Contact: Saul Perez, 415-614-5616  
[perezsa@sfarch.org](mailto:perezsa@sfarch.org)
- 1/25 - **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk for Life**  
9:30am – Mass at Cathedral  
11am – Information Fair  
12:30pm – Rally: Civic Center Plaza  
1:30pm – Walk: Along Market Street  
Contact: Saul Perez, 415-614-5616  
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- 1/26 - **Immigration Information Fair**  
1:30 – 6pm @ St. Raphael Church  
Contact: Saul Perez, 415-614-5616  
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**Champagne Brunch** – Donors who joined Fr Dan in the AAA 1% Club are invited to a Champagne Brunch on Sun, 1/12 following the 10am Mass (at 11am). It's not too late to join, simply donate 1% (\$520) or Half-a-percent (\$260) to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. It's a worthwhile cause and you'll be in the best of company.

*thank you*

**Previous Week Collection**

Sunday Offertory - \$  
No Second Collection

No Second Collection this week.

AAA (as of Dec 16, 2024): \$36,736 (71%)  
Goal: \$51,889.00

**Mass Intentions**   
FOR THE WEEK

Week of December 29, 2024

Sunday, December 29

8:00AM Parishioners of St Anne  
10:00AM Isabelle Corden (D)  
12:00PM Mary B. Deely (D)

Monday, December 30

8:45AM Thanksgiving, Herminia Sanalang

Tuesday, December 31

8:45AM Thanksgiving, Vivienne M. Rull

Wednesday, January 1

9:00AM Lettie Goggin (D)

Thursday, January 2

8:45AM Healing, Nancy Angsten

Friday, January 3

8:45AM Mary Fernandez (D)

Saturday, January 4

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne  
5:00PM Parishioners of St Anne

**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 [terrence.scp@gmail.com](mailto:terrence.scp@gmail.com).

**Treasures From Our Tradition**

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom. In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition. There has always been an appreciation in Christmas for the value of pilgrimage - the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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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 Saturday 5pm Vigil  
& 8am and 10am Sunday Masses

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

**Pastoral Emergencies:** 415-866-6455