

Pastor's Column

Entering Ordinary Time - The Christmas Season officially ended last Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. Now, we return back to Ordinary Time. As I explained to the students who came to Mass last week, Christmas break is over, we return back to school. We return back to living in the ordinariness of life. The church uses the color green, the color of nature, in liturgy to represent growth, life and hope. As we begin this New Year, the Church will also use a new gospel. As there are 4 gospels, the Church typically uses 1 gospel per year. Year A is the gospel of Matthew; B, the gospel of Mark; C, the gospel of Luke. John is usually used around the feasts of Christmas and Easter. As we'll hear primarily from the gospel of Luke this year, let me give a little background to this gospel. Luke was not one of the original disciples of Jesus. He wrote the gospel, as he explained in the beginning of his book, after careful investigations. He likely interviewed Jesus' disciples and others who had encountered Jesus. He was probably a gentile, a non-Jew, and he was writing to a non-Jewish audience. His key themes include:

- Jesus' compassion for the marginalized. Examples of these include Jesus healing lepers (Lk 5 & 17) and eating with sinners (Lk 5 & 15).
- The power of the Holy Spirit at work in our world. Luke highlights the Holy Spirit, more than the other gospel writers. Jesus began His public ministry, after the Holy Spirit came upon Him at Baptism. The Holy Spirit is also active in the life of Mary and the Apostles, as Jesus ascended to heaven.
- The importance of prayer throughout Jesus' ministry. Jesus prayed before He began His ministry, He prayed before choosing the Disciples, He taught us to pray, and He prayed at Gethsemane garden and on the Cross.
- Lastly, Luke emphasized salvation is available to all peoples, and he was the only gospel writer to tell the Good Samaritan story. The hero in the story was a non-Jew, a gentile.

As we listen to this gospel sequentially throughout the year, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and to teach you how to pray that we may grow spiritually, in Ordinary Time.

Treasures From Our Tradition

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to “lighten up” is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, “Let us pray,” a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

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FREE First Aid Training – Catholic Charities will be hosting a free training for Disaster First Aid. Learn critical skills for emergencies after a disaster. Parishes will be important community centers after a disaster.

When: Friday, January 31, 2025
(2 sessions: 8:00am to 12 noon;
1:00pm – 5:00pm)

Where: Hotel Riu Plaza in Fisherman's Wharf
(2500 Mason Street, S.F., CA 94133)

Registration: Contact
ccornejo@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday, January 19

8:00AM Ernesto and Lucila Escobar (D)
10:00AM Quinlin White (D)
12:00PM Parishioners of St. Anne

Monday, January 20

8:45AM John Mendoza (D)

Tuesday, January 21

8:45AM Judy Slynn (D)

Wednesday, January 22

8:45AM Quin White (D)

Thursday, January 23

8:45AM Frank Morello (D)

Friday, January 24

8:45AM Margaret McCauliffe (D)

Saturday, January 25

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne
5:00PM Lucita Escobar and Family (D)

thank you

Previous Week Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$2962.00
Second Collection (Building & Maintenance Fund) - \$811.11

This week's second collection is for Property and Insurance Fund.

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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

Pastoral Emergencies: 415-866-6455

Upcoming Events

At St. Anne:

- 1/19 – **Feast of Santo Nino**
(Celebrated at the 10am Mass with Liturgical Dancers)
- 1/26 – **Catholic Schools Week**
(School Mass at 10am followed with School Open House. All are welcome!)
- 2/9 – **Scout Sunday**
(Join the Scouts this Sunday as they celebrate the founding of the Scouts program in the US)
- 2/8 – **Chinese New Year Celebration**
Chinese Ministry invites you to mass at 2:30pm and a Banquet at 5pm, both at the Cathedral. Tickets for the Banquet: \$80
Contact: Fr Peter Zhai; zhaip@sfarch.org
- 2/22 – **Crab Bash**
A fun-raiser dinner for the Sports program. Begins at 5:30pm in the Church Hall. Contact: BeverlyPerea@gmail.com, CisyHsu@gmail.com, rosendaLuk@hotmail.com

In the Archdiocese:

(Visit www.sfarchdiocese.org/events for more info)

- 1/19 – **Immigration Community Listening Session**
1:30 – 3:30pm @ St. Raphael Church
Contact: Saul Perez, 415-614-5616
perezsa@sfarch.org
- 1/25 – **21st 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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- 2/6 – **Rosary to Eradicate Human Trafficking**
(At 6pm via Zoom. Contact Maria Martinez-Mont at prolife@sfarch.org)
- 2/22 – **Wedding Anniversary Celebration**
(Mass at 10am at the Cathedral with the Archbishop. RSVP by 2/14, 415-614-5574)

A Catholic Prayer App for only \$1 – Want to enrich your prayer life? **Hallow** is a prayer App that offers such things as guided prayers, meditations, audiobooks and various genres of Christian music. Visit <https://Hallow/parish/> and enter **St Anne Sunset**. Do something to enrich your faith in the coming year and share this with others.