

SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

Pastor's Column

Honoring our Catholic Schools – In the National Catholic Education Association's website, it offers the following reasons to choose Catholic Schools:

1. We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
2. We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
3. We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
4. We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
5. We use technology effectively to enhance education.
6. We instill in students the value of service to others.
7. We teach children respect of self and others.
8. We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
9. We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
10. We have a 99% high school graduation rate. 85% of our graduates go to college.
11. We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.
12. We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Has that been your experience of Catholic Schools? And do you value these qualities they offer? Having attended public school and seeing what our students experience, what the teachers do to help them succeed, I have come to value this gem we have of our Catholic School. And I'm grateful that they begin each year assessing the students' abilities and areas in need of growth, and they develop a plan and measure how each student has succeeded and grown. Although every Catholic school in the Archdiocese offers this to their students, you'll be glad to know that St Anne School has one of the highest improvement scores. From where each student scored at the beginning of the year, to where they attained at the end of the year, St. Anne School has been very successful in helping our students excel. And for that, I'm grateful to the dedicated faculty and staff at St. Anne School. Although they can be better paid at public schools, they have chosen to be with St Anne because of their dedication to help form students not only academically and physically, but spiritually as well. Keep up the good work!
- Fr Dan

Treasures From Our Tradition

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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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

Refugee Foster Care Info Session – Virtual info session for families wanting to learn more about welcoming a refugee youth into their home.

When: Thursday, January 30th, 2025 at 6:30pm
via Zoom

Registration: ccollins@ccscc.org

408-325-5107

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 26, 2025

Sunday, January 26

8:00AM Rose Frances Nocera (D)
10:00AM Birthday, Paulita Mendoza
12:00PM Healing, Rosalinda Javelona

Monday, January 27

8:45AM Laura Salcedo (D)

Tuesday, January 28

8:45AM Alice Usoz (D)

Wednesday, January 29

8:45AM Intention, Javelona Family

Thursday, January 30

8:45AM Healing, Flordelita C. May

Friday, January 31

8:45AM Healing, Flordelita C. May

Saturday, February 1

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne
5:00PM Healing, Rosalinda Javelona

thank you

Previous Week Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$2129
Second Collection (Property and Insurance Fund) - \$703
No Second Collection this week.

Upcoming Events

At St. Anne:

- 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)

- 1/25 - **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
perezsa@sfarch.org
- 1/26 - **Immigration Information Fair**
1:30 – 6pm @ St. Raphael Church
Contact: Saul Perez, 415-614-5616
perezsa@sfarch.org
- 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.

Marriage Enrichment Course - To help couples fine tune their relationships. Weekly on Thursdays from 2/20-4/3, from 6-7:30pm at the School Library. Dinner & Childcare provided. Contact: Tom DelMundo, delmundo@stanne-sf.org.

Pastor: Fr. Daniel Nascimento

Email: info@stanne-sf.org

Office: 415-665-1600

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: 415-866-645