

5th Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025

Pastor's Column

God Never Tires of Forgiving Us – Some people may question, "Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest? Can I not confess directly to God?" And while it's true that we can have a heart-to-heart conversation with God ourselves, but at times, being human, we also need the assurance of hearing someone say to us, "I forgive you." And so Pope Francis teaches that forgiveness of our sins is not something that we can give ourselves. That's why the Resurrected Jesus entrusted this ministry to the Apostles and to the Church when He appeared to them in the Upper Room saying to them "As the Father has sent me, so I send you... 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:21b-23). The Pope acknowledges that we may feel shame when we admit our sins before another. As he puts it, "When one is in line to go to Confession, one feels all these things, even shame, but then when one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession." So he encourages us "Be courageous and go to Confession! Go – the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests, Jesus receives you, He receives you with so much love." He stresses that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a profound gift that strengthens our personal relationship with Christ, heals us and renews our baptism. In fact he says that our Confession is like a "second baptism" in our journey of faith, a journey of conversion that is continually sustained by the Sacrament of Penance. So he encourages us to celebrate confession regularly to draw closer to Christ. He continues, "... with His mercy He will cure all the wounds caused by sin. Do not be afraid to ask God's forgiveness, because He never tires of forgiving us, like a father who loves us. God is pure mercy!" Know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available:

- 20 minutes before the Weekend masses (Sat 5pm, Sun 8am & 10am).
- In a joint Lenten Reconciliation Service on Mon, 4/14 at St. Cecilia at 6pm.
- And on Good Friday, 4/18 at 3pm The Holy Father wishes for all Catholics to experience in this Sacrament as "a source of true interior peace."

Upcoming Events

At St. Anne:

4/11 Lenten Soup Supper / Stations of the Cross 6pm – Lenten Soup Supper in Vestibule 7pm - Stations of the Cross

4/13 Palm Sunday

Masses are at: 5pm vigil, 8am, 10am & 12pm

4/14 **Reconciliation During Lent**This joint parish celebration is offered at St.
Cecilia at 6pm.

4/17 **Holy Thursday** 7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:30pm – Adoration (in Church until 10pm)

4/18 Good Friday

9am – Divine Mercy Novena begins in Church
12pm – Reflection on the Last 7 Words of Christ
1:30pm – Liturgy, Veneration of the Cross
3pm – Confessions (until 4pm)
5:30pm – Veneration of the Cross (in Chinese)

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4/19 Easter Vigil

9am – Divine Mercy Novena in Church 8pm – Mass with Baptism of Adults into faith

4/20 Easter Sunday

8am – Mass w/Scouts pancake breakfast in Hall 10am – Mass w/pancake breakfast & Egg Hunt 12pm – Mass in Chinese

4/27 **Divine Mercy Sunday**

9:30am – Yard Sale & Blood Drive in School Yard. Info: delmundo @stanne-sf.org

3pm – Divine Mercy Celebration w/Exposition, Chaplet, Confession & Benediction

In the Archdiocese:

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

4/10 Chrism Mass

All the faithful are invited to the Blessing of the Oils used for the Sacraments and where the Ordained renew their priestly vows to the Lord. Where: St. Mary's Cathedral Time: 5pm

4/12 Adventures in Marriage

Create the Marriage you want with your spouse.

When: Sat, 4/12/25, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Where: St Mark, Belmont, CA

Contact: Ed Hopfner, HopfnerE@sfarch.org

St. Anne School News

• St. Anne **Summer School** enrollment is open! The summer theme is *Fly Me to the Moon!* An opportunity for your child to learn and have fun. **Program Dates:** June 9 – July 3, 2025

Application Deadline: March 30 **Contact School Office at** 415-664-7977



SCHEDULE

Divine Mercy Novena – April 18 thru April 27, 2025

4/18 Good Friday

9am – Divine Mercy Novena begins in Church

4/19 Holy Saturday

9am – Divine Mercy Novena in Church

4/20 Easter Sunday

11am – Divine Mercy Novena in Chapel

4/21 Monday

9:45am - Divine Mercy Novena in Church

4/22 Tuesday

9:45am - Divine Mercy Novena in Church

4/23 Wednesday

9:45am - Divine Mercy Novena in Church

4/24 Thursday

9:45am - Divine Mercy Novena in Church

4/25 Friday

9:45am - Divine Mercy Novena in Church

4/26 Saturday

9:45am – Divine Mercy Novena in Church

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Check it out - Hallow Prayer App

The feedback on this app has been very positive! Please check it out!

St. Anne Lenten Activities Sign-up



Registration/Information

- Sign up form: https://forms.gle/U8BbnFxqxUJqp6Zd8
- · Or see QR Code
- Or contact: Secretary@stanne-sf.org; 415-665-1600 x22

Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of April 6 – April 12, 2025

Sunday, April, 6

8:00AM Pauline & Joseph DeSilva, Thanksgiving

10:00AM Parishioners of St. Anne

12:00PM Maria Lam (D)

Monday, April, 7

8:45AM Tami Hopkins, *Intentions*

Tuesday, April, 8

8:45AM Leonid Gladkov (D)

Wednesday, April, 9

8:45AM Chen Family, *Intentions*

Thursday, April, 10

8:45AM Lynn Lee (D)

Friday, April, 11

8:45AM Velma Guglielmone (D)

Saturday, April, 12

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne

5:00PM Benny Cinco (D)

Thank You!

Previous Week's Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$ 2,109.00

Second Collection - \$808.00

This week's 2nd collection is for Catholic Relief Services.



Zelle New Giving Option Venmo & Z.elle!

We have added digital payments as an additional *easy* option for making a Sunday donation! Checks, cash, credit card are still accepted. To donate use: Zelle to stannesunset@gmail.com & Venmo QR Code. We are SO grateful for your help!

LAUDATO SI'

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 @ 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH (600 COLUMBIA DRIVE, SAN MATEO)









LEARN PRAY CELEBRATE PLANT TREES

RSVP & DONATE TO SUPPORT GLOBAL REFORESTATION

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LEARN Discover Laudato Si',

Pope Francis' document on how to care for the World and its creatures.

Hear from experts on Laudato Si', Rainforests, Wildfires, Reforestation and St Francis.

PRAY Begin the day with the Four Winds song and end with St Francis' Canticle of the Sun. Plant prayers at the root of two Palm trees planted on that day at St Bartholomew Church.



CELEBRATE Join the Laudato Si Flash Mob Dance after lunch! Learn it online bit.ly/laudatosidance or at lunch.



PLANT TREES ~ DONATE TODAY SUPPORT GLOBAL REFORESTATION

We're partnering with Sisters of Social Service to plant trees in celebration of their 100th year as an order! Help us reforest devastated areas in California, Australia, and the Philippines.



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Donors who gift \$50 or more receive a blessed, olive-wood pocket cross.

> In partnership with Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries Office of Faith Formation & Sisters of Social Service



SCHEDULE

10:30 AM Check-in

10:45 AM Opening Prayer: Four Corners Song

11:00 AM Laudato Si and the Gospel of Water Fr Chris Bologo, MA~Priest, San Jose Diocese PhD Candidate, Ecological Theology

11:30 AM Rainforests and Reforestation Branden Barber, CEO Rainforest Rescue

12:00 PM Lunch

(bring your lunch - coffee, water (still & sparkling), iced tea and lemonade will be available throughout the day

12:30 PM Celebrate! Laudato Si Flash Mob Dance All are welcome to join!

12:35 PM Rooted in Hope, Restoring our Earth, One Tree at a Time Sr. Nodelyn Abayan, SSS, EdD Sisters of Social Service

1:00 PM Wildfires, Forests & Laudato Si Werner Goveya, IT Research Specialist Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center

1:30 PM Our Beautiful and Troubling Sibling: **Brother Fire**

Fr Bobby Barbato, OFM CAP. Rector, National Shrine of St. Francis

2:00 PM Prayer Service: Canticle of the Sun

2:30 PM Tree Planting & Sending Forth 2 Palm Trees will be planted on the grounds of St Bartholomew Church Fr Paul Arnoult, Pastor

St Bartholomew Church

