

SAINT ANNE

OF THE SUNSET

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Pastor's Column

Happy Easter! – This is a delightful and important celebration of the Christian Church, as it offers us hope and new life. No matter how dark our lives may be, no matter what's going on around our nation or the world, we can have hope because of Easter. It promises that even out of death, new life will emerge. And so it's interesting that certain symbols that are not in the Bible have become a part of our celebration of Easter:

- The **Bunny** for example, how did a bunny become part of our Easter celebration? The bunny comes from the pagan celebration of spring and according to a legend, the goddess of spring, Eastre, turned a frozen bird into a snow hare that could lay colorful eggs. And because the rabbit has a reputation for rapid reproduction, that made it the perfect symbol for spring. The Easter bunny 1st arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants.
- **Eggs** were also an ancient symbol of new life and associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to the 13th century. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during Lent, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then they would eat them on Easter as a celebration.
- Another interesting symbol of Easter is the **White Easter Lilly** that symbolizes purity. Their growth, from dormant bulbs in the ground, to flowers symbolize the rebirth and hope of Christ's resurrection. Although the Lily is native to Japan, they were brought to England in 1777 and found their way to the US after World War I. With its trumpet shape, it has become the unofficial flower that announces the resurrection of Christ.

Jesuit Fr. Greg Boyle shares that resurrection happens all around us, when Christ helps wayward teens turn their lives around, to the marvels that we see out in nature. So it's certainly appropriate to include Bunny Wabbits, Colored Eggs and Easter Lilies in the celebration of Easter, for they all remind us of Christ victory over death and offer hope for us all. From our staff to you and your family, Happy Easter!!!

- Fr Dan

Religious Education News

Welcome! - We joyfully welcome Allan Sam and his son Jason Sam who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We celebrate also Greg Trautman, who was baptized in the Presbyterian Church, but has now chosen to join us. He was welcomed into the Church and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. In addition, please join us in prayer for William Lee, Donovan and Decan Scott-Smith who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation earlier this month, and will receive their First Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27). Please pray also for the following Confirmation candidates from the Public School: Aden Torres, Jaleeya Freeman, Donovan Scott-Smith, and Declan Scott-Smith. They will attend a Confirmation retreat on April 26 and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 3 along with our Catholic Elementary School Students at St. Mary's Cathedral. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them as they prepare to be sealed with the gift of the Spirit. Let us surround all of these individuals with our love, encouragement, and prayers as they draw closer to Christ through the Sacraments. May their faith journeys inspire all of us to renew our own commitment to Christ and His Church.

Upcoming Events

At St. Anne Church:

- 4/19 8pm - **Easter Vigil**
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)

- 4/26 Laudato Si' – 10th Anniversary Celebration
Learn * Pray * Celebrate * Plant Trees
Saturday 10:30am – 3:00pm at St. Bartholomew Church 600 Columbia Dr. San Mateo. RSVP and Donate - sfarch.org/laudatosicelebration

At St. Anne School:

- St. Anne **Summer School** enrollment is open!
The theme for this summer is ***Fly Me to the Moon!*** This is a great opportunity for your child to learn and have fun in a supportive environment.

Program Dates: June 9 – July 3, 2025

Application Deadline: March 30

Contact School Office at 415-664-7977



SCHEDULE

Divine Mercy Novena –
April 19 - April 27, 2025

- 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**
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Hallow Prayer App



Thank You!

Previous Week's Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$ 3,448.00

Second Collection - \$901.00

This week's 2nd collection is for Building & Maintenance



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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!

You can also use Venmo in our Gift Shop!

St. Anne Lenten Activities Sign-up QR Code



Registration/Information

Sign up form:

<https://forms.gle/U8BbnFxqxUjqp6Zd8>

We still have openings!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of April 20 – April 26, 2025

Sunday, April, 20

8:00AM Kaylee Kunkel, Thanksgiving

10:00AM Don Torress (D)

12:00PM Parishioners of St. Anne

Monday, April, 21

8:45AM Skip Bucholz (D)

Sotero Sunga, Happy 104th Birthday!

Tuesday, April, 22

8:45AM Dionisio and Lucita Esperas (D)

Wednesday, April, 23

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Thursday, April, 24

8:45AM Vicente Calonia (D)

Friday, April, 25

8:45AM Lucilita Escobar and Family (D)

Saturday, April, 26

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne

5:00PM Gloria Pizzinelli (D)

Photo Corner –Smile!

Thank you to all who volunteered their Saturday, especially Trrop Scout 15 (and future Scout), for cleaning our church in preparation for Easter Services!





ST. ANNE BOY SCOUT TROOP 15

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Join & Meet Us at our Annual Tradition!

EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 20, 2025

9 AM – 12 PM, Moriarty Hall



**Breakfast includes pancakes,
eggs, sausage, bacon,
fresh fruit, and beverages.**

\$10 Adults / \$5 Youth 6-18 / Free 5 & Under

Payment at Front Desk - Cash, Check, Zelle Accepted



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SUNDAY APRIL 27

9:30AM-2:00PM ST. ANNE SCHOOL YARD

RESERVE BOOTH



1331 Funston Ave. & Irving St.
(Across from Andronico's)

Reservations or Questions: delmundo@stanne-sf.org



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