

SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 22, 2025

Pastor's Column

What's a Sequence? – Every so often at mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, we encounter something called the Sequence. This only occurs on special feasts like Easter and Pentecost. And though it also appears on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sep 15), they are optional. The Sequence usually follows the 2nd reading and right before the Alleluia. The Sequence, when first used around the 9th century, was part of the Alleluia. The verses following the Alleluia were lyrics or poems that helped the people prepare for the gospel or to draw them deeper into the feast. At the 2nd Vatican Council, the Sequence was placed in its current form, before the Alleluia, but it's also meant to draw the congregation deeper into the celebration. The Sequence for today's mass, entitled *Lauda Sion*, was written by St. Thomas Aquinas around the year 1264 at the request of Pope Urban IV who had just established the Feast of Corpus Christi. At the heart of the Sequence:

- He calls Zion, the people of God, to praise Jesus as the Savior, the Shepherd, especially in the Blessed Sacrament.
- He retells the Last Supper where Christ transformed bread and wine into His Body and Blood.
- And it emphasizes the belief that Christ is present in the Bread and Wine.
- He also points out that while good and bad partake in the Eucharist, the results differ greatly, leading either to life or death depending on one's disposition. He reminds us then to receive the Lord worthily.
- Aquinas concludes that while the host is broken, Christ presence is unbroken. His Sacred Whole remains with us.

Although the passage of time has made Aquinas' Sequence a little less clear and difficult to understand, but we recognize that he's pointing us to the beautiful mystery of the Eucharist, a God who humbles Himself and comes to us as simple bread and wine, to draw closer to us and to be with us. And that's the Feast that we celebrate with gratitude today!



Sunday Collections – Recently, someone asked me about why we have so many collections at Mass. I suspect that she isn't alone with that question so I thought I'd write and explain how our Sunday collections work:

The 1st Collection: As many of you know, this collection is always for the parish, to help us pay for the general operating costs of running a parish which includes staff salary, utilities, and general facilities maintenance and insurance. But you may then ask, why is there a 2nd collection for Building and Maintenance and Property and Liability Insurance? That's a good question but I'll answer it below. Keep reading.

The 2nd Collection (External): There are 2 types of 2nd collection. Originally, the 2nd collections were only for the needs of the Archdiocese or Universal Church, such as the Missions, Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land, Peter's Pence, or the Seminary. There are 12 second collections from the Archdiocese.

The 2nd Collection (Internal): However, in the early 2000s, the Finance Council advised then Pastor, Fr. Ed Dura, to have a special 2nd collection for the parish especially for the Building & Maintenance Fund and the Property & Liability Insurance. The reason wasn't just that these were major expenses for the parish, but because it also offered parishioners the opportunity to give to the parish without being taxed by the Archdiocese (see AAA below). So now, unless required by the Archdiocesan 2nd collection, each month on the 1st Sunday, the 2nd collection is for the School's Earthquake retrofit fund, the 2nd Sunday for the Building and Maintenance Fund, and the 3rd Sunday for the Property & Liability Insurance.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): This fund supports the different ministries and offices in the Archdiocese from things such as HR, Finance Dept., Dept. of Catholic Schools, the Seminary, Priests Retirement, etc. To fund these programs and offices, the Archdiocese taxes each parish 20% of their Sunday collection and 16.5% of their rental income. So if you want your gift to go to the parish without raising our AAA assessment, giving your donation to the 2nd collection (internal) would be considered a restricted gift and would not be taxed by the Archdiocese. I hope this clarifies our various collections. Thank you always for your generous financial support to our parish, the Archdiocese and the Universal Church

~ Fr Dan

Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of June 22 – June 28, 2025

Sunday, June 22

8:00AM Roberto Viray (D)
10:00AM Cyrus Santamaria (D)
12:00PM Parishioners of St. Anne

Monday, June 23

8:45AM Nascimento Family - *Well being*

Tuesday, June 24

8:45AM Dolores Colen (D)

Wednesday, June 25

8:45AM Denise Parry (D)

Thursday, June 26

8:45AM David Chan (D)

Friday, June 27

8:45AM Rev. Thomas Lui Po (D)

Saturday, June 28

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne
5:00PM Prisilla Suamino (D)

Thank You!

Previous Week's Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$ 2,375.11

Second Collection - \$1,632.00 (Property & Insurance)

This week's 2nd collection: none

Upcoming Events

St. Anne Church:

6/29 Parish Picnic

This free, fun event begins with mass in the park at 10:30am, goes until 3pm with free food and a jumpy house for the children. Join us at Elk Glen Picnic Area, GG Park.

Please **RSVP** via QR Code or by using this link

<https://forms.gle/KxXEBQkXZS3FSDy9A>

Info: Malena Alioto, 415-665-1600 x 22,

malioto@stanne-sf.org

7/18 1st Day of the 118th Novena to St. Anne

Join us at mass as we reflect on Pope Francis' Jubilee Year theme of Pilgrims of Hope for nine days - July 18-26 at St. Anne Church

Weekdays: 8:45am, 2:30pm & 7pm

Saturday (7/19): 8:45am & 5pm

Sunday (7/20): 8am & 10am

Saturday (7/26) Feast Day: 10am

In the Archdiocese:

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

6/24 A Dialogue About Religious Freedom in CA

Learn how religious freedom is being restricted legislatively and ways to advocate for religious liberty - Tuesday from 7-9pm at St. Raymond Church Hall, Menlo Park. Contact: Saul Perez, perezsa@sfarch.org, 415-614-5616

6/28 Adventures in Marriage: Learn How to be Married. A one-day Catholic marriage retreat 8:30am-4:30pm, St. Mark Church, Belmont.

Contact Ed Hopfner HopfnerE@sfarch.org

Register at: <https://sfarch.org/marriage-building-retreat/>

Contact Us!

Pastor: Fr. Daniel Nascimento

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 10am – 4:30pm
Office closed on Federal Holidays

Daily Mass: 8:45am

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil (Saturday), 8am, 10am and 12 pm in Chinese

Confession: 20 minutes before Saturday 5pm Vigil and before 8am & 10am Sunday Masses

Pastoral Emergencies: 415-866-6455

An easy digital payment option for Sunday donations!

Checks, cash, credit cards are still accepted. To donate using Zelle go to stannesunset@gmail.com or use Venmo QR Code. We are SO grateful for your help!



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Zelle and Venmo!

Use Venmo in our Gift Shop too!



ALL ARE INVITED TO ST. ANNE OF THE SUNSET PARISH PICNIC

**Sunday, June 29th
Starts @ 10:30am Mass**

Elk Glen Picnic Area - Golden Gate Park
1017 Martin Luther King Drive

Free BBQ & Drinks

Feel free to bring your favorite dish to share!

Bring your blankets, chairs, & good vibes.

Fun, food, and friends – don't miss it!

Jump House & Kids games for all ages



Parish Picnic
QR Code

Liturgical Ministers

THERE WILL BE A **TRAINING SESSION** FOR NEW



LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS



ON **SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025**

FROM 11:00AM TO 1:00 PM IN THE CHURCH.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY ENROLLED IN THIS MINISTRY
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AS A REFRESHER.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. FRED A MOTAK @ 415-335-5606

THERE WILL BE A **2ND TRAINING SESSION** FOR

NEW **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** ON

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

FROM 10:00AM TO 12:00PM

IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE ALREADY ENROLLED IN
THIS MINISTRY YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
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