

SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

Pastor's Column

What's a Novena? – And why pray a Novena? The word Novena comes from the Latin *novem* that means 9. So, a Novena is a prayer lasting 9 days. Forty days after Jesus resurrected from the dead, He Ascended back to Heaven. But prior to His Ascension, He told His disciples to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. So, after 9 days of prayer, they received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. And that's where we find the biblical roots to our Novena. Jesus also taught us to be persistent in our prayer. When He told the story of the widow who sought justice from an unjust judge, Jesus concluded the story teaching that even if the judge was unjust, he would give her what she wanted simply because of her persistence (Luke 18:1-8). But Jesus didn't use that story to teach us that God is unjust, or that God is hard of hearing and needs us to repeat ourselves, but because there is a spiritual battle going on. In the Book of Daniel, he prayed to God for an answer. But it took 21 days before the Angel Gabriel was able to arrive to deliver God's message. And the Angel explained that as soon as he prayed, God heard him and sent him right away. But it was the devil that prevented his arrival, until he called on the Archangel Michael to deal with the devil (Daniel 10:12-13). The devil wants to keep us away from God. Sometimes, using military terminology, he lays a siege to block us from reaching God and to prevent God from reaching us. The devil wins, when we are isolated, lose hope and give up on God. In response to this, Jesus teaches us to persevere. God will never abandon us, but sometimes is delayed in reaching and answering our prayers. In the meanwhile, don't lose faith nor lose hope. The prophet Daniel, after praying and fasting for 21 days, finally received God's answer. Some who have come and prayed the St. Anne Novena experienced answered prayers:

- A husband shared that after praying the Novena, his wife finally returned to the faith and has been practicing it regularly ever since.
- A mother, prayed for her daughter-in-law, and she chose to accept the faith and was finally baptized.
- Another mother shared that she received a miracle baby, after praying the novena to Good St. Anne.

Do you have an answered prayer you'd like to share? Let me know and I'd be happy to share your story with others. Email me at frdan@stanne-sf.org.

~ Fr Dan

Greeting from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin!

How would you pronounce the name? It's very easy if you take your time.

It's *Oh-Kah-Noh-Moe-Wahk*.

It's much smoother to say "St. Anne of the Sunset" in San Francisco. It's even better when we promote the "118th Annual Novena to Good St. Anne of the Sunset." The

message goes much deeper than the name of a town in beautiful Wisconsin.

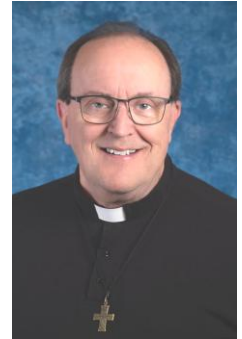
The Annual Novena to Good St. Anne enriches me each time I have had the opportunity to join with the pilgrims attending this sacred event. I have come to recognize the Novena as a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place to experience the power and presence of God. When it comes to the Novena to Good St. Anne, people (pilgrims) travel from near and far to the beautiful church at 850 Judah Street in San Francisco to pray and grow closer to God with the guidance of the Grandmother of Jesus.

Mark your calendars for July 18-26 for the 118th Annual Novena to Good St. Anne! You can make an important contribution to the Novena! Join us! Bring a friend! Offer invitations to those you encounter. If you have been to a Novena in the past, tell someone how it touched you. All are welcome!

God bless you!
St. Anne, Pray for us!

In the Redeemer,

Fr. Ted Lawson, C.Ss.R.



St. Anne of the Sunset

850 Judah St., San Francisco, CA 94122 - www.stanne-sf.org

Come and Celebrate With Us

our 118th

NOVENA
TO
GOOD ST. ANNE



Friday, July 18 thru Saturday, July 26, 2025

Conducted
by the
Redemptorist Fathers

Pilgrims of Hope



RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE PROCESSION
For Information, call Freda Motak @ 415-335-5606

Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of July 13 – July 19, 2025

Sunday, July 13

8:00AM Parishioners of St. Anne
10:00AM Jose Calonia *Birthday Thanksgiving*
12:00PM Rev. Philip Chen Chi Yan (D)

Monday, July 14

8:45AM Walter Dodd (D)

Tuesday, July 15

8:45AM Dolores Colen (D)

Wednesday, July 16

8:45AM Paul Tapia (D)

Thursday, July 17

8:45AM Fr. Kevin Joyce (D)

Friday, July 18

8:45AM Patrick Connolly (D)
2:30PM Patricio & Felicia Melencion (D)
7:00PM Rosita L. Trajano (D)

Saturday, July 19

10:00AM Confraternity of St. Anne
5:00PM Vicente A. Calonia (D)

Thank You!

Previous Week's Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$ 3,160.00
Second Collection - \$720.00 (School Earthquake Retrofit)

This week's 2nd collection: Redemptorist Fathers



Summer School Thanks & Summer Blessings

We recently wrapped up a wonderful four weeks of summer school, and I want to thank all the parents and students for being a part of it. A big, heartfelt thank you to our amazing teachers and staff...none of it would've been possible without you.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and joy-filled summer!
~Mily Lam

God's Words

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment we awake in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good night", our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to sell us something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same – part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge

today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.



Upcoming Events

St. Anne Church:

7/18 **St. Anne Novena** - July 18 – 26

Join us in the 118th Novena to Good St. Anne led by the Redemptorist Fathers. Bring your worries and ask the grandmother of Jesus to pray with you and for your intention.

Novena Mass Times:

- Weekdays (M-F): 8:45am, 2:30pm & 7pm
- Saturday (7/19): 10am & 5pm
- Sunday (7/20): 8am & 10am
- Saturday (7/26): 10am followed with procession, benediction and lunch

In the Archdiocese:

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

7/27 **Mental Health Matters**

Hope & Healing: Raising Mental Health Awareness and cultivating the healing power of hope. Seminar held at St. Augustine Parish Hall, SSF from 2-5pm

Contact: Rita Liu, ritaliu2020@gmail.com

8/1 **Monthly Vocations Holy Hour**

Come at 4pm and pray for one hour for an increase and strengthening of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco.

Contact Us!

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Office: 415-665-1600

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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YOU'RE INVITED

ST. ANNE'S UNIFORM EXCHANGE & EXTRACURRICULAR INFO SESSIONS

WHEN & WHERE

AUG 8th at 5:30 - 7:00 pm

AUG 9th at 9:00 - 11:00 am

IN ST. ANNE'S CAFETERIA.
PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE LOT.

WHAT TO EXPECT

USED UNIFORMS

Pick up gently used uniforms at the uniform exchange table.

Clean drop offs are also welcomed.

LEARN ABOUT STUDENT EXTRA CURRICULARS & PARENT GROUP

Learn more about St. Anne's different groups for kids & parents. From boys & girl scouts, band, Catholic Youth Sports Teams, choir, art, D.A.D.S Club, and more.