

Pastor's Column

Welcome Fr. George

Rev. George Da Roza a Columbian missionary, was ordained a Columbian Missionary priest in 1985 in Hong Kong, and spent nine years on mission in Taiwan.



He returned to the States to do a doctoral degree in Chinese Literature and Culture and taught for seven years. He served on the Board of the United States China Catholic Association. He currently serves the Chinese Catholic community in Walnut Creek, CA.

The Missionary Society of St. Columban, also known as the Columban Fathers, is a Catholic missionary society that was founded in 1918 to proclaim and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Society seeks to establish the Catholic Church where the Gospel has not been preached, help local churches evangelize their laity, promote dialogue with other faiths, and foster among all baptized people an awareness of their missionary responsibility. The Society's U.S. headquarters are based in Bellevue, Neb., which is south of Omaha.

They minister in fourteen different countries mainly in Asia and around the Pacific Rim. Despite China government limitations on public worship, they spread the message of Christ in word and deed through education, spiritual formations, and service to the disabled. In Pakistan they minister among the deprived Catholics and engage in dialog with Islam. They support the struggling church in Myanmar as that country emerges from decades of military dictatorship. Service to the poor, interreligious and intercultural dialog, promoting human rights, care for the environment, serving the disabled, and work with migrants are among their ministries in the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Ireland, Great Britain and the United States. They

encourage young people to serve on mission as Columban priests, sisters, lay missionaries and associates and so spread the Good News of God's love.

To learn more about the Columban Fathers, please visit their website at www.columban.org. You can view current videos from the missions, engage in dialogue with the Columbans, read our magazines and sign up for our newsletter.

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The Pioneering Columbans

In 1920, the first group of Columban Fathers left their familiar surroundings and set out to fulfill the mission in China for which they were commissioned. The Holy See assigned the Columbans to the city of Hanyang in the Chinese province of Hubei, and an "advance party" of priests led by Columban co-founder Father John Blowick, arrived there in June 1920. Once the group had secured a home for the Columbans in that city, Father Blowick sent word to Omaha that other Columbans were clear to make the great journey East. Just two months later, the main contingent of pioneering Columbans docked in Shanghai, China.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of August 17 – August 23, 2025

Sunday, August 17

8:00AM Parishioners of St. Anne
10:00AM Jose Felix Gomez (D)
12:00PM Maria Yeung & Thomas Leung (D)

Monday, August 18

8:45AM Sr. Bernice Gotelli – *Wellbeing*

Tuesday, August 19

8:45AM Rev. Tony McGuire (D)

Wednesday, August 20

8:45AM Corazon Simon (D)

Thursday, August 21

8:45AM Chun Mui Chu (D)

Friday, August 22

8:45AM Sr. Rita Rama (D)

Saturday, August 23

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne
5:00PM Bridie Breheny - *Healing*

Thank You!

Previous Week's Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$2,859

Second Collection – None

This week's second collection: Missionary Society of St. Columban

History of the Columban Fathers

Why Nebraska?

Father Edward Galvan arrived in Omaha, Nebraska, on St Patrick's Day 1918 in search of a new home for his fledgling missionary society. His friend, father Patrick J. Judge, had arranged a meeting for him with Archbishop Jeremiah Harty. Although disheartened by the rejections he had already received from other U.S. bishops, Father Galvin pressed on and presented his proposal for a U.S. sacred headquarters for the Columban Fathers in Nebraska. Surprisingly, the Archbishop expressed interest in the idea, perhaps because he himself had previously served as the Archbishop of Manila in the Philippines for thirteen years and recognized the need for missionaries in Asia. He asked Father Galvin to return in a few days, and when the young priest did, the Archbishop agreed to allow the Columban Fathers to "set up shop" in the Omaha area. So, in late 1918, the Columbans purchased a house at 5035 Bedford Avenue in Omaha. Three Columbans moved onto the property on November 11 of that year.

In Mid-1921, the Columbans bought the present Bellevue campus with plans to construct a seminary there. Archbishop Harty officiated at a ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone for the seminary on September 21, 1921, and construction began in earnest soon after. One year later, classes began on September 1. The

Columbans were on their way to creating a permanent facility for training missionaries and building a support base

Upcoming Events

St. Anne School:

8/18 First Day of School

St. Anne Church:

8/15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Mary**

Mass times are: 8:45am, 12:00pm and 6:00pm

8/24 Blood Drive and Yard Sale in the St. Anne school yard put on by the Knights of Columbus. You can sell, shop or give blood!

Contact: Tom at DelMundo@stanne-sf.org

In the Archdiocese:

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

8/23 **Novena Mass for St. Augustine** – Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate Mass at 10:30a.m.

Following the Mass will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament and a reception. Held at St. Augustine Church, 3700 Callan Blvd SSF

9/7 **77th annual Police-Fire-Sheriff Mass**

You are invited to the 77th annual Police-Fire-Sheriff Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone with Police and Fire Chaplains. Mass is at 9:30am at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 2555 17th Ave., SF

Contact Us!

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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

Join the Parish: If you'd like to join our Parish and be part of our community, please go to our website <http://www.stanne-sf.org/> and follow the tabs – **Home** and **Join the parish** *Welcome!*

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 the Venmo QR Code.



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DONATE BLOOD



**SUNDAY
AUG 24**

Book an appointment to
donate life-saving blood
<https://donors.vitalant.org/>



ST. ANNE COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**SUNDAY
AUG 24**
9:00AM-2:00PM

Reserve a booth and sell your used stuff,
vintage clothes, or home-made goods.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL YARD

Info: stanneyardsale@gmail.com



ST ANNE Athletics



UNIFORM EXCHANGE & EXTRACURRICULAR INFO SESSIONS – A BIG WIN!

We began with a heartfelt prayer, uniting us in spirit and purpose..

This fun, engaging event was sparked by Athletic Director Mie Mie's vision to connect our community through activity and involvement.

It was great to see the kids active! Coach Darin Yee led vertical jump plyometric training, Coach Sam Mankiewicz hosted a basketball clinic, Coach Jenny Solano showcased girls volleyball, and Coach Ivan Chan ran our soccer clinic after an 11-hour trip back from Utah—what dedication!

We were thrilled to welcome Chinese School, Troop 15 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Music Ministry, Athletics Department, Academic Chess Club, KidzArtz, SF Riptide, DADs Club, and Church Children Liturgy.

A big thank-you to the DADs Club & Athletic Department for the delicious food, and to all the amazing volunteers who made this possible. Events like this remind us —we're more than a school, we're a community.



Brian Jann & Roy Edgar – Basketball Chairs
Jenny Solano – Volleyball Chair

