

SAINT ANNE

OF THE SUNSET

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

Pastor's Column

Reflecting on Work – The Labor Day holiday has its roots in the labor movement of the late 19th century. During this time, workers faced long hours, low wages, and unsafe working conditions. As labor unions began to form, they advocated for better treatment and working conditions, leading to the idea of a holiday dedicated to honoring workers. The first Labor Day celebration took place on Sep 5, 1882 in New York City. As this holiday gained traction and in response to labor unrest and strikes occurring at the time, in 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law and it became a federal holiday. This holiday celebrates not only the achievements of American workers, but also honors the labor movement that has significantly improved working conditions, wages and benefits for workers. Sr. Joan Chittister, Benedictine nun, award winning author, theologian and speaker, in her book *“In the heart of the Temple,”* offered the following reflection on Labor Day: *Work is my gift to the world. It is my social fruitfulness. It ties me to my neighbor and binds me to the future. Work is the way I am saved from total self-centeredness. It gives me a reason to exist that is larger than myself. It makes me part of possibility. It gives me hope... Work gives me a place in salvation. It helps redeem the world from sin. It enables creation to go on creating. It brings us all one step closer to what the kingdom is meant to be. Work is meant to build community. When we work for others, we give ourselves and we can give alms as well. We never work, in other words, for our own good alone. Work leads to self-fulfillment. It uses the gifts and talents we know we have and it calls on gifts of which we are unaware. Finally, work is the way we really live in solidarity with the poor of the world. Work is our commitment not to live off others, not to sponge, not to shirk, not to cheat... Work is our gift to the future. It is our sign that God goes on working the world through us... And it will never be over. The philosopher wrote, “Do you want a test to know if your work in life is over? If you are still alive, it isn't.” As the rabbi and the disciple both knew well, God needs us to complete God's work. Now. So, on this Labor Day weekend, we give thanks to God for the gift of work, for the gift of our talents and abilities that we can use to make our world a better place. And we give thanks also for all who have improved the working conditions in our country and continue to make it better for the future. - Fr Dan*

Choosing the Low Place

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Gospel of Luke) brings us a strong message about humility. Jesus reminds us not to seek praise or high places. Instead, he shows us that real honor comes when we let go of pride. Those who lift themselves up will be brought down, but those who stay low will be raised up by God.

The readings today all point to the same idea. Sirach tells us to be gentle and humble. Hebrews reminds us that we are part of something bigger than we can see. And in the Gospel, Jesus teaches that when we welcome the poor, the sick, and the outcast, we welcome blessings that will last forever.

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C is a good time to check our hearts. Are we looking to impress others? Or are we quietly doing good and trusting God to see it? When we stop trying to get ahead, we make room for God to lead us.

This is a Sunday to remember that the low place is not a punishment. It is a place where God meets us, where grace grows, and where real joy begins.

God Who Stays With Us

Lord, you are strong and good.
You protect those who call to you.
You do not forget anyone.
Be close to us when we feel small and lost.



You give a home to those who are alone.
You bring joy to those who are sad.
Help us to welcome others as you welcome us.
Show us how to care for people who feel left out.
You lead your people through hard times.
Help us trust you when life feels unsure.
Guide our steps when we do not know what to do.
Stay with us in every moment.
You are King over all the earth.
But you care for each of us too.
Thank you for the good things we have.
Teach us to be thankful every day.

We will sing to you with our lives.
We will praise you in the way we speak and act.
Help us to share your love with others.
Be our strength and our joy always.

(based on Psalm 68)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of August 31 – September 6, 2025

Sunday, August 31

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

Monday, September 1

8:45AM Elda Marzo (D)

Tuesday, September 2

8:45AM Teresa Leung (D)

Wednesday, September 3

8:45AM Joseph Chen (D)

Thursday, September 4

8:45AM Chun Mui Chu (D)

Friday, September 5

8:45AM Benjamin Flores (D)

Saturday, September 6

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne
5:00PM Parishioners of St. Anne

Thank You!

Previous Week's Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$2,142

Second Collection – None

This week's second collection: None



The Religious Education Program will hold its Parent Orientation in the school cafeteria **SUNDAY Aug. 31 at 11:15 AM.**

Registration is still open for families who wish to enroll their children in preparation for the sacraments.

Registration forms are available in the church vestibule.

Upcoming Events

St. Anne School:

9/1 Labor Day Holiday: No School
9/2 Picture Day
9/4 Mandatory Schedule A Families Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria.

At St. Anne Church:

9/7 **1st Day of Sunday School**
A school for public school students to learn the faith and prepare for the sacraments. Held every Sunday, except holidays, starting at 11:15am - 12:30pm. Contact: Carmen Perlas, cperlas@stanne-sf.org, 415-665-1600 x 22

9/8 **1st Day, Neo-Catechumenal Journey of Faith**
Be part of a faith community to learn and walk the journey of faith. Held on Mon & Thur. @ 7pm from Sept. 8 - Oct. 30 in the St. Anne Church Vestibule. Contact: Moises Estrada, moises.estrada1852@gmail.com

9/11 **1st Day, Introduction to the Catholic Faith**
For adults interested to learn more about the Catholic faith or to complete their Sacraments.

Held every Thursday evening, except holidays, from 7 - 8:30pm. Meet at Holy Name Office, 1555-39th Avenue, SF. Contact: Carmen Perlas, cperlas@stanne-sf.org, 415-665-1600 x 22

9/19 **Made for Mission – A Call to Renewal**

A conference focused on parish renewal and evangelization, created for Catholic parish, diocesan and apostolate leaders. Held at St. Anne Church Hall from 9am – 3:30pm. Contact: Paul Campa, campap@sfarch.org

In the Archdiocese:

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

9/5 **Women's Silent Retreat** - Sep 5, 5pm – Sep 7, 12pm. Led by Dominican fathers Propst & Hilander, the retreat will focus on faith enlivened by hope. Held at St. Clare's Retreat, Soquel, CA, Contact: Sr. Mary, info@stclaresretreat.org

9/6 **Adventure: Learn How to be Married!**
Learn essential skills to good relationships. One day conference from 8:30am – 4:30pm, Held at St. Mark Church, Belmont, CA
Contact: Ed Hopfner, HopfnerE@sfarch.org

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!*

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