

## *Pastor's Column*

**Feast of the Holy Cross** – This Sunday, the Church celebrates the instrument of our salvation, the Holy Cross. According to tradition, St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, travelled to Jerusalem around the year 326. Guided by local Christians, she ordered excavations near Golgotha, the place where Jesus was crucified. During the excavation, they found 3 crosses. The True Cross of our Lord was identified, when a sick woman who was dying, experienced a miraculous healing by touching it. Afterwards, Emperor Constantine, ordered the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which was dedicated on September 13, 335. The next day, September 14, the cross was solemnly displayed to the faithful – marking the beginning of the feast. Later, in the year 614, the Persians captured Jerusalem and seized the True Cross. It was taken as a war trophy back to their capital, Ctesiphon. This event was a devastating blow to the Christian world, both spiritually and politically. Emperor Heraclius thus mounted a remarkable counteroffensive and his victory at the Battle of Nineveh in 627, crippled the Persian forces. After the Persian king was overthrown, his successor negotiated peace and agreed to return all captured territories, including the True Cross. Around the year 630, Emperor Heraclius personally carried the True Cross back to Jerusalem, reportedly barefoot, in a grand procession and the relic was restored to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where it still remains. Fragments from this cross have also been shared with other churches around the world and so its relics can be found in:

- St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City
- The Basilica of Santa Croce in Rome, Italy
- Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France
- Monastery of Santo Toribio, Cantabria, Spain
- Basilica of the Vera Cruz, Caravaca, Murcia, Spain
- Shrine of the True Cross, Dickinson, Texas, USA
- Scuola Grande di San Giovanni, Venice, Italy

While the cross was once an instrument of torture, through Christ's victory over death, it has now become a sign of our salvation, a sign of faith, and a sign of hope. And so, as we make the sign of the cross over ourselves or our children, may it remind us of God's love and protection over us.

- Fr Dan

**Our Parish Council** – The Parish Council is made up of members of the parish. They are chosen from a cross section of our community, representing families from our elementary school, public school, families with children in high school, college or adults, as well as the retired community. They are an advisory board to help me set a vision and direction for the parish, as well as to give me feedback regarding issues of concern to the community. They also help with putting on the Parish Festival as well as the Parish Picnic. The members in the front row from left to right are: **Adrienne Lew, Kathy Aclan, Alma Zamora, Jane Anne Sullivan and Walden Tiu**. In the back row from left to right: myself, **Carmen Ng, Beverly Perea (Chair), Mary Cronin, Francesca Williams, Dr. Allen Wong and Rachel Abaqueta Leluc**. Should you have issues or ideas that you'd like to bring to the Council's attention, feel free to reach out to them or to me. I'm very grateful for their time, talent and energy to help make St. Anne a great parish.





**St Anne of the Sunset  
Parish Festival**

**TOY  
DONATION**

Do you have any NEW toys  
collecting dust in the closet?  
Share the joy & donate those toys!  
"Will be used for carnival prizes"

**Drop off by:**  
NOW TIL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

**Drop off Locations:**  
Rectory - 850 Judah St  
School-box in health room

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of September 14– September 20, 2025

### Sunday, September 14

8:00AM Bronislawa & Stanley Livman (D)

10:00AM Doris Hernreid (D)

12 00PM Parishioners of St. Anne

### Monday, September 15

8:45AM Sam Benito & Leonarda Hildago (D)

### Tuesday, September 16

8:45AM Sr. Bernice Gotelli, *Intentions* (D)

### Wednesday, September 17

8:45AM Ludy Ambrosio (D)

### Thursday, September 18

8:45AM Chun Mui Chu (D)

### Friday, September 19

8:45AM Glindsay Alas – 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (D)

### Saturday, September 20

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne

5:00PM Maureen Maring (D)

## Thank You!

### Previous Week's Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$3,937.11

Second Collection – \$811.11 - Military Services

*This week's second collection: Building & Maintenance*



**JACKETS & JAMS**

Send your gently-used jackets and coats to school!

As autumn's chill sets in, many of us reach for our coats—yet some in our community go without. We are once again partnering with Beats for Hope, an organization led by local DJs, for the One Warm Coat drive to collect coats for those in need. Donations will support local nonprofits, including Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro, East Oakland Collective, Abode, Love Thy Women Foundation, Hearts For Humanity, and Larkin Street Youth Services, helping keep vulnerable neighbors warm this winter.

Help us spread warmth this winter! Simply have your child bring a gently used coat or jacket of any size to school by Friday, September 19. Your donation will help keep someone in our community warm during the cold months ahead.

Your kindness will help bring warmth to those who need it most.  
Thank you.

## Upcoming Events

### At St. Anne Church:

9/21 **Chinese Community 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Join this Community's Celebration with Mass on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 12 pm with a reception following in Moriarty Hall.

### In the Archdiocese:

(Visit [www.sfarchdiocese.org/events](http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/events) for more info)

9/15 **Interfaith Prayer Service: Suicide Prevention**  
Held at St. Dominic's Church from 7-8:30pm  
Contact: Dcn Chuck McNeil, 415-567-7824

9/20 **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Spirit Conference**  
Theme: Fanning the Flame of Hope. Held at: St. Mary's Cathedral, at 8am (doors open) until 4pm. Contact: Danny Garza, 650-270-8065

9/22 **Grief Support Group**  
To help one navigate through the losses of life, please join us at St. Pius Parish Center in Redwood City on Sept. 22 – Dec 8 from 7-8:30pm. Contact: Mary Dickinson, 650-361-0655

## Contact Us!

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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](mailto:stannesunset@gmail.com) or use the Venmo QR Code.



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We are SO grateful for your help!

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*Use Venmo in our Gift Shop too!*



## **An Interfaith Prayer Service in Observance of National Suicide Prevention Month**

A time to pray with families and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide and to bring awareness to this urgently important crisis.

**Monday, September 15, 2025**  
**at 7:00 pm**  
in the Lady Chapel

**"Those who lose a loved one to suicide need particular care and attention. They have not only lost someone dear to them, but their grief is also often complicated by feelings of shame, anger or guilt. We must convey to them that we are not afraid to open this difficult discussion, that they need not feel they must walk the long journey alone."**

**--California Conference of Bishops**



**"The Favors of the Lord Are Not Exhausted"**  
Reflection by Father Craig Forner



**ST. DOMINIC'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Corner of Bush and Steiner  
San Francisco, CA 94115

Off-street parking available.

Contact Deacon Chuck McNeil for further information: 415 567.7824