

SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2025

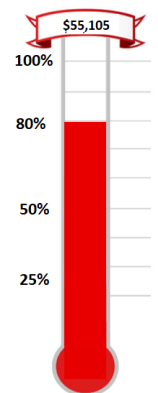
Pastor's Column

The Story of Silent Night – In 1816, Austria experienced crop failure, poverty and social unrest. The Napoleonic wars had just ended, but famine and poverty were widespread, and people longed for peace and hope. It was with this backdrop that Fr. Joseph Mohr, in 1816, wrote a poem which became the lyrics to *Silent Night*. Two years later, on Christmas eve in 1818 in Oberndorf, Austria, as Assistant Pastor at St. Nicholas Church, he brought the poem to Franz Xaver Gruber, a school teacher and organist, asking him to compose music for his poem. Fr. Mohr wanted to offer his parishioners a message of comfort and peace in the midst of suffering. The gentle imagery of a newborn child, heavenly peace, and divine love was meant to reassure a struggling community. So, on that Christmas eve in 1818, *Silent Night* was sung for the first time. Slowly this carol spread to other churches in the area, and in 1866 it was first published in a songbook for churches. Christian missionaries spread the carol at the turn of the century to all continents, and today, there are over 300 translations of this song. Of the original Church, after 2 devastating floods damaged the church, it was closed and demolished. Today, in its place, stands a *Silent Night* Memorial Chapel and museum. Each Christmas Eve, thousands gather at the chapel for a memorial service and to sing, *Silent Night*. The current Pastor, Fr. Thomas Kunnappallil shared that “*when the congregation began to sing... I felt the power of this song. People who had come with very different questions, worries and longings found a moment of inner peace together. A deep sense of community arose that went far beyond words.*” May the joy and peace of this *Silent Night* be with you and your loved ones now and throughout the New Year.

The Spirit of the Season – One of my delights is attending and watching our children perform. Whether it's a sports game, a talent show, or the Christmas program, I'm like a proud father enjoying their activities and accomplishments. This year, the School's Christmas program took place on Fri, Dec 19 at 10:30am. Their Music Teacher and our Music Director, **Randell Rentar** did an outstanding job preparing them. I want to thank **Randell and the teachers** for preparing such a wonderful program that helped the parents, family and friends, enter into this Holy and Joyful Season. Well done, everyone!



Getting There – It's not too late to donate to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We've been assessed \$55,105 to help the departments and ministries in the Archdiocese, such as Catholic Schools, Vocations, Seminary, Youth & Young Adult provide ongoing services to the parishes and schools. Join me in the 1% Club (\$550) or the Half-a-percent Club (\$275) and we'll invite you to a Fat Sunday Brunch in the New Year.
- Fr. Dan



Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of December 28 – January 3, 2026

Sunday, December 28

8:00AM Heinz Bentjens (D)
10:00AM Parishioners of St. Anne
12 00PM Chun Mui Chu (D)

Monday, December 29

8:45AM James Robertson (D)

Tuesday, December 30

8:45AM Giovanni & Glindsay Alas - Birthdays

Wednesday, December 31

8:45AM Austria & Siao - Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 1

10:00AM Margaret & Steve McCormick (D)

Friday, January 2

8:45AM The Lampante/Pacheco Family –
Thanksgiving

Saturday, January 3

8:45AM Confraternity of St. Anne
5:00PM Helene Burford (D)

Thank You!

Previous Week's Collection

Sunday Offertory, – \$701.11

Second Collection – \$647 Property & Insurance

This week's second collection: none

Catholic Charities Thanks You!!! – We have good news to share. Our Giving Tree collected 187 total gift cards, exceeding our goal of 100, which means they can help additional clients in different programs. I'd like to acknowledge **Carmen Ng** for chairing this, along with the **parents of the Religious Ed program, the Scouts, the Athletic Department, Chinese Ministry and all of you** for supporting this wonderful endeavor and making someone's Christmas just a little bit brighter.



**Principy Prajapati
& Darlene Wilson**
of Catholic
Charities!



We thank **Carmen Ng, Paolo, Lupe & Austin** for all the work preparing the Giving Tree.

Thank you ALL for being someone's Secret Santa!!!

Upcoming Events

At St. Anne Church:

1/1 New Year's Day Mass

Begin the New Year with prayer and gratitude to God. **Join us for mass at 10am.** It's a Holy Day of *Opportunity* for a blessing throughout the year.

1/18 Feast of Santo Niño (Holy Child)

This Filipino celebration, reminds us not to pack Jesus away after Christmas, but to continue to welcome Him into our lives the rest of the year. **Bring your baby Jesus to the 10am Mass for a blessing and celebration.**

In the Archdiocese:

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

1/18 Purified & Gender & Theology of your Body

Discover the beauty of God's plan for human love at St. Anthony, Novato, from 1:00 - 4:15pm. Info: eventcoach@chastity.com. Tickets: chastity.com/purified, \$25.

1/24 Walk for Life Events

Walk for Hope, Walk for Love & Walk for Life
9:30am – Mass w/Archbishop at Cathedral
12:30pm – Rally at Civic Center Plaza
1:30pm - Walk

Contact Us!

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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 the Venmo QR Code. We are SO grateful for your help!



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