

# SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET

Religious Education Weekly Newsletter  
For the Week of November 26, 2023



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**This Sunday, November 26, 2023 is the 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year and is the SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING!** Amidst the growing

popular sentiment towards secularism and atheism in a world ravaged by the First World War, a period characterized by the lack of peace and tranquility, Pope Pius XI, on December 11, 1925 issued the encyclical **"QUAS PRIMAS."** In this encyclical, the Pope simply wanted to remind the world to give glory and honor Christ, Lord and King and the source of salvation through the most holy Roman Catholic Church. The Kingship of Christ is above all 'man-made' kingdoms, regimes and governments - and that's because there would always be darkness and hopelessness in a secular world. Only where Christ is the Sovereign King and Ruler will we find everlasting joy. In His Kingdom love reigns over hatred, generosity over selfishness and life over death. Thus His Kingdom is spiritual and is concerned with spiritual things. This is what Christ meant when he said that His Kingdom is not of this world! Let this solemnity continue to inspire us to 'hang in there' with Christ as the center and ruler of our lives, particularly, the King of our Families as well. As a wife and mother, I would like to encourage all of you, to

bring your children (and husband) ever closer to the King through daily family prayer and the practice of the Sacraments of the Church. Happy Feast Day.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



**CLASSES RESUME  
ON DECEMBER 3,  
2023 - FIRST  
SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT. See you all!**

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*Christmas is Caring, give gifts of dignity*

Simple Needs Drive at St. Anne Church, 850 Judah  
For Boys & Girls sizes Small, Medium, Large  
Saturday, December 2, 9-11am  
Bring new or gently used & clean toys, sweaters, socks, gloves, scarves & hats to St. Anne Church  
At 11am, enjoy a free guided tour of the big pink church followed by coffee & pastries.

Registration required. Use the QR code or this link <http://eepurl.com/iAShAK>  
Gifts will support Catholic Charities San Francisco Bay Area and Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si', On Care for our Common Home.

**Simple Needs Drive** - On December 2, 2023 (Saturday), from 9:00 - 11:00 am, Saint Anne's Parish is asking everyone to extend yet more love to babies up to 16 year old boys and girls for gently used and clean toys, socks, sweaters, gloves, scarves and hats. Registration is requested. Please see our website for details.

*St. Anne of the Sunset*

*Christmas Giving Tree*

Remember to stop by the Giving Tree on the church altar to select an ornament! Your gift will support Catholic Charities' families in need. They are requesting \$25 gift cards to Target or Safeway.

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**Giving Tree** - We have more opportunities to share our love with our brothers and

sisters through Saint Anne's Annual Giving Tree project. Remember to stop by the Giving Tree located in the Church and select an ornament. Catholic Charities is requesting \$25 gift cards from Target or Safeway.

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**BREAKFAST & PHOTOS WITH SANTA & MRS CLAUSI~**

**JOIN US**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH  
AFTER 10AM MASS IN THE LOWER HALL.

Free Community Event!  
Please bring your family for  
📷 photos with Santa, have breakfast  
and enjoy your morning with  
the community of St. Anne!

FOR MORE INFO - TO RSVP  
MGLIWANAG@MAC.COM

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
HOSTED BY SAPTO  
ST ANNE PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



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**Family Nativity & Choir**

Christmas 5PM Vigil Mass  
St. Anne of the Sunset  
850 Judah



All are welcome!



To sign up, for more information  
stannesunset@gmail.com

Please join our parish annual Family Nativity and Choir at 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on December 24, We are in need of a Holy Family that will depict Saint Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus.

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**FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
1390 14TH AVENUE, WEEKLY PRACTICE IN DECEMBER  
DAY & TIME TBC, BASED ON MAJORITY'S SCHEDULE



JOIN THE FAMILY CAROLING FUN & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY



WITH MUSIC DIRECTOR, RANDALL RENTAR & VOCALIST CASSANDRA CONDE

INNER SUNSET FAMILIES  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

STANNESUNSET@GMAIL.COM  
TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION



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## REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

### Matthew 25:31-46



Today's Gospel reading is what we can call Jesus *parousia*, or His Second Coming. It's not really a long story (though it still is a parable), but rather a sort of an analogy between the separation of the sheep (holy people of God) and the goats (evil people). So he establishes here a statement worth our imagination, "when the Son of Man comes in glory" - it's a vivid description of how he will come down from heaven to make that Final Judgment. Will he be riding in a special spaceship flown by a multitude of angels? However that might be, the message of Matthew's gospel is clear, To those who recognized Jesus in the poor, the outcast, the downtrodden, the hungry and the least ones, to them the Kingdom of Heaven will be opened. Does it mean this is all we would need to enter His Kingdom? Yes and no. Yes, we must love our neighbor through the corporal works of mercy. Yet, we must love God above all things through humble obedience to His Will and Commandments that can be summarized as follows: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul . This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22: 37-40).

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