

St. Anne of the Sunset Church



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“Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
and there are a variety of activities, but it is the same God
who empowers them all in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.”

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Dear Brother or Sister in Christ,

St. Paul taught that God has gifted each of us with a unique gift for a particular reason. To discover why God created us and to use the gift He has blessed us with is part of the great adventure in life. And when we do finally discover our “calling,” not only will we feel blessed and our lives become full and complete, but we also become a blessing to those around us.

As human beings, however, we discover by trying. I discovered my own vocation to the priesthood by first serving as a Eucharistic Minister, bringing communion to the sick in the hospital. Later on, I taught religion to children. And in doing so, I discovered how much I delighted in ministry, that I eventually felt called by God to serving Him full time as a priest.

So I encourage you to not be afraid to try new things in life, even if you feel stretched outside your comfort zone. In following where we think the Lord is leading us, the Good Shepherd is always by our side and will eventually lead us into the greatest adventure we can ever imagine in this life. Say “yes” to God and allow Him to show you what He has in mind for you. And if you feel called to one of the ministries listed in this booklet, don’t hesitate to call the contact person for more information. But if you feel called to something and it’s not listed in here, then call me. Together we can discern where the Lord is leading us.

Our parish is made great by people who are willing to give of themselves to serve Christ, His Church and one another. Say “yes” to God, and you’ll never regret it.

With prayers and blessings,



Fr. Daniel Nascimento
Pastor



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Altar Servers

Interested students, grades 5-8, male and female, Catholic and non-Catholic, are invited to participate. The school provides altar servers for funerals held on school days as well as school masses. Chris Mangini coordinates training for the students enrolled at the school. Rosenda Chan schedules the servers for the weekly masses. Less experienced servers are paired with more experienced servers to gain knowledge and confidence. At the end of the year, the school coordinator and parish coordinator organize the altar server picnic by reviewing the list of active servers as well as completing, distributing and collecting required permission slips.



Contacts:

Mary Huynh De La O (Parish), marydedelao@gmail.com

Mangini (School faculty member), 415-664-7977, mangini@stanne.com

Athletic Department

The Athletic Department, under St. Anne's Parish, works closely with the Catholic Youth Association (CYO) and the San Francisco Parish School Baseball League (SFPSBL). We have Fall X-Country, Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Winter Boys Basketball, Girls Soccer, Spring Baseball, Track & Field, and Girls Basketball. Players are taught sportsmanship, leadership, respect, competition and teamwork. The volunteer coaches and members of the Athletic Department work together to create a sense of enjoyment for the children's sports and social life.

Contact:

Mie Mie Kwong, Athletic Director, 415-606-5776, AthleticDept@stanne-sf.org

Bible Study (also known as Scripture Study)

What better way to understand our Christian faith than to immerse oneself in a weekly 2-hour study of the Bible? Over the course of several weeks, members take turns reading aloud in class a chapter being examined. At the end of every chapter, our teacher leads the group through a verse by verse analysis of the text, answering questions. Often, general discussions on the topic at hand arise. When the discussion is finished, the next chapter is read aloud by the person whose turn it is, followed by another analysis and another discussion. By meeting once a week for several years, this group has read every word of the entire Bible, and we are now reading it through a second time!



This has been of immense benefit to lectors, who now understand the context of the selections of Scripture they are asked to read at Mass and of great value to people who feel as though they would like to read the Bible, may even have tried, but have gotten bogged down in complexities. While the perspective is Catholic, the approach is not literal; we take into account the historical and theological imperatives that shape each

book, as well as the purpose and target audience of its human authors. This is adult faith formation from the deepest source - the Word of God!

Meets: Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm & Fridays, 9:30am – 11am
Where: Convent, 1330 – 14th Avenue, SF
Contact: Fr. Pete Tieng, 415-665-1600 x 34, frpete@stanne-sf.org

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy is normally held at the 10:30AM mass and conducted by teachers of CCD program. The children (grade K to 5) are led away from the congregation before the first reading. The readings and the gospel are read to them in a children friendly version and then are discussed with them. Word search and coloring games are also done. Children rejoin their parents after the prayers of the faithful.

Contact: Rosenda Chan, 415-269-1838, rosendale@hotmail.com

Chinese Pastoral Center

St. Anne Chinese Pastoral Center (CPC) began with a vision from the Chinese Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1995. The plan was to create centers around the city to minister and to share the good news of the gospel with the Chinese people. St. Anne's CPC supports the faith of non-English speaking Chinese Catholics as well creates a welcoming atmosphere for non-Catholics so they can find community, friendship and faith.

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Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

This is the process by which adults 18 years or older interested in becoming full members of the Catholic church prepare for and receive their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation). It consists of weekly meetings that involve prayer, catechesis, faith-sharing, and fellowship. The candidates are accompanied on their journey to become full Catholics by sponsors from within or outside the parish community. The candidates celebrate with their sponsors and the parish community the various Rites marking significant turning points on this journey. Opportunities for serving in this ministry include being a member of the RCIA team (helping with publicity, hospitality, and fellowship), being a sponsor (accompanying the candidate at meetings and/or Mass), and being a catechist (teaching the truths of our faith and leading discussions). In any of these roles you could be vitally important to the candidates as a witness to what it means to live as a committed Catholic follower of Jesus Christ.

Meets: Wednesdays, 7pm – 8:30pm
Where: Rectory
Contact: Ken DelPonte, Director, 415-902-2040, kdelponte@stanne-sf.org

Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

This program prepares children over the age of 7 for Baptism and First Holy Communion.

- Meets:** Sundays, 9:00AM
Where: St. Anne School
Contact: Rosenda Chan, 415-269-1838, rosendaluk@hotmail.com
Note: Meeting time is the same time as CCD class and can be changed as needed.

Commentator

The commentator welcomes the assembly before the mass, provides brief explanations and commentaries, and announces the hymns and general announcements.

- Contact:** Freda Motak, 415-335-5606, fredamotak@gmail.com

Communion to Homebound

This ministry provides communion to the homebound. Anyone can make the request through St. Anne's Church. Our 4 volunteers visit homes as well as three retirement centers, Vintage Retirement Center, Sunset Garden Care and Lawton Health Center.

- Contact:** Sr. Mary Francis Melencion, 415-665-1600 x 22



Dance and Exercise Club

The purpose of the Dance and Exercise Club, organized in 2008 by a group of parishioners, is to create a warm and welcoming spirit at St. Anne's through dance and exercise. It's open to all, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All the donations and proceeds from the class parties, held twice a year, are donated to the parish.



- Meets:** Sundays, 2:00PM to 4:00PM, Dance and Exercise
Sundays, 3:00PM to 5:00PM, Chinese Line Dance
Where: Gym at Moriarty Hall, Dance and Exercise
Moriarty Hall, Chinese Line Dance
Contact: Nita Wong, 415-810-1591, nitawong23@yahoo.com

Environment

This ministry helps provide a beautiful and appropriate environment in our church according to Liturgical Seasons. Besides helping to clean up and decorate for Christmas, Lent and Easter, weekly activities include watering of plants and flower arrangements, and tidying up the surroundings. We decorate and take care of God's house.

- Contact:** Sr. Mary Francis Melencion, 415-665-1600 x 22

Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, assist in the distributing Communion at the Masses and also brings Christ to those who might be sick or homebound.



Contact: Freda Motak, 415-335-5606, fredamotak@gmail.com

Family Mass

Family Mass is a ministry that works closely with families of St. Anne School and the Religious Education program (aka CCD). Its focus is to give younger families a stronger sense of community within the Parish by providing various opportunities for the children to serve during the Mass. Each month, there are Family Masses on the first and third Sundays, unless otherwise indicated. The first Sunday is sponsored and organized by the families of St. Anne School and the third Sunday is sponsored and organized by the Religious Education program.

Contacts: Beverly Perea (School), 415-823-4380, beverlyperea@gmail.com
Rachel Gee (Religious Ed), 415-665-1600 x 38, rachel.gee@stanne-sf.org

Finance Council

The Finance Council assists and advises the Pastor in overseeing and controlling the financial affairs of the parish. The Council is accountable to the Pastor, who has the responsibility for final decisions. Members shall be appointed by the Pastor and must be active Catholic members of the parish. Members should be skilled in business and have some expertise in management, financial, accounting, legal, fundraising or related fields. Examples of topics addressed by the Council include review of proposed expenditures that are not included in the Archdiocesan uniform chart of accounts, study sources of parish revenue, review of all banking arrangements, and advise the Pastor in financial aspects of managing and caring for the parish buildings.

Meets: Monthly

Members: Fr. Daniel Nascimento, Jack Henning (Chair), Alberto Fuentes, Bea Wirth Jimenez, Bill Barnickel, Brian Batt, Catherine Steinbach, Matt Louie & Tom Walsh.

Contact: Jack Henning: 415-665-6117, JCH@dillinghammurphy.com

Gift Shop

The St. Anne's Gift Shop offers a wide selection of unique and beautiful gifts for Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and other occasions year round. There is a large selection of rosaries and medals, prayer cards, Italian statues and crucifixes as well as rosary rings and bracelets. A selection of the Holy Bible and prayer books are also available as well religious CD's.

Hours: Saturday: 3:00PM - 6:00PM; Sunday: 8:30AM - 12:00PM
Contact: Sr. Mary Francis Melencion, 415-665-1600 x 22

Greeters Ministry

The Greeters Ministry is mainly responsible for welcoming parishioners and visitors to the Saturday 5:00PM Vigil mass, and Sunday 9:00AM, 10:30AM masses. The Greeters host the Sunday hospitality table after the 9:00 and 10:30 am masses approximately six times during the year

Contact: Rose Bravo, bravorosie@yahoo.com

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee hosts donuts, pastries and coffee after the 9:00AM and 10:30AM masses. This weekly social is a welcome event for parish families and visitors, and is sponsored by different ministry groups such as St. Anne Parents Teachers Organization (SAPTO), Chinese Pastoral Center, Salve Regina & Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Greeters, Knights of Columbus, Shalom Prayer Group and the DMC Group. During their designated Sunday, each group is responsible for ensuring a sufficient supply of coffee and pastries and clean-up of the vestibule.

Contact: Sr. Mary Francis Melencion, 415-665-1600 x 22

Kid Stock

Kid Stock is a non-profit performing arts company which serves children grades 1-8 in the Bay Area. Our founding program, 'The St. Anne Sunshine Band', began in the early 80's at St. Anne Parish and is still an after school program today. Children learn to work together while building confidence and self-esteem through song, drama, art and dance. Each summer, Kid Stock holds two 3-week day camps in Moriarty Hall. Children from St. Anne's and many parts of San Francisco participate in these programs.

Meets: Wednesdays, after school, October to early Spring

Where: Moriarty Hall

Contact: Noel Donovan, 415-753-3737

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. Then they do two hours of definite work each week, in pairs and under the guidance of their spiritual director. Works include door-to-door



evangelization, parishioner visitation, prison ministry, visitation of the sick or aged, crowd contact, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor, and are, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.

Meets: Every Thursday @ 5pm in the Rectory Conference Room
Contact: Paulita Mendoza, 415-681-4264

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of the Lord at Masses. There are two lectors scheduled for every weekend Mass. The lector also announces the intentions for the Universal prayer (Prayers of the Faithful).



Contact: Freda Motak, 415-335-5606, fredamotak@gmail.com

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee helps plan and organize for the different liturgical seasons of our faith, such as Christmas, Lent and Easter, but also special seasons like Thanksgiving, All Souls remembrance masses, and Novenas. Its goal is to ensure a smooth liturgical celebration because bad liturgies can harm or discourage faith while good liturgies can foster, inspire and strengthen our faith.

Contact: Freda Motak, 415-335-5606, fredamotak@gmail.com

Maintenance (Light)

The Maintenance Committee helps the parish with minor maintenance and repair work in the church from changing light bulbs to fixing leaks. Assistance is provided to the Pastor as needed.

Contact: Chris Diner, 415-566-7500, dinersf@sbcglobal.net

Men's Club

The purpose of the Men's Club is to assist and promote the physical, mental, social development and welfare of the children of St. Anne Parish. Historically, the Men's Club has supported athletics, scouting, the annual festival and other extra-curricular activities and events.

Meets: 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00PM at Cliff Heinz Room

Contact: Chris Dunn, 415-279-8691, dunnFC@yahoo.com

Ministry of Consolation

Every year, the coordinator sends out personal invitations to family members and friends of deceased parishioners who have died from November 1st of the previous year to

October 31st of the current year inviting them to attend the annual memorial mass for their loved one. The parish community is also invited to attend. The names of the deceased are placed at Blessed Mother's Altar throughout the month of November which is the Month of Remembrance. The Book of Remembrance is also available throughout the month of November for names to be included at our masses for the dead.

Contact: Freda Motak, 415-335-5606, fredamotak@gmail.com

Music Ministry

Fun for the entire family, if you play an instrument and/or love to sing, we practice traditional and family friendly, uplifting, contemporary songs for the Saturday vigil and Sunday 9am & 10:30am masses. We have a lot of talent in our community. Join us! The more the merrier!

Contact: Jun Alvar, 831-332-0449, jun_nior@yahoo.com



Neo-catechumenal Way

The Neocatechumenal Way is one of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council. Saint John Paul II affirmed it "as an itinerary of Catholic formation valid for our society and our times" which can: "answer to the challenge of secularization, the spread of sects, and the lack of vocations. The reflection of the word of God and the participation in the Eucharist make it possible for a gradual initiation into the sacred mysteries.

The Neocatechumenate is one way to **help those who have not been sufficiently evangelized and catechized to deepen their faith, as well as to bring back those who have drifted away from the Church** or who have abandoned the faith. Among the many fruits of this Way are families who have reconciled, and are open to life, as well as numerous vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The members of the NCW live their faith in small communities within the parish by meeting regularly to celebrate the Word and the Eucharist.

Contact: Jane Anne Sullivan, 415-902-1533, jas1936@sbcglobal.net

Parish Council

We are a group of parishioners selected by the Pastor that serves as an advisory board to him, assisting with the formation of a vision for the parish, and developing strategies to implement the 5 year vision plan. The parish council meets with the Pastor on a monthly basis.

Contact: Beverly Perea, 415-823-4380, beverlyperea@gmail.com

Prayer Circles

The Ministry of Prayer began in January 2000 with one circle of eight dedicated members of St. Anne's Church dedicating their time unselfishly, praying for those in need. We now have three Prayer Circles with 21

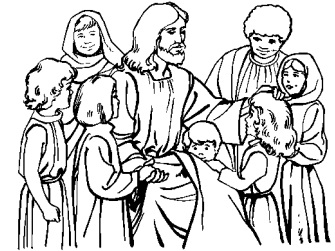


members praying every day, each in their own way. Over the past 16 ½ years, each has prayed for many hundreds of those in need of prayer until they are well or have passed. Our motto is: *When we pray, your prayer is our prayer.*

Contact: Peggy Casarez, 415-824-4801, gandpcaz@msn.com

Religious Education (CCD)

The Religious Education program provides for the education of public school children in the faith. We help prepare the children to receive the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) and provide them the opportunity to serve in the parish such as the 3rd Sunday 10:30am Family Mass and other community service.



Contact: Rachel Gee, 415-665-1600 x 38, rachel.gee@stanne-sf.org

Scouts, Boy (Troop 15)

Boy Scout Troop 15 is one of the oldest troops in San Francisco having been founded in 1938 by Ed McFadden. Troop 15 is sponsored by St. Anne's Church. Boys of all religious backgrounds are welcomed. Troop 15 seeks to develop the mental, physical, and leadership potential of its and boys and young men. The troop strives to train its boys so they can fulfill leadership positions within the troop, with the ultimate goal of having a "boy run" troop, with adults serving as advisors and ensuring that the national standards of safety and appropriate activities are maintained. The scouting program has three specific goals referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. We want to see youth leaders leading younger scouts. Developing leadership skills are "life skills" that go beyond a youth's scouting life.



Where: Moriarty Hall, Fridays (school year), 7:30pm

Contacts:

Gus Silva (Scoutmaster): 415-272-9522, gsraiders@sbcglobal.net

St. Anne Parent Teacher Organization (SAPTO)

SAPTO is St. Anne School's parent group. All parents of St. Anne School are members. Working together in fundraising and community building events, it is a way for parents to get to know one another as they work together.

The objectives of this organization are to:

- Come together in a spirit of Christian friendship and enhance the social needs of our school and parish community.
- Unify parents, principal, pastor, teachers, religious educators, and others who are interested in understanding cooperative efforts on behalf of Catholic education.
- Foster a spirit of cooperation between the school and other parish organizations and

- encourage activities for the benefit of the parish community.
- Broaden an interest in Catholic education within the community.
- Further communications between home, school, and parish.
- Emphasize the responsibility of home and school in the guidance of the child.
- Promote programs for the growth and welfare of the Catholic child and parents in the home, school, and community.
- Provide a network of volunteer services for the school.
- Generate financial support for the school through various fundraising efforts.

Contacts: Mrs. Sarah Egdal, sarah.egdal@gmail.com

St. Anne's Chinese School

Under St. Anne Parish, with full support from past and present pastors, St. Anne Chinese School was founded in 1982. Our school provides tutoring on Chinese language and culture. We aim at offering our students an opportunity to be bilingual and also aim at understanding both Chinese and Western cultures.



Our staff is ready to work with students to assist them in achieving the goal with commitment and dedication. Tutoring is given at St. Anne School classrooms. We believe that students will be more focused on learning what they are studying in pleasant and comfortable surroundings. Currently, there are 8 different levels of Mandarin in both After school and Saturday program. The total enrollment exceeds 200.

Meets: Weekday Classes: Tues – Fri, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Saturday Classes: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Contact: Eva Wong, 415-665-3929, evawong467@gmail.com

Web address: www.stannechinese.org

St. Anne School

St. Anne School was established in 1920 by the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Catholic faith foundation is woven into all our subjects and activities. Today, we continue our tradition of excellence in our school programs extending from Pre-K through Eight Grade. St. Anne offers strong academics, balanced student life, and active parent participation. St. Anne School resonates with a warm community of students, teachers, parents, and parish that build positive lifelong friendships.

Contact: Tom White, 415-664-7977, white@stanne.com

St. Anne School Consultative Board

The purpose of St. Anne School Consultative Board is to provide advice and assistance to the principal and pastor in establishing goals and defining policies which shall govern the operation of St. Anne's School, subject to such rules and regulations that precede from the Archbishop through canon law and the corporate structures of the Archdiocese and the Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools and the Archdiocesan Board of Education.

Meets: approximately 4 times per year in the school library
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St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Anne's Parish supports the mission of St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco and that is, to offer hope and service on a direct person-to-person basis, working to break the cycles of homelessness, substance abuse and domestic violence. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco, started in 1860, now serves over 1,000 people in need every day. It takes a dedicated team of people to do this work.



Contact: Bill Ceragioli, 415-566-5401, billc6@att.net

Ushers

The ministry of the Ushers is not only to help the pastor with the collections. It's primary role is to keep order, to help create a spirit of reverence for worship and friendliness in the Church, because we are the face of Christ to those we meet.

Contact: Tony Ramos, 415-759-8669, tramos6321@aol.com

Youth Ministry

The goal of Youth Ministry is to help our high school students continue to grow and blossom in the faith, through prayer, sharing our stories, service, song and play and other community building activities.



Contact: Fr. Peterson Tieng, 415-665-1600 x 34, frpete@stanne-sf.org



A Volunteer's Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

My parish is composed of people like me;
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit,
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with Your help, O God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want
my parish to be. Amen.

