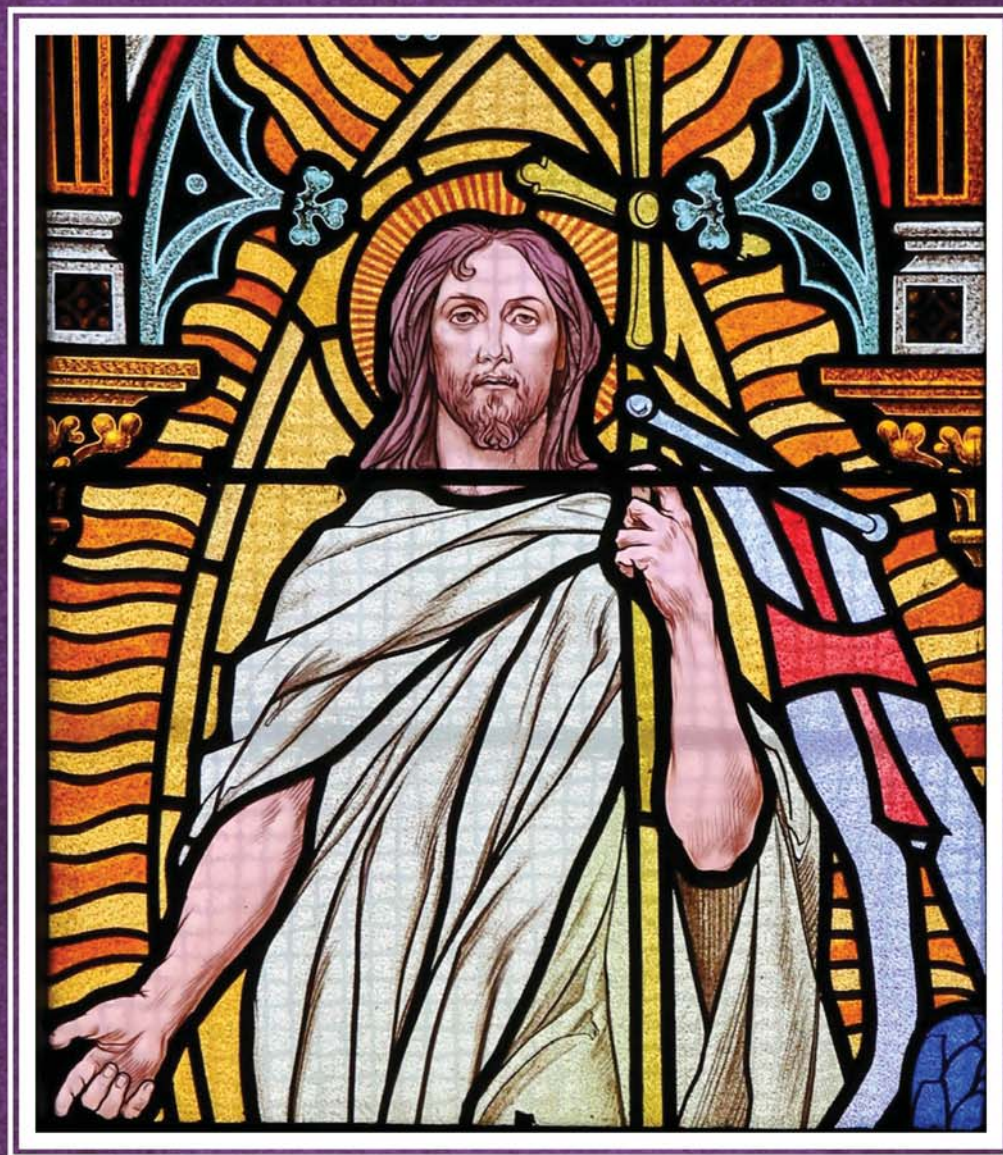


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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

John 2:19



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Sainte Anne Parish

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DAILY MASSES: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES:As Announced
CAMEROON MASS:2nd and 4th Sunday of Month, 1:00 PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM
ROSARY GROUP:Thursday, 6:00 PM
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
CONFESSIONS:Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or By Appointment
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CHURCH:Will Remain Open After 9 AM Mass Until 7 PM Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; Saturday 9 AM-5 PM;
Sunday Open for Mass Only

Welcome to New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register, contact the Parish Office or online at stannesalem.org.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm. A preparation for parents and godparents will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Rectory. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a baptism.

Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange for the celebration of your wedding.

Home Visitation: We are happy to visit for confession, holy communion, anointing of the sick, or with anyone who is unable to come to church. Please contact the Parish Office.

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Dear Holy People of God,

**Ste. Anne's, A Praying Community: Contemplative Prayer V:
The Spiritual Importance of Silence**

Permit me continue with our catechesis on Contemplative Prayer. Last week, we ended our reflection on the point of the personal encounter with Jesus. There is the Moment of the Gaze in which the Lord's eyes catch ours, that moves to the Moment of the Gaze of Truth in which I am conscious that my life is open to the Lord, to the Moment of Mercy and Love, in which I realize that the Lord's eyes are not condemnatory, but of mercy and love. These movements are taking place within me, as I sit in prayer in the scene of the Gospel with the Lord.

From my limited experience of Contemplative Prayer, a difficulty that often arises at this point is how to sustain one's self in silence, for whether it is the moment of Gaze, of Truth and of Mercy or Love, these triple movements take place in an **atmosphere of interior silence**. This is the essential character of Contemplative Prayer. To delve deeper into the meaning of the silence of Contemplative Prayer, it is important to turn to Jesus himself. As we look at Jesus and he looks at us, with the question from Jesus, "what do you want me to do for you,?" it dawns on us that Jesus is able to see into our souls, because Jesus is the Silent One who watches and listens. The Gospels repeatedly point to Jesus in silent prayer. Jesus goes away at night, to spend time in silent prayer with the Father. Jesus is alone with the Father, and the Gospels do not tell us anything regarding the contents of the private moments between Jesus and the Father. All we know is that Jesus frequently spent nights in silent prayer.

When I sit in Contemplative Prayer in the presence of the Lord, I have noticed that there is always an inner struggle with keeping silent. There are so many voices saying many things to me, seeking my attention. I have noticed that it often takes a while, before I finally sync in with the Lord, at a deeper level of silence. Sometimes I sit for like thirty minutes, before I feel that power of silence consuming me. And when the feeling of silence gradually sets in, then I gradually discover that I am able to start responding to the Lord. As the great spiritual writer and theologian Romano Guardini points out, "the greatest things are accomplished in silence - not in the clamor and display of superficial eventfulness, but in the deep clarity of inner vision, in the almost imperceptible start of decision, in quiet overcoming and hidden sacrifice. Spiritual conception happens when the heart is quickened by love, and the free will stirs to action. The Silent forces are the strong forces. Let us turn now to the stillest event of all, stillest because it came from the remoteness beyond the noise of any possible intrusion - from God." (*The Lord*)

And as the great spiritual teacher, Robert Cardinal Sarah points out to us: God's voice is silent. Indeed, the human being too, must seek to become silent. God speaks in silence, and silence alone seems able to express Him. For the spiritual person who

has known the touch of God, silence and God seem to be identified. And so, to find God again, where would the human being go, if not to the most silent depths of his soul, into those regions that are so hidden that nothing can any longer disturb them? When the person has reached there, he or she preserves with jealous care the silence that gives him God. He defends it against any agitation, even that of his own powers. At the heart of the human person there is an innate silence, for God abodes in the innermost part of every person. God is silence, and this divine silence dwells in the human person. No prophet ever encountered God without withdrawing into solitude and silence. (*The Power of Silence*)

Silence, therefore, is necessary for Contemplative Prayer to not only happen, but for it to be fruitful. We tend to be so busy today, that it would seem time is what owns us, and not the other way round. How often do we hear it said, "I do not have time?" Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10). I firmly believe that any progress in Contemplative Prayer in particular, and prayer in general, must include being silent on the inside. And silence, the kind of silence we are talking about in Contemplative Prayer is not just the absence of speech. Contemplative silence is not defined by the absence of speech. Contemplative silence is not merely an absence. (To be continued, Fr. Maurice)

Dear Holy People of God, I got a very moving letter regarding our Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers that I would love to share with you:

Dear Father Maurice, I'd like to thank you for the Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers that you freely bestowed on those of us who are often, or not so often present at a Ste. Anne's Church liturgy. For this individual who is daunted by, but who continues to aspire to the Christ-ideal it is a welcome addition to other religious works that I turn to daily or return to for sustenance as this life of wonder and woe continues to unfold. Beyond the conventional prayers that our Catholic Church directs us to, and desires that we be familiar, there are heartfelt invocations which seem likely are the product of your own personal strivings to measure up to the high calling of being a person deemed by the Lord to be "pure of heart." Thank you for recognizing that for those of us whose tongues profess a Christian identity, prayer is critically important, if we are ever to move closer toward the practice of all that this allegiance entails. May your generous and wise offering of this book, and your genuine desire to have the sheep you shepherd truly become "holy people of God" not be in vain. Shalom, and a blessed Lent!" (NN).

I am deeply grateful to God that many continue to find our Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers, a helpful tool for their spiritual lives. That was my dream and my prayer. To God be the glory!

LENT AT STE. ANNE'S

LENTEN
RETREAT

Our **Lenten Parish Retreat** takes place **Sunday evenings from 7-8PM** in the church. The retreat will include Vespers, Scripture, Reflection and Benediction (Tool: Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers). **Please bring your Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers to utilize during the retreat.** We hope you will join us as we share our Lenten journey together.



Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, **March 5th at 6:30PM** in church and will take place every Friday of Lent. The Archdiocesan guidelines and protocols require that no pamphlets be distributed. You should not follow the celebrant around the church, but should remain in your socially-distanced places in the pews, as at Sunday Mass. A number of possible forms of the Stations can be found on the USCCB website at: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross?preview> and can be accessed on your smartphone.

Confession. *"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart."* (Joel 2:12). This Scripture begins the first reading on Ash Wednesday, and sets the tone for the entire season of Lent. To reconcile with God is the reason for the sacrament of reconciliation. According to the Rite of Penance, "It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Eastern Triduum with renewed hearts" (No. 13).

DURING LENT, A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER DAILY AND WEEKEND MASSES FOR CONFESSIONS.

Additional Resources for Lent. Looking for resources to grow in your faith this Lent? Visit our website at <https://stannesalem.org/resources-for-lent> for links and information on various ways to prepare for the Lenten season. There are weekly reflections from Bishop Barron, free Lenten streaming events such as Dr. Scott Hahn's Scripture study - **Parousia - The Bible and the Mass**, the Saint John's Seminary's virtual Lenten Retreat - **Journey with St. Joseph, Our Spiritual Father**, videos from Ascension Press, and more, including:

- ◆ Hallow - Catholic prayer app offering some free resources for users
- ◆ Options for streaming Virtual Adoration
- ◆ Resources for Prayer and Faith Formation at Home
- ◆ How to Go to Confession
- ◆ Lenten Calendars
- ◆ Fasting and Abstinence Guidance
- ◆ Information on CatholicTV programming, including Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and more. Visit <https://www.catholicTV.org/index.html>

Additionally, Cardinal Sean will again be offering a Lenten retreat from **March 22-26**, which will air on CatholicTV. More information to come.



Easter Flowers and Decorations

It's that time again, we ask you to make a donation in memory of a loved one so that we can purchase the necessary flowers and decorations. The names of your loved ones will be listed in a bulletin insert and we ask that they be remembered in all our prayers. **Please mark an envelope Flower Donation.** Drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Center. **Easter donation in memory of:**

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CATHOLIC APPEAL



This weekend, we launch our annual Catholic Appeal, along with all the other parishes throughout the Archdiocese. To ensure the health and safety of our priests, parish staff, and parishioners, the 2021 Catholic Appeal launch will be **paper free**. **As such, we will not be placing envelopes in the pews.** Envelopes will be available at the back of church for those who would like to contribute, or you can use your own envelope clearly marked "Catholic Appeal." As we are not allowed to open any envelopes, all checks should be made payable directly to the Catholic Appeal. Each year, the Catholic Appeal provides the faithful with a way to help support the ministries that support our parishes, our schools, and our communities. This is our Church, and every gift makes a difference. Please consider making your gift today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your gift has an immediate impact on our parish and the work of our Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **Pledges to date: \$1,625.**

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6

4:00 pm

Sunday, March 7

8:30 am

11:00 am

Monday, March 8

9:00 am

Tuesday, March 9

9:00 am

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 am

Thursday, March 11

9:00 am

Friday, March 12

9:00 am

Saturday, March 13

4:00 pm

Sunday, March 14

8:30 am

11:00 am

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Family

Third Sunday of Lent

Mary Hadley Donre, by the Louf Family

My Loving Husband Rosie, by Loving Wife Grace

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Saint Frances of Rome

Doug Melanson, 8th Anniversary, by a Friend of the Family

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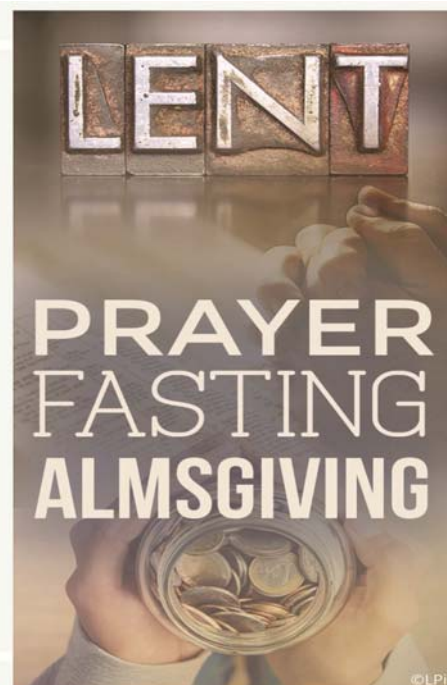
Parish Family

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Rita Pelletier, by her Will

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Parish Family

Catalino R. Dinglasan, Flaviano and Adelaida
Dinglasan, Mario Dinglasan, and Magdaleno
Dinglasan, by the Family

REFLECT

FIRST READING

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

GOSPEL READING

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

SUNDAY March 7	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25
MONDAY March 8	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY March 9	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY March 10	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY March 11	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY March 12	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY March 13	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
SUNDAY March 14	Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Ste. Anne's Grand Annual

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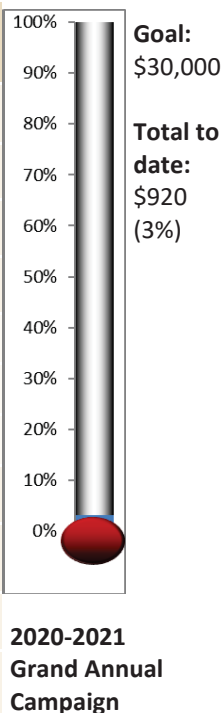
It has been four months since the start of the 2020/2021 Grand Annual Campaign. To date, we have raised **\$920** toward our goal of **\$30,000 or 3%**. A heartfelt "Thank you" to those who have contributed to the Grand Annual. The proceeds of the Grand Annual are used to supplement the Offertory collection and offset operating expenses, including maintenance and repair. During this Holy Season of Lent, which time our Christian tradition calls our attention to the three pious exercises of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, please consider making a pledge to contribute, or make a contribution to the 2020/2021 Grand Annual Campaign. In the past, we have asked for a contribution of \$300 or more from each family. We are living in unprecedented times and for many \$300 may be unattainable. However, please consider pledging an amount that will work within your budget. Your thoughtful consideration is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ Jesus and Blessed Mother Mary,
Fr. Maurice

FINANCIAL UPDATE - SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Your financial support of the parish pays for utilities, staff and clergy salaries, property maintenance, supplies, and supports our parish ministries. Everything we do as a parish relies on the offertory collections and other donations. Your continuing generous and sacrificial giving will assist your parish to provide for your spiritual needs and to serve the wider community. **Merci and Thank You!**

Collection for Weekend of 2/28/21	Collection	Online Giving	
Offertory	\$2,426	\$270	
Sacramentals	\$345		
Gifts & Bequests	\$250		
Maintenance/Repairs/Fuel	\$65	\$45	
Shrines/Candles/Flowers	\$75		
Utility	\$45		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$92	\$20	
Catholic Charities*	\$40		
Fr. B Memorial Fund	\$25		
Good Friday	\$5		
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust (Easter)	\$50		
Churches in Latin America	\$10		
Church Around the World	\$658		
Catholic Relief Services**	\$10		
John Tanyi, Seminarian	\$95		
Confirmation (Free Will Offering)	\$32		
Special Diocesan	\$5		
Religious Education		\$20	
Totals	\$4,228	\$355	
Grand Total	\$4,583		



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For the Military: Jason Boyle, Nicholas Budka, Sean Patrick Mautone, Keith Lovely, David Irwin, K. Ryan McKinley, Michael Angers

For God's protection for all of God's children, for the health and safety of everyone during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For all the deceased members of our parish.

For our parish community and its needs, that we would open ourselves to the transforming message of the gospel and heed the call of Christ.

For the conversion of our hearts and minds during this Lenten season, that we would strive to imitate our Lord and the blessed Virgin Mary.

For Priests and Seminarians:

Saturday - Fr. William Palardy and Francis Trewin
 Sunday - Fr. Paul Sughrue and Maxwell Chukwudiebere
 Monday - Fr. John Connelly and Paul Born
 Tuesday - Fr. Corey Bassett-Tirrell and William Foley
 Wednesday - Fr. Sinisa Ubiparipovic and Javier Padilla
 Thursday - Fr. Jason Makos and Andre John Rondelli
 Friday - Fr. John Sheridan and Peter Schirripa
 Saturday - Fr. Thomas Rossi and Jeremy Wagner



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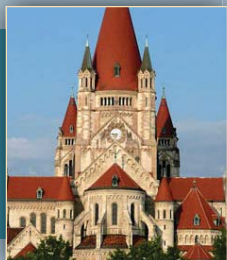


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