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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday

Monday-Saturday: 8:00am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
First Friday: 7:00 pm

Weekend

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Youth Mass

Every 2nd and 4th Sundays
at 5:00 pm

Spanish Mass

Every 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Indonesian Mass

Every 3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Exposition and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday after the end of
8:00 am Mass to noon
(except First Friday)

— SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 —



From the desk of Fr. Ben

Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks with strong conviction: "I have come to set the earth on fire... Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, but rather division."



"Fire!" It is a powerful symbol. Fire strengthens us, just as we place pots over flames to make them durable. It has the ability to soften materials; when iron is heated, it becomes red and malleable. It illuminates our surroundings, whether through candles, kerosene lamps, or electric bulbs.

Fire also brings relief from pain: when you have a sprain, the warmth can soothe discomfort. Yet, we must remember to respect its power, for fire can also destroy.

The message of Jesus is like fire; it transforms, purifies, and refines us, nurturing our loyalty to Him.

Christianity is about loyalty. It is more than just a belief; it is faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It compels us to live according to His life, teachings, and the sacrifice He made on the cross. Our faith is not like a garment we discard when it no longer fits; it is a way of life, a constant commitment we express through our actions.

Are we truly loyal to Jesus Christ? We live in an era dominated by secularism and materialism, where instant gratification reigns. The market is overflowing with quick fixes—instant coffee, instant meals, even instant family, all often without the blessing of traditional values.

Seeking instant solutions can mislead us into believing in instant salvation. We can easily detach ourselves from the challenging commitments and sacrifices faith requires.

Are we loyal to Christ? I have seen that people sometimes appear apprehensive around me, saying, "Keep quiet, Father will get angry." A priest embodies Christ, especially during the sacraments. Even if a priest falters in morality, the sacraments remain valid and grace-filled. Perhaps our fear stems from the reminder of our loyalty to Jesus and our own shortcomings.

Are we faithful to Him? Like Jesus, who openly denounced the evils of His time, we too must speak out. Yet, when church leaders address injustice, corruption, poverty, and inequality, many argue that priests should keep politics separate from faith. They claim the Church should focus solely on the spiritual. If that's true, we might as well leave our bodies outside the church when we pray. But we know that's impossible; we cannot ignore the world's realities. Jesus took a stand against societal evils; are we following in His footsteps?

It's essential to recognize that socio-economic, cultural, and political issues carry moral weight. When morality is at stake, the Church has a duty to speak out with courage and conviction. "I did not bring peace on earth... but rather division."

With every blessing,

Fr. Ben

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation **Saturdays at 3:30 PM**
Please proceed to the reconciliation room in the church or call the Rectory Office for appointment.

Baptism **Monthly**
We offer the Rite of Baptism for Infants monthly (except during the Lenten season). Please visit www.saintannecatholic.org/baptism for all information. Registration must be made with the Parish Office. Space is limited on a first come per served basis.

Christian Burial **At Need**
Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Mortuary first. Due to the current State and County Health Orders, restrictions may apply. Our clergy are available to celebrate Vigil services as well.

Holy Matrimony **Varies**
Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your wedding date to begin the marriage preparation required by the Diocese of Oakland. Due to the current State and County Health Orders, restrictions may apply.

Holy Orders **By Call**
Is God calling you to the Priesthood, Diaconate, or Religious Life? God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.
Call us today to setup a discussion with one of our clergy where you can continue discerning God's call.

Holy Communion **Ongoing**
We have a few programs available for those who have not yet received their First Eucharist. Please see our Faith Formation sections for more information.

Confirmation **Ongoing**
We have a few programs available for those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please see our Faith Formation sections for more information.

Anointing of the Sick **Request**
If you or someone you know are in need of receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call our parish office to schedule.

Hours of Operation

Parish Office

Phone calls and in person visits (outside counter)
Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Please ring the red bell for service.
Come visit us for Mass Intentions, Votive Candles ,etc.
We look forward to seeing you!

New to Saint Anne?

Welcome! To register, please visit our Parish Office or register online at www.saintannecatholic.org

We are here to serve you!

Our Parish Vision

Patterned in the spirituality of Saint Anne, we aspire to be an all-embracing, Christ-centered Catholic community fostering collaboration, cooperation, and communion with each other.

Our Parish Mission

We, the people of Saint Anne Parish are called to be witness of our Catholic Faith.

- We are called to faithfully listen, live, and grow in our understanding; and evangelize the message of Jesus.
- United, we gather together to ensure that our Eucharistic celebrations are welcoming, vibrant and meaningful.
- We uphold the dignity of the human person, the importance of family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Christ.
- By virtue of our common priesthood through Baptism, we carry out our missionary endeavor to share the gifts God has given us to the homeless, hungry, and underprivileged In our community.

Our Parish Prayer

Loving and eternal God, we gather in thanksgiving as your people of Saint Anne Parish, listening to your word and celebrating the presence of your Son, Jesus, in the bread and wine we share. Teach us to love and serve each other as Jesus loved and served us. Guide us with the Holy Spirit so that we may become worthy to be one in the Body of Christ. Amen.

The Word of the Lord Weekly

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

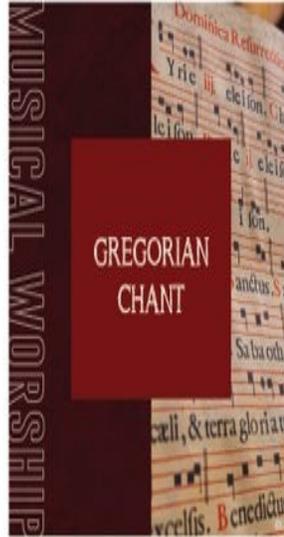
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope
Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.

Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,
In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

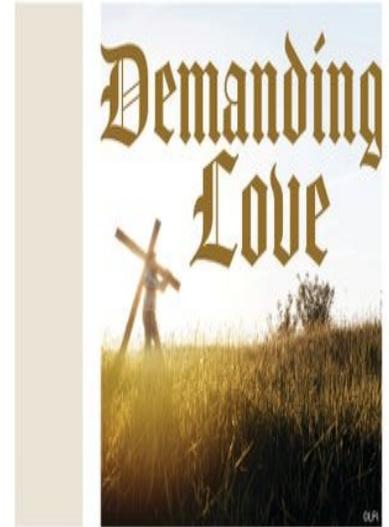
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week.

"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

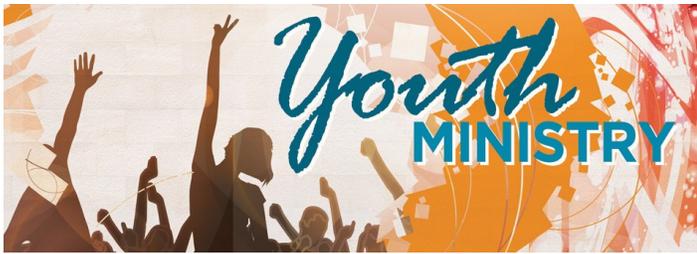
How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

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Nurturing the Faith for All Ages



Saint Anne High School Youth Ministry 2025-2026

The St. Anne Youth Ministry 2025-2026 program is preparing for our classes to start in the Fall on September 15, 2025. Youth

Ministry registrations will be available on the Youth Ministry link on the Parish website: <https://saintannecatholic.org/ym> If you'd like to pick up a registration form they available at the Parish Office. Just a reminder, the Youth Ministry program is considered the first year of the two-year preparation for Confirmation program.

August 17, 2025 • 20th Week in Ordinary Time

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. It is a moving and amazing event. Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul. She offers hope of the Resurrection and life after death to all believers. Hope is very important in our lives. It helps us through times that are tough, it helps us grow and change and to accept challenges, changes, and the unknown. Your challenge this week is to take some time to pray about how you can offer hope to someone who really needs it. It may be a family member, a friend, someone with a serious illness or depression, or even a stranger, but find a way! © Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center / www.pastoral.center. All rights reserved.

2024-2025 SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION CCD

2025-2026

Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Continuing Catholic Education.

(Grades 1- 8)

1st Communion Registration is Open

Class start September, 2025
Sign up Online: saintannecatholic.org/cff

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AUGUST 11 - 17, 2025

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



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FOR BOYS BASKETBALL →

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Art & Environment Group Flower Fund

We are accepting all year round monetary donations for floral arrangements or potted green plants to beautify our church sanctuary. You may drop off your donation at the Parish Office or send by mail. Thank you!!

Come Join
St. Anne's
Children's Choir
First Sundays of the Month at 5pm
Second Saturdays of the Month at 5pm

REHEARSALS
One hour before Mass starts
(YouTube video links emailed a week before scheduled Mass)

For more information :
SYBIL PAULE
sighbill@gmail.com

Prayer Corner



August 16, 2025 - August 23, 2025

Saturday, August 16

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, August 17

8:00 am † Lourdes Santos

10:00 am † Anthony Co

12:00 pm † Florencio Benitez

5:00pm † Edward Ledda

Monday, August 18

8:00 am Gonzales Family - Spe. Int.

Tuesday, August 19

8:00 am Caeden Calangi - Spe. Int.

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 am † Theresa Hue Nguyen

7:00 pm † Vern Summerfelt

Thursday, August 21

8:00 am † John Martin Novak

Friday, August 22

8:00 am † Ed Ledda

Saturday, August 23

8:00 am Remy Bundang - Spe. Int.

5:00pm † Crisanto Pagtakhan



We lift up our sick and home bound in prayer:

Betty Ayupan	Marissa Magno	Beatrice Park
Cindy Abapo	Jovita Marquez	Josephine Ramos
Paige Brady	Elaine Martin	Danny Sancho
Mary Campos	Vienvenar Mendoza	Jay Soriano
Veronica Chiong	Malosi Meredith	Deity Trocino
Arlene Doyle	Tomas Miranda	Tomas Valenton
Millette Fulgar	Ricardo Morelos	Norma Veloso
Lita Kayas	Edward Oliva	Roseann Cabrera-
Janet Lacap	Lilia Paule Naguiat	Ward
Ampy Leus		

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO INCLUDE NAMES AND PROVIDE A CONTACT SO OUR MINISTERS CAN FOLLOW-UP. NAMES WILL BE CLEARED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

To request Special Intentions of the Mass, Memorial intentions, intentions for the sick, or intentions for recently deceased, please contact the parish office.

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Stewardship Corner

2025	Plate Collections + Online Giving	Over/ (Under) Weekly Budget of \$15,450.00
06/23-06/29	\$13,660.00	\$(1,790.00)
06/30-07/06	\$17,167.00	\$1,717.90
07/07-07/13	\$14,337.00	\$(1,113.00)
07/14-07/20	\$15,842.00	\$392.00
07/21-07/27	\$15,357.00	\$(93.00)
07/28-08/03	\$15,525.31	\$75.31
08/04-08/10	\$15,634.00	\$184.00



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SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES.

This summer, act generously and experience the joy of giving.

Help sustain our church regardless of the weather. We offer Online Giving as an additional option to strengthen our church's community and support our ongoing mission and ministries. We value this spiritual home, which relies on our **time, talent, and treasure**.

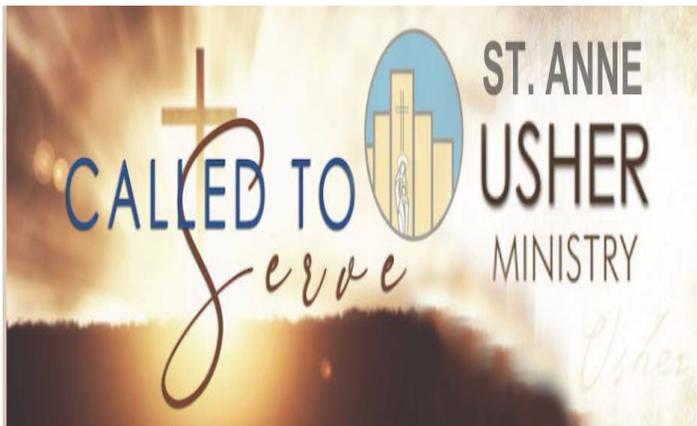
Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.

Visit our church website: saintannecatholic.org today

and click on Donate to sign up and get started.

Called To Serve



Did you know that the ministry of ushers/greeters is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church? In the Old Testament, they were called "gatekeepers."

Their ministry was so important that they were given living quarters in the temple! Here at St. Anne Church, we could use some new volunteers to help out in the usher/greeter ministry. Here are the Mass days and times we need Ushers. You are welcome to help at the Mass you normally attend and as much as your schedule allows.

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm

For questions or to sign up, please contact Ben Benitez at 510-366-4293 or speak with one of our current ushers at Mass. We would love to have you join us!

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VIRTUS Safe Environment Training

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2025-2026 Activities

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 1ST FRIDAY NOVENA WITH SHE MINISTRY. WEAR YOUR RED SHIRT

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 5PM- KNIGHTS CHOIR. REHEARSAL IN RM 103 @ 4PM. WEAR WHITE CHOIR SHIRT

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7P- OFFICER'S MEETING IN RM 104.

EVERY 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7PM - COUNCIL MEETING IN RM 104. WEAR RED SHIRT

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Society of St. Vincent De Paul 510-516-3573

We're inspired by the Gospel to serve our neighbors in need. You're invited to help us! We appreciate contributions through collections, donations on the parish website, or checks and gift cards delivered to the parish office. Maybe you can join us or volunteer for a few hours. The parish website has more information about our ministry:

<https://saintannecatholic.org/st-vincent-de-paul>

August Activities

8/10, Sunday

11:00-1:00: Serve lunches at the St. Vincent de Paul Store.

8/15, Friday

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Set up for the walk-up food distribution.

8/16, Saturday

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Walk-up food distribution

8/22, Friday

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Prepare and deliver food bags for unhoused neighbors.

July Assistance

50 bags of food delivered to unhoused neighbors in camps

120 lunches served at the St. Vincent de Paul Store

58 households (115 people) served by the food distribution in Room 106

\$80 in pantry food (3 people)

\$450 in gift cards (4 people)

\$267 in rent assistance (2 people)



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