

St. Anne Church Union City

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

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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)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE.

LUKE 13:24



From the desk of Fr. Ben

Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's gospel, somebody in the crowd asked Jesus this question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus did not give the number of those who will be saved. He even did not really answer the man's question but he just said: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate..."



In other words, he is answering a more important question, "How can I be saved?" He is also giving a chance to each one of us to avail of the salvation. Anyway God is in charge of final judgment, why do we try to decide who will be saved? We, as disciples of Jesus, must not be judgmental about who we think will go through the narrow gate; our vision of God must be not myopic or parochial. We must see with a wide-angle lens that God's salvation is open to all. God's salvation is unbounded and it reaches out to those whom we may not only distrust but also sometimes even despise.

But how can I be saved? First is Be a Friend of God. There are only two kinds of people in this world: those who are being used by God for His purposes and those who are using God for their own purposes. One is serving God and the other is serving their own desires. And so therefore for us who are trying to become friends of God, let us try to do what is expected of us by God. Let us enjoy this life too that He has given us. Let us live this life to the max. We want to be able to help others as others have been used by God to help us. We are not to live for ourselves but to live for God and respond to His call and purpose.

Let us follow too the advice of our second reading taken from the letter to the Hebrews: "You have also forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as sons: 'My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges. Endure your trials as discipline; God treats you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?'" We should be happy if we experience discipline, trials and scourges, this means we are loved and friends by God.

Remember this too that what others say cannot be the measure of what is ethical, moral or right even if it is legal. The view of the majority is not necessarily the view of God.

Second is Put your Trust in God and walk in His Ways, that is, enter through the narrow door which is He. I got an article some years back about the difference between Winners and Losers. It runs this way:

The Winner is always part of the answer; the Loser is always part of the problem.

The Winner always has a program; the Loser always has an excuse.

The Winner says, "Let me do it for you"; the Loser says, "That is not my job."

The Winner sees an answer for every problem; the Loser sees a problem for every answer

The Winner says, "It may be difficult but it is possible; the Loser says, "It may be possible but it is too difficult."

When a Winner makes a mistake, he says, "I was wrong"; when a Loser makes a mistake, he says, "It wasn't my fault."

A Winner makes a commitment; a Loser makes promises.

Winners have dreams; Losers have schemes.

Winners say, "I must do something; Losers say, "Something must be done."

Winners are part of the team; Losers apart from the team.

Winners see the gain; Losers see the pain.

Winners see the possibilities; Losers see the problems.

Winners believe in win-win; Losers believe for them to win someone has to lose.

Winners see the potential; Losers see the past.

Winners are like thermostats; Losers are like thermometers.

Winners choose what they say; Losers say what they choose.

Winners used hard arguments but soft words; Losers used soft arguments but hard words

Winners stand firm on values but compromise on petty things; Losers stand firm on petty things but compromise on values.

Winners follow the philosophy of empathy: "Don't do to others what you would not want them to do to you"; Losers follow the philosophy: "Do it to others before they do it for you."

Winners make it happen; Losers let it happen.

As I look at this article, winners know the virtue of perseverance, which they gracefully blend with the lessons they learned from their mistakes. They are not necessarily people who have the best of everything but they make the best of everything.

Losers on the other hand, take the path of least resistance. These people might have talent and a lot of skills but their losing attitude gets in the way of success. When the work gets tough, they stop, they quit.

So let us put our trust in God and walk in His ways. Then we will realize that we can do all things through Christ who gives us the strength to enter through the narrow gate.

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:

I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.
(Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

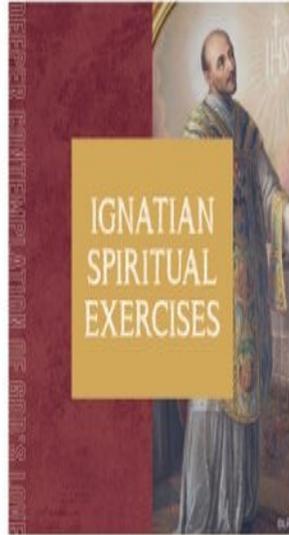
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,"
Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will
not be strong enough." So let us never be
so foolish that we rely on our own strength.
Narrow does not mean unpassable – not if
we ask for help.

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,
Priest
Wednesday: St. Monica
Wednesday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations which are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of His call to discipleship.

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the
narrow gate. Remove from
me anything that distracts
me from You, Your love, Your
invitation, Your mission. Keep
me close to You, familiar at
every step.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10,
11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
(1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

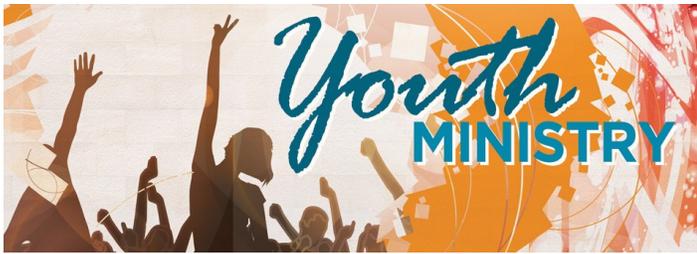
Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— 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.



Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Emmaus Peer Ministry students, who will be commissioned and blessed at the Youth Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Emmaus Peer Ministry 2025-2026



August 24, 2025 • 21st Week in Ordinary Time

As summer comes to an end and with school just around the corner, there may be children in your community who are worried. They may not have the things they need to start the new school year. When we are worried about food, shelter, and other basic life issues, we aren't always capable of doing well in school or succeeding in any of our life endeavors. Your challenge this week is to see if there is something you, your family, friends, or parish community can do to help those children in need. Are there organizations that collect school supplies, clothing, shoes, and backpacks? Do some research and find a way to get involved. © 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



Come Join

St. Anne's

Children's Choir

First Sundays of the Month at 5pm

Second Saturdays of the Month at 5pm

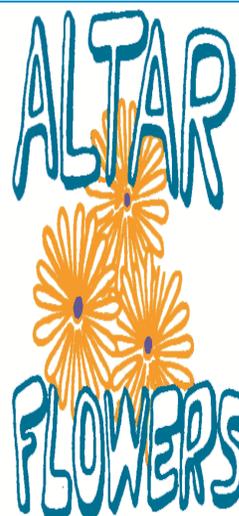
REHEARSALS

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

For more information :

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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!!

Prayer Corner



August 23, 2025 - August 30, 2025

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm † Crisanto Pagtakhan

Sunday, August 24

8:00 am For the People

10:00 am † Teresita Hermosisima

12:00 pm Mericien Venzon - Spe. Int.

5:00pm † Vic & Theresa Mercado

Monday, August 25

8:00 am † Luis Rodrigo, Sr.

Tuesday, August 26

8:00 am † Romeo & Orlando Sarmiento

Wednesday, August 27

8:00 am † Julie Fernandez

7:00 pm † Natividad Mendoza

Thursday, August 28

8:00 am † Augustin Racho, Sr.

Friday, August 29

8:00 am † David Bugay

Saturday, August 30

8:00 am † Salud Felix

5:00pm Julius Jimeno - Spe. Int.



We lift up our sick and home bound in prayer:

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| 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 24, 2025

Stewardship Corner

2025	Plate Collections + Online Giving	Over/ (Under) Weekly Budget of \$15,450.00
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
08/11-08/17	\$17,601.00	\$2,151.00



SHARE THE WARMTH. MAKE AN IMPACT.

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.**

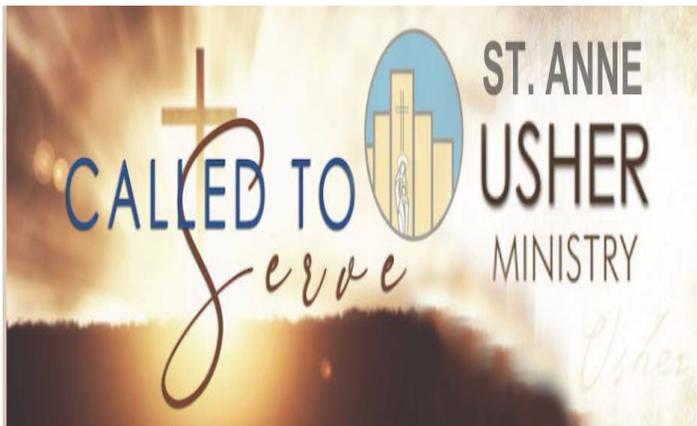
Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

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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DO BE DONE IN

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VIRTUS Safe Environment Training

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Around the Parish



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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

JOIN US!

LEAD, SERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND

WE ARE CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN WHO
WE SHARE A DESIRE TO BE

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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)