

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GO AND TAKE  
THE LOWEST  
**PLACE.**

LUKE 14:10

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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 31, 2025



## *From the desk of Fr. Ben*

Dear Friends in Christ,

**The Synod journey** we are now living is not something new—it is the continuation of a vision that the Church has been discerning since the Second Vatican Council (1962–65). The recent Synod document, *Pathways for the Implementation Phase*, makes this clear: synodality is not an “extra program” but the way of being Church that Vatican II set before us.

The Australian theologian Ormond Rush, who took part in the Synod, expressed it simply: “*Synodality is the Second Vatican Council in a nutshell.*” All the Synod’s work—including the Final Document and these new Pathways—points back to the Council’s teaching on the Church as the **People of God**, united in Christ and called to mission.

To put it another way: **Synodality is the way we continue to receive and live Vatican II.** The Council is not fully implemented everywhere; this Synod is helping us take the next steps in that reception.

At the heart of this vision are the three words that form the Synod’s logo and guide its mission: **communion, participation, mission.**



**Communion** – Vatican II taught that through baptism we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, bound together as one Body.

**Participation** – Every baptized person is called to take part in the life of the Church. Though our vocations and gifts differ, we share co-responsibility for the mission.

**Mission** – The Church exists to proclaim the Gospel, reaching out to all, especially the poor and marginalized, and engaging in dialogue with other Christians, other religions, and society as a whole.

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1. **A way to be Church**—as brothers and sisters in Christ, walking together as the People of God.
2. **A way to work together**—as partners in mission, listening to one another and to the world, and sharing the gifts of our different vocations.

In this light, synodality goes hand in hand with the Council’s great fruits: ecumenism, interreligious dialogue, and the call to a Church that listens and welcomes. It is the way God is calling the Church to be today—more participatory, more missionary, and more faithful to the Gospel entrusted to us.

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](http://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](http://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:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,  
and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:18)

#### Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.  
(Ps 68)

#### Second Reading:

You have not approached that which could be touched  
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18)

#### Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor,"  
Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be  
because of their inability to repay you." Each  
of us has our own banquet to offer, our own  
gifts to share. Who will we invite?

### Observances for the week of August 31, 2025

**Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Wednesday:** St. Gregory the Great, Pope and  
Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents' Day



### Devotions, Explained!

*Imago divina* (Latin for "divine image") is an extension of the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (literally, "divine lesson"). *Imago divina* is, in a sense, praying with one's eyes, using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

### Prayer for Humility

Dear God,  
Mold my heart after Yours.  
Help me to see myself as You  
see me: surrounded by Your  
love. Help me to see others as  
You see them as well. Give me  
knowledge of your ways, today  
and always.  
Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

#### 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

#### Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,  
13/Lk 4:16-30

#### Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/  
Lk 4:31-37

#### Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

#### Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Lk 5:1-11

#### Friday:

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

#### Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

#### Next Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17  
(1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir

# 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 31, 2025 • 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

The powerful Gospel this Sunday has Jesus teaching us to be humble and not seek the best seat in the house. He also wants us to be hospitable to the most marginalized people in our communities. He tells his followers to invite the "poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" to our banquets—in other words, those who can't pay us back. Your challenge this week is to extend an invitation to someone less fortunate than you—to a family barbecue, breakfast, a movie, or just coffee. Go out of your comfort zone and share your own blessings with someone who cannot pay you back. © Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center / [www.pastoral.center](http://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)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Registration  
is Open**

Class start September, 2025

Sign up Online: [saintannecatholic.org/cff](https://saintannecatholic.org/cff)

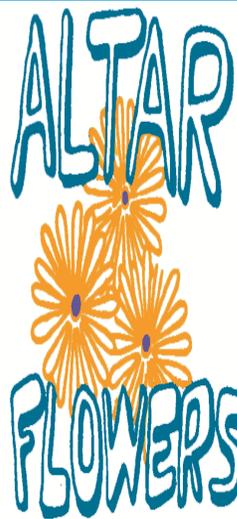
*Come Join*  
St. Anne's  
**Children's Choir**  
First Sundays of the Month at 5pm  
Second Saturdays of the Month at 5pm

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

For more information :  
**SYBIL PAULE**  
[sighbill@gmail.com](mailto:sighbill@gmail.com)



**ALL PARISH OFFICES  
WILL BE  
CLOSED  
ON  
LABOR DAY  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025  
HAVE  
A  
SAFE  
HOLIDAY!**



## 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 30, 2025 - September 6, 2025**

**Saturday, August 30**

5:00 pm Julius Jimeno - Spe. Int.

**Sunday, August 31**

8:00 am † Ramon Timbang

10:00 am For the People

12:00 pm † Melissa Obillo

5:00pm † Efren Macapanpan

**Monday, September 1**

8:00 am A. Castro - Spe. Int.

**Tuesday, September 2**

8:00 am † Raymundo Roque

**Wednesday, September 3**

8:00 am Estelita Vergara - Spe. Int.

7:00 pm † Alberto Pagtakhan

**Thursday, September 4**

8:00 am Yeuk Sut Ho & John Ho - Spe. Int.

**Friday, September 5**

8:00 am † Nuel Veloso

7:00 pm † Roberto Benitez

**Saturday, September 6**

8:00 am † Andres Rafael

5:00pm Misha Venzon - Spe. Int.



*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 31, 2025**

*Stewardship Corner*

	Plate Collections + Online Giving	Over/ (Under) Weekly Budget of \$15,450.00
<b>2025</b>		
<b>07/07-07/13</b>	\$14,337.00	<b>\$(1,113.00)</b>
<b>07/14-07/20</b>	\$15,842.00\$	\$392.00
<b>07/21-07/27</b>	\$15,357.00	<b>\$(93.00)</b>
<b>07/28-08/03</b>	\$15,525.31	\$75.31
<b>08/04-08/10</b>	\$15,634.00	\$184.00
<b>08/11-08/17</b>	\$17,601.00	\$2,151.00
<b>08//18-08/24</b>	\$14,689.00	<b>\$(761.00)</b>



**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](http://saintannecatholic.org) today**

**and click on Donate to sign up and get started.**

## Called To Serve

### ST. ANNE USHER MINISTRY

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!

LET ALL THAT YOU  
DO BE DONE IN

christ



"They anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them" Mk. 6:13

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK ST. ANNE CHURCH**

Every 2nd Friday of the month there will be Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 12:00pm.

Come experience the healing power  
God's unconditional love.

Invite and bring family and friends.



### **S.H.E. MINISTRY**

would like to invite everyone to please join us every First Friday of the month in the church for adoration and prayer from 9:00am to 6:45pm

## **Pastoral Team**

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## **Support Team**

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# Around the Parish



## Knights of Columbus®

### 2025-2026 Activities

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

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

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

EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

**HUSBANDS, FATHERS, BROTHERS, SONS,  
NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS**  
AND PUT CHARITY AND COMMUNITY FIRST

**WE ARE ST. ANNE COUNCIL #8627**  
For inquiries please call, text or email  
ART PASION, Grand Knight  
510-220-5755 or ARTPASIONS@YAHOO.COM

LEARN MORE  
&  
JOIN



CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY *VIVAT JESUS!* JESUS LIVES! SEMPER!



## 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>

### September Activities

#### 9/2, Tuesday

6:00 to 7:00 pm in Room 106: Monthly Meeting

#### 9/12, Friday

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

#### 9/14, Sunday

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

#### 9/19, Friday

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

#### 9/20, Saturday

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

### August Assistance

- 50 bags of food delivered to unhoused neighbors in camps
- 82 lunches served at the St. Vincent de Paul Store
- 89 households (146 people) served by the food distribution in Room 106
- \$205 in pantry food (24 people)
- \$175 in gift cards (4 people)
- \$142 for transportation assistance (10 people)
- \$3,595 in rent assistance (7 people)
- \$1,543 in utilities assistance (3 people)



# SHOP TO SUPPORT



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**VALID DATES**  
AUGUST 1 - 31, 2025

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