

St. Anne Church Union City

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHOSEN

ONES WHO CALL
OUT TO HIM
DAY AND NIGHT.

LUKE 18:7



From the desk of Fr. Ben

Dear Friends,

We live in an age when politics has seeped into nearly every corner of life — our friendships, our families, our churches, and even our sense of identity. It has become the lens through which we interpret almost everything and everyone. What was once a means to serve the common good has too often become a rival religion, complete with its own creeds, enemies, and rituals of outrage.

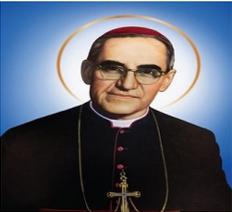
When everything is politicized, truth becomes negotiable, compassion becomes weakness, and unity becomes impossible. We no longer ask, “*What is right?*” but “*Whose side are you on?*” The result is a society marked by division, fear, and cynicism. Sadly, our allegiance to political parties or ideologies sometimes overshadows our deeper belonging to God and to one another.

But as Christians, we are called to be different. Jesus never sought to build a political kingdom or claim power for one nation. He said clearly, “*My kingdom is not of this world*” (John 18:36). The Gospel calls us not to conquest but to conversion — not to domination but to love of neighbor. This leaves no room for the idea of Christian nationalism.

In the Gospel of John, there is a story that speaks directly to this moment — the healing of the man born blind (John 9). Jesus spits on the ground, makes mud, and anoints the man’s eyes. When the man washes in the pool of Siloam, he returns seeing — for the first time in his life. But what follows is even more remarkable: he begins to see not only with his eyes but with his *heart*. He recognizes who Jesus truly is — “*Lord, I believe,*” he says — while others, though they can see physically, remain spiritually blind.

This story is not only about healing; it is about illumination. Faith gives us new sight — to see the world, others, and even ourselves through the light of Christ. Without that light, we risk seeing only through the dim lens of ideology, fear, and self-interest.

History gives us examples of those who let faith illumine their vision in dark times. In the 16th century, England was torn apart by political and religious conflict. At the center of that storm stood **St. Thomas More** — a brilliant lawyer, a devoted husband and father, and a trusted advisor to King Henry VIII. When the king demanded that he take an oath contrary to his conscience and the teachings of the Church, More faced a decision that would cost him everything. Friends urged him to compromise, to bend just a little. But More, guided by faith, saw that no political loyalty could outweigh the call of Christ.



Centuries later, **St. Oscar Romero** lived that same Gospel courage in El Salvador. Surrounded by violence and injustice, Romero refused to take sides. Instead, he chose to stand with the suffering Christ in the poor. “*A faith that does not become culture, that does not become the air we breathe,*” he said, “*is a dead faith.*” His vision of faith cost him his life, yet it continues to awaken consciences around the world.

Jesus said, “*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden*” (Matthew 5:14). Faith, when truly alive, must shine on everything — not just our Sunday worship but our weekday decisions, our conversations, our votes, and our treatment of others.

St. Paul reminds us, “*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind*” (Romans 12:2). To let faith shine means allowing Christ’s light to penetrate every part of our perspective — especially where we are tempted to separate the sacred from the secular, or our beliefs from our actions.

The saints remind us that holiness is not withdrawal from the world, but integrity within it. Their politics were not driven by ideology but by conscience. Their faith was not private sentiment but public witness.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, “*Faith enables reason to do its work more effectively and to see more clearly what is true and good.*” When faith lights our way, we begin to see beyond labels and partisanship. We recognize Christ in those who disagree with us, compassion in those we oppose, and truth that transcends all sides.

True Christianity transcends borders and parties. The Church is not the servant of any nation or ideology — it is the Body of Christ, sent to the whole world. Our mission is not to make nations Christian by law, but to make hearts Christlike by love.

The Gospel this weekend ends with a haunting question from Jesus: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” He wasn’t posing a casual question—it was a piercing challenge. It forces us to look honestly at the world we’re shaping and the hearts we’re cultivating. When faith fades, fear takes its place. When belief in God weakens, ideologies rush in to fill the void, demanding the loyalty that belongs only to Him.

Let us pray that when He comes, He will find in us not a world lost in politics or ideologies, but hearts steadfast in faith—faith that works through love, that endures through trials, and that keeps its eyes fixed on the eternal Kingdom that is not of this world.

Blessings,

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:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,
Israel had the better of the fight,
but when he let his hands rest,
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,
because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known
the sacred Scriptures,
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
- Monday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Thursday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Friday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

The Our Father, also known as The Lord's Prayer, is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Universally beloved in most traditions of Christianity, its words are those of Jesus Christ himself as he answers his disciples' queries on how best to pray.

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,
You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone. Amen.

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93,
94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



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Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— Father John Muir

Nurturing the Faith for All Ages



Saint Anne High School Youth Ministry 2025-2026

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Snacks for sale (\$1/\$2) are available outside the Hall starting at 6:15 p.m. The theme of our meeting will be session two of the Alpha

Youth Series, "Jesus Is..."

It IS NOT too late to register for Youth Ministry. Youth Ministry registration forms 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. **All are welcome!!!**



St. Anne Confirmation Program 2025-2026

St. Anne Confirmation candidates meet next Sunday, October 26 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Youth Mass will follow at 5:00 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT on Halloween!!

St. Anne's needs your car!!! Actually, we're looking for Parishioners willing to decorate their cars on Halloween afternoon, Friday, October 31st. The time commitment is 3:45-6:30 p.m. in the St. Anne Church. This can be a family event! Please consider joining us by signing up to decorate your car. Please contact jeffyalicante@gmail.com or cff@saintannecatholic.org We are also in need of candy donations! If you would like to help and donate a bag of candy, please bring it by the Parish Office or the Youth Ministry Office.

October 19, 2025 • 29th Week in Ordinary Time

On October 18, we celebrate the feast of Saint Luke, one of the four evangelists. The Gospel of Luke is sometimes nicknamed the "Justice Gospel" because Luke has so many stories of Jesus reaching out to those who were victims of injustice in their society. Perhaps this was partially due to Luke's own experience as a healer. Luke wrote his Gospel to help us understand that Jesus was and is a universal savior—for everyone, everywhere. Your challenge this week is to spend time each day with Luke's Gospel. Find a chapter (or at least a story or teaching in a chapter) which deals with justice, then reflect on and discuss as a family how you can apply the message which the passage teaches in your life today. © Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center / www.pastoral.center. All rights reserved.

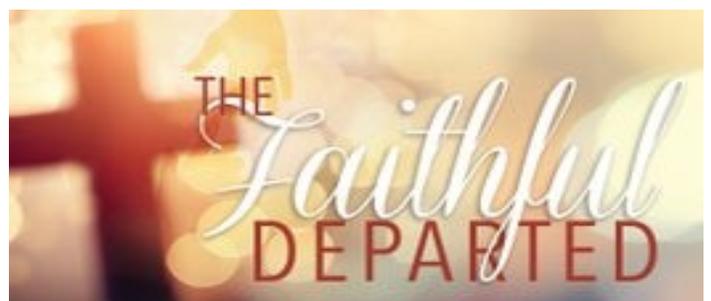
**SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION CCD
2025-2026**
**Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion &
Continuing Catholic Education.
(Grades 1- 8)**

Registration is closing soon!
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 :
SYBIL PAULE
sighbill@gmail.com



COMMEMORATE OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Please join us on **November 1, 2025 @ 10:00 am** for our annual mass of remembrance of our faithful departed loved ones especially those who died from November 2024 to October 2025.

Prayer Corner



October 18, 2025 - October 25, 2025

Saturday, October 18

5:00 pm † Corazon Guiao

Sunday, October 19

8:00 am † Rosario Hidalgo

10:00 am Beverly Contreras - Spe. Int.

12:00 pm † Msgr. Jaime "Jun" Zurbano

5:00pm For the People

Monday, October 20

8:00 am † Evelina Cala

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 am Neil & Nini Batallones - Spe. Int.

Wednesday, October 22

8:00 am † Stanley Dietcher

7:00 pm † Jose Marie Ascano

Thursday, October 23

8:00 am Neena Batallones - Spe. Int.

Friday, October 24

8:00 am † Reynald "Ron" Leary

Saturday, October 25

8:00 am † Francisco Rayandayan

5:00pm For the People



We lift up our sick and home bound in prayer:

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| Rolly Apostol | Janet Lacap | Beatrice Park |
| Cindy Abapo | Ampy Leus | Josephine Ramos |
| Crismarie Agbayani | MariSSa Magno | Danny Sancho |
| Jose Caluya | Jovita Marquez | Jay Soriano |
| Paige Brady | Elaine Martin | Deity Trocino |
| Mary Campos | Vienvenar Mendoza | Tomas Valenton |
| Pacita Castillo | Malosi Meredith | Norma Veloso |
| Veronica Chiong | Tomas Miranda | Roseann Cabrera- |
| Arlene Doyle | Ricardo Morelos | Ward |
| Millette Fulgar | | |
| Lita Kayas | | |

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, October 19, 2025

Stewardship Corner

	Plate Collections + Online Giving	Over/ (Under) Weekly Budget of \$15,450.00
2025		
08/25-08/31	\$13,141.57	\$(2,308.43)
09/01-09/07	\$17,357.00	\$1,907.00
09/08-09/14	\$15,129.00	\$(321.00)
09/15-09/21	\$14,858.00	\$(592.00)
09/22-09/28	\$14,169.00	\$(1,281.00)
09/29-10/05	\$17,170.00	\$1,720.00
10/06-10/12	\$15,833.00	\$383.00



SHARE THE WARMTH. MAKE AN IMPACT.

SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES.

This fall/winter, 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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All those who minister (volunteers, employees, and clergy) in the Diocese of Oakland are required to complete the Safe Environment Training. The training is mandatory-first before starting work or volunteering and then every three years thereafter. Please check your email if you are due to retrain. Visit <https://oakdiocese.org/safe-environment> or existing login and / or new volunteer registration.

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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

HUSBANDS, FATHERS, BROTHERS, SONS,
NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS
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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>

October Activities

10/6, Monday

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

10/10, Friday

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

10/12, Sunday

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

10/17, Friday

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

10/18, Saturday

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

September Assistance

- 108 lunches served at the St. Vincent de Paul Store
- 82 households (205 people) served by the food distribution in Room 106
- \$170 in pantry food (5 people)
- \$440 in gift cards (4 people)
- \$250 for transportation assistance (2 people)
- \$450 in rent assistance (1 person)



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CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (BCLP)

OCTOBER 25, NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 2025 (4 SATURDAYS)

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROOM 104/105
32223 CABELLO ST., UNION CITY, CA 94587

Please Contact:

MEL BRACEROS : 650 303 3088
FELIX BAYANI : 925 451 8623



REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



November 13, 2025
6:30 PM



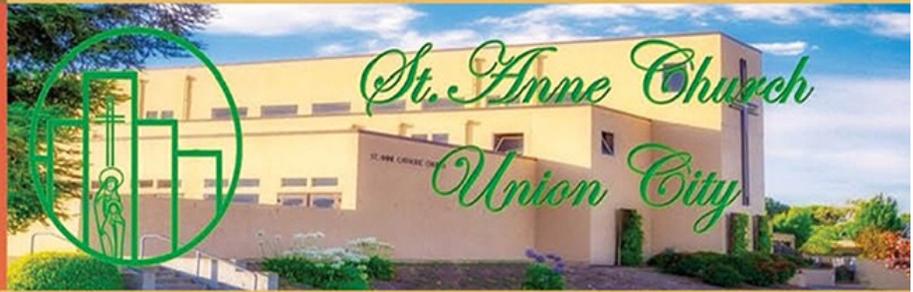
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Day of Recollection in the Jubilee Year of Hope

“The Door of Hope is Always Open”

YOUTH AND ADULT DAY WITH JESUS

St. Anne Catholic Church
32223 Cabello St., Union City, CA 94587

Saturday, November 15, 2025
8:30am - 4:00pm



Dynamic Speakers Healing Confession Adoration



Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC
We want to see Jesus



Fr. Stan Fortuna C.F.R
We are not left alone



Fr. Benedict Wonganant
I am the vine; you are
the branches

Adult Registration Fee: \$25.00 ■ **Youth: Ages 0-18 are free**

Please make check payable to St. Anne Catholic Church, memo line should indicate for Spiritual Journey event
We encourage online payments

To register online please scan the QR code or click on this link:

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintannecatholic/forms/a-day-of-recollection-november-15-2025>

Please register early (on or before November 4, 2025) to reserve a free lunch.

Also, the St. Anne Church has limited seating capacity.

For more information: Please call: Office: 510.471.7766 or 510.386.7737 or 510.449.1350





A DAY OF REFLECTION SCHEDULE



7:00 am Check-In & Light Breakfast (At the Hall)

At the Church

9:00 am First Talk: I am the vine; you are the branches

*Fr. Benedict Wonganant

9:30 am Break

9:45 am Second Talk: We Are Not Left Alone

*Fr. Stan Fortuna, C.F.R.

10:45 am Break

11:00 pm Holy Mass – Fr. Stan Fortuna

12:00 pm Lunch Break (Boxed lunch provided)

Confession

1:00 pm Talk 3: We Want To See Jesus

*Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC.

1:45 pm Love Offering for Our Beloved Priests (Speakers)

2:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Healing Session (Pray Over by Group)

*Fr. Michael Barry

At the Hall – Youth Talk

8:30 am First Talk: 1000 Often

Frustrated Ways

*Fr. Stan Fortuna, C.F.R.

9:30 am Break

10:00 am Second Talk: I am the vine; you are the branches

*Fr. Benedict Wonganant

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Holy Mass at the Church

*Fr. Stan Fortuna

12:00 pm Lunch Break (Boxed lunch provided)

Confession

1:00 pm Second Talk: Our Entire Task In this Life

*Fr. Stan Fortuna

1:45 pm At the Church

Jeremiah 33:6 I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security

SPEAKERS BIO

Fr. Michel Barry, SS.CC., was the former Director of the Charismatic Renewal Center for the Diocese of San Bernardino. Fr. Barry is a charismatic priest, best known for his healing ministries, primarily through Retreats, Healing Masses, Healing The Family Tree, Inner Healing, and Spiritual Direction. He feels a special call to the Inner Healing of the person. He was born and raised in Cork, Ireland. A Queen of Peace Seminary graduate, Fr. Barry was ordained a member of the Congregation of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC.) on June 14, 1964. After earning his Master of Arts in Theology from the Catholic University of America, Fr. Barry spent many of his early years working in education. He held several teaching positions at Catholic schools throughout the country—a priest and member of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary for over 50 years. Fr. Barry served as the provincial for his congregation's western province in the United States when Pope John Paul II granted him the Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia Award. Father Barry is the Founder, President, and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Mary's Mercy Center. His vision for outreach to the Poor and Less Fortunate began in 1987 with Mary's Table. Over time, Fr. Barry grew the ministry to include Veronica's Home of Mercy and Mary's Village. Today, Mary's Mercy Center is a living testament to Fr. Barry's lifelong commitment to the Gospel's teachings: "Blessed are the Poor." Mt 5:3.

Fr. Stan Fortuna C.F.R., a Roman Catholic priest ordained on December 8, 1990, is one of the eight founding members of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (an order established in the Archdiocese of New York under the jurisdiction of John Cardinal O'Connor in 1987). Prior to his conversion, Fr. Stan was a professional jazz musician who studied with the legendary Lennie Tristano (the 'father of improvisational jazz'). Fr. Stan has since independently released over twenty one (21) CD's in various genres as well as DVDs and books. Assigned to the work of preaching full-time, Fr. Stan travels extensively across the country and around the world celebrating Mass, giving talks, leading pilgrimages and performing concerts with proceeds from bookings and sales going directly towards CFR hands-on work with poor and underprivileged families.

Fr. Benedict Wonganant was born in Thailand and immigrated to the United States in 2007. Ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Oakland in 2013. He has been serving as the pastor of St. Anne since February 2025, where he continues to minister with dedication and compassion to the St. Anne community, Union City.

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