

Pastoral Staff

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Welcome and Registration

Welcome to all who worship with us today! May the Lord bless you! If you would like to register with our Parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

Memorial Donations: Please keep our love for the parish alive: when recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Ann Parish.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight – Dan Marranca dannymarranca@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Collection held first Sunday of the month.

Parish Schools

St. Ann's	905.523.2340
St. Joachim's	905.523.2341
Holy Name of Mary	905.523.2342
Immaculate Conception	905.523.2463
Bishop Tonnos Secondary	902.523.2331

St. Ann's Parish

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<u>The Lord's Day Masses</u> Saturday 5:00p.m.; Sunday 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday7:00 p.m.Wednesday—Friday8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.Saturday4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

 Monday
 8:30
 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

 Tuesday to Thursday
 8:30
 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

 Friday
 8:30
 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

<u>Baptism</u>

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually requested.

Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request. Please call the parish office.

Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Advent - (December 24, 2023)

Monday, December 25th – See Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 26th – NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27th

8:00 a.m. **†** Andrzej Osuchowski Intentions of Diana & Gerry Rich Intentions of Cathy Munro & Family

Thursday, December 28th 8:00 a.m. **†** Andrew & Elizabeth Totok

Friday, December 29th 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of our Parish

Saturday, December 30th – The Feast of the Holy Family

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Advent

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the	
	Lord)	
Tuesday	Chancery Staff	
Wednesday	Congregation of the Sisters of St.	
	Anne (s.s.a.)	
Thursday	The Holy Innocents	
Friday	Rev. Edward Hinsperger	
Saturday	Rev. Philip Cook	
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God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

ST. ANN, PRAY FOR US

CHRISTMAS THANK-YOU

At this time of the year we reflect on how fortunate we are here at Saint Ann's to have such a vibrant community of parishioners and so many volunteers that makes doing Ministry such a joy. From our gardeners; liturgical ministers; ministers of hospitality to our valued musicians and church decorators and all those in between, we offer a heartfelt thank you for all your time and commitment to life here at St Ann's.

All of you give your gift of time and prayer to the ongoing work of the Pastoral Team and for that we are very grateful.

When we look around our church we see the ever changing face of Jesus: in the smiles on the faces of young people attending our Children's Liturgy and Children's Choir to the warm welcome offered to all as they gather each Sunday for Mass, we see a welcoming community, ever growing in a rich diversity that we all benefit from each day.

As we stop to give thanks to God for each of you, we suggest that we take the time to thank God for the most amazing, unexpected gift of Christmas: Jesus.

This beautiful heartfelt prayer from Martin Luther enables us to lift words of praise and thanksgiving for the joy and peace that Immanuel, God with us, brings. Let's make room in our hearts for Him.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, make thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy doth leap, my lips no more can silence keep, I too must sing, with joyful tongue, that sweetest ancient song.

Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto man His Son hath given, while angels sing with pious mirth, a glad new year to all the earth! Amen

When the festivities end, the family and friends return home, and all the decorations removed, we may think it is time to put Christmas away too...at least until next year. But that is when the "real work of" Christmas should begin. The work of taking the hope and joy that Jesus brings and using it to heal the broken, provide for the needy, bring peace to our communities, and share light in the darkness. After Christmas is over, the real work of the season begins!

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say here in St. Ann's Parish.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

Have a Blessed Christmas Season, The Pastoral Team



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th

Children's Christmas Pageant 4:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Mass 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Mass9:00 a.m.Christmas Mass11:00 a.m.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30^{тн} 5:00 р.m. **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st** 9:00 а.m. & 11:00 а.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31st 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

December 25 – January 1 Closed

Regular office hours begin again January 3, 2024.



ST ANN'S CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Family Mass: Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm We invite all families with young children to join us for a special family Mass on December 24th at 5:00 pm. Children from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 6 are participating in the telling of the Christmas Story.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. As Catholics we are required to attend Mass for this Feast. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday December 31st at 5pm and Monday January 1st at 9am and 11am. All are welcome to come and show their love for the Holy Mother of God.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 Offering envelopes are ready for pick in the Parish Centre. *Please do not use old envelopes of any kind as your number may have changed. Please only use new 2024 envelopes.*

THANK YOU

On behalf of Father Peter and the parish staff, we wish to offer thanks to all who sent cards, goodies and gifts to the rectory for Christmas. We truly appreciate your kindness and support. May God grant you His most abundant blessings in 2024!

Happy New Year!