

**Gospel Meditation**  
**John 20: 19-31**

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the



Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins

you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to

experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.  
— Father John Muir

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading:** Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

**Psalms:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

**Second Reading:** When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

**Gospel:** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

**Online Giving**

**"Save Time and Donate Online!"**

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit [mountaincatholic.org](http://mountaincatholic.org) and click on the Online Giving tab on the upper right side. Please call our parish office or email [dave.esquer@gmail.com](mailto:dave.esquer@gmail.com). with questions.



**Bake Sale!**

The Columbiettes will have a BAKE SALE the first Saturday of May (3rd). Please support our Church and bake or buy a yummy dessert.

**Yard Sale!**

St. Anne in the Mountain will be having a **YARD SALE on May 23, 24, 25, 2025** from

8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. There's still time to donate your gently used items. We would like to thank the people that have already donated.

**Diocese Development Fund (DDF)**  
PLEASE don't forget to donate to the DDF. There are envelopes in the back of the Church.

**St. Anne CLEANUP DAY!**

**June 7, 2025** will be clean up day for St. Anne in the Mountains between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Please come and help clean up around the facility. Bring racks, shovels and anything extra you can share with others. Can't wait to see you there. Thank you for your support!

**Painting Fund**

Thanks to you, the church painting is complete. However, the men and women's shower house needs new painting. We hope to complete the painting of the facility in the fall. We humbly ask for your participation in these projects by donating either online or physically at Mass. On the church website, click on the St. Anne On-Line Giving tab. It will take you to the **Painting Fund link**. Thank you for your support!



**Pope Francis Biography**

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as



Francine Coyne	Kalie Milika'a	Melanie Hopkins
Patty Lowdermilk	Tom Lang	Marie Aquino
Charlotte Stone		
If you know of anyone who needs our prayers or anyone whose name can be removed from our prayer list please submit their name.		

Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the



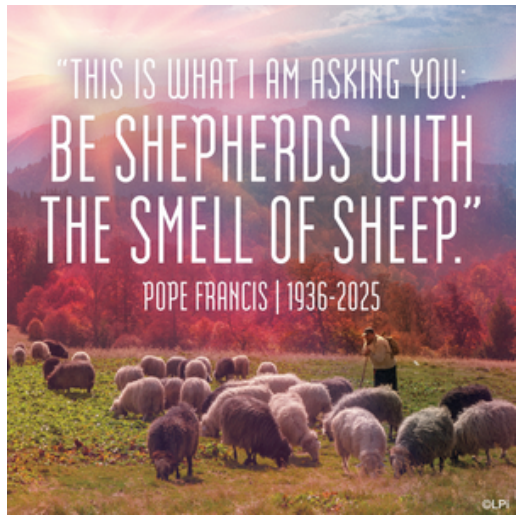
seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the

Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a "poor Church for the poor," interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on

compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.



**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Peace and well being to you and your families!**

Today, we have received the sad news of the passing of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis. Let us, in our local Church, yet united with all believers around the world as the Body of Christ, lift up our prayers for his eternal rest. This holy man of God, successor to the throne of St. Peter, is now in the arms of our Lord, whom he loved so dearly. In the days to come we will continue to pray for our Pope Francis, and we will reflect on his beautiful legacy as the shepherd of our Universal Church. He called us to go out to the margins of society to listen to the wounded ones, the poor and disenfranchised, to welcome all of them in the Church. Among many other things, he alerted us in a

special way through his encyclical letter Laudato Si to the perilous condition of the earth and our responsibility to care for all of God’s creation. The papacy of Pope Francis was marked by his humility. He truly modeled the servant leadership of the Lord Jesus. In reintroducing the idea of Synodality to the Church, he invited us to listen to one another, and to journey together, sharing in the leadership and mission of the Church. He was a free man who was not afraid to speak to us plainly about the need to change old processes, systems and thought patterns that he believed had taken us away from the Gospel. We give thanks to God for the fresh and revolutionary spirit of our Holy father Pope Francis!

Now is also a time for us to lift up our prayers for our Mother Church and for those in the Conclave who will soon begin the sacred process of electing our next shepherd. We trust in the wisdom and the providence of the Holy Spirit, who has always guided us in these moments of mourning and uncertainty. *Eternal rest grant unto Him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen!*

— Bishop Alberto Rojas

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**Parish Registration:** Please call parish office. If you move or change your address, please notify the Parish Office at 867-2832.

**Mass Schedule:** Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Confession at 3:30 *before* Mass.

For all Sacraments, Sacramental preparation, and Religious Education, please call Our Lady of the Lake at (909) 337-2333.

**Church Website**

<http://mountaincatholic.org>



**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnneinthemountainsChurchandretreatcenter/>

**Knights of Columbus**

Contact: Ron Hartt

**Family Assistance Program**

Directors: TBD, please call the church office.  
Food Program, 3rd Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**Visitors to the Sick**

CeCe & Ron Hartt

**Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 27, 2025  
Mission Statement**

It is the desire of St. Anne Christian Community always to be a reflection of the beauty which surrounds us. In the true spirit of the gospel, we will strive to dedicate ourselves to the service of others.

May we never miss the opportunity to extend a kindness -- remembering always that what we do for another we do for Christ.

May we never knowingly contribute to the suffering in the world -- but rather, always be a positive force in each life we touch.

May we freely share our joys and sorrows with one another, thus strengthening the bonds of our friendships, and enriching our lives.

May all our actions be aimed at bringing others closer to God.

May the welcome we extend to visitors make them truly aware of our love for them – for there is no such thing as a stranger, but only a friend we haven't met as yet.

