

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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December 2, 2007— First Sunday of Advent

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## PARISH MISSION . . .

*"We, the people of St. Anne will . . .*

- *seek unity in our diverse community.*
- *establish a living Church where people practice their faith.*
- *Develop a compassionate communal leadership.*

*. . . To foster and preserve solidarity among God's people."*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays	8:00am
Saturdays	8:00am; 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sundays	8:00 and 10:00 am 12:00 and 6:00 pm
1st Fridays	8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Holy Days	As announced

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm

## Baptism

By Appointment

## Weddings

By Appointment. Call Rectory at least 6 months ahead. Do not set any specific date without conferring with the Priest.

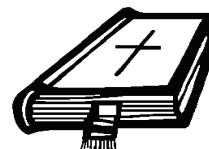
## Funeral Arrangements

Should be arranged by Family, church and Mortuary. Normal Christian Burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. any other arrangements should FIRST be discussed with Parish Priests.

## St. Anne Staff

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
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**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE**  
**CH:CHURCH, SH: SOCIAL HALL, CR: CLASS-**  
**ROOMS, PO: PARISH OFFICE**  
**LO: LITURGY OFFICE**



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Monday, December 3

**8:00 am – Mass, CH**

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

7:30 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103

Tuesday, December 4

**8:00 am – MASS, CH**

4:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH

8:00 pm - 8 am Choir, CH

Wednesday, December 5

**8:00 am – MASS, CH**

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

7:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102

8:00 pm - Lopez Choir, CR #106

Thursday, December 6

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:45 pm - Unity Choir, CR #105

Friday, December 7

**8:00 am & 7:30 pm – MASS, CH**

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103

7:00 pm - Baptismal Class, SH

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CH

7:30 pm - First Friday Mass, CH

7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR, #106

Saturday, December 8

**8:00 am - IMMACULATE MARY**

9:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

12:00 pm - Memorial Mass CH

4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, Ch

**5:00 pm – MASS, CH**

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 9

**8, 10 am, & 12, 6 pm, MASS, CH**

8:00 am - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

2:00 pm - Columbia Squires, CR #102

4:00 pm - Jr. Legion of Mary, CR #103

**TODAY'S**

**READINGS**

**First Reading** -- All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** -- Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** -- It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** -- Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9;  
Mt 3:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**

December 1, 2007—December 8, 2007

Saturday, December 1

5:00 pm + Candida Gonzaga (Ann.of Birth)

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am + Frank Bettencourt

10:00 + Robert Martin

12:00 pm Aurea Poblete+

6:00 For the People

Monday, December 3

8:00 am Spe.Int.– Mary Ramos

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 am + Osmundo Macasiray

Wednesday, December 5

8:00 am + Marcelo Alvarez

Thursday, December 6

8:00 am + Arcadio & Flora Matela

7:30 pm + Joe Cancilla

Friday, December 7

8:00 am Spe.Int - Lety Serrano

Saturday, December 8—Immaculate Concepcion

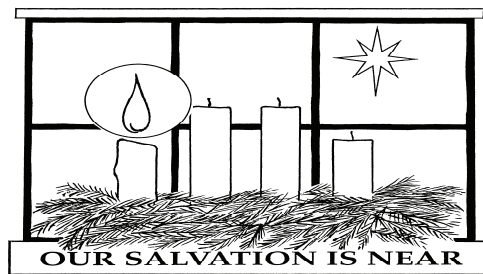
8:00 am Spe.Int - Ken Eidelberg

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2007

“You . . . must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”

— Matthew 24:44



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This Sunday begins the new LITURGICAL YEAR OF ADVENT! The word “advent” comes from a Latin word—adventus – used for the coming of the emperor when visiting a town or a region of his empire. Advent season then is a time of waiting and preparation.

The GIRM or the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar state that the Advent season has twofold character: **it is a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered, and it is a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await for Christ’s Second Coming at the of time.**

We know that Advent is not an easy season to celebrate. This time of joyful expectation is easily overshadowed by Christmas preparations. That’s why we need to make a conscious effort to make this season of waiting a productive one. We know that when we put our mind on it, it can really make a difference in our celebration of the feast of the coming of the Son of Man, the Messiah at Christmas. In our waiting, the Scriptures invite us to be “on guard.”

There are two kinds of waiting. There is the passive waiting and there is the active waiting. **Passive waiting** is when we simply wait for the time to pass, for the weather to change, for the ride to come, for the semester to be over so we can have a break. We wait for letters and phone calls from our families and friends. **Active waiting** is when we become active participants. This is what the Church wants us to do. It means that we need to do a lot of reflecting and change. It is about changing our attitude and doing something in our lives. One way of doing it is to take a moment each day before Christmas to see where we are in our relationship with our family, neighbors and friends. Preparing our heart is most critical in our celebration of the feast of the coming of the Messiah. Our heart must be ready. With this, I must do something to make it happen. What are some of my behaviors that I need to change that are reasons for hurts and pains in my life.

I hope that we won’t ignore this very critical moment of our preparation. As I said before, it is so easy to lose focus and be caught up in the external preparations of the feasts. This is not a time for arrogance and stubbornness. This is a time of humility and openness. And certainly, this is a time for prayer. Our waiting and preparation may call us to spend extra time in prayer. Do not lose sight of this reality! It is the internal preparation that is important. The words of the psalmist remind us that “**no one who waits for him is ever put to shame.**” May God bless you all!

Your servant In Christ,  
Fr. Geoffrey



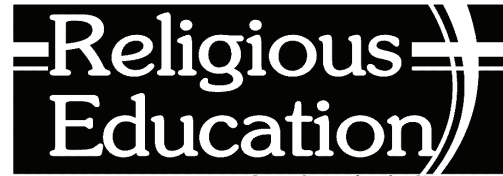
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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Francis Xavier
- Tuesday: St. John of Damascus;  
Hanukkah begins at sunset
- Thursday: St. Nicholas
- Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday;  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

Take a gift tag from the Advent Trees at the church entrances, and purchase an appropriate gift. Attach the gift tag on the wrapped gift and place them in the gift barrels at the church entrances by Sunday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Experience the joy of giving this Holiday Season.



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### St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The theme of our meeting will be: **Advent: Putting Our Hopes into Action.** Next week, December 10<sup>th</sup>, will be the annual Youth Ministry & Confirmation Advent Potluck celebration. We hope to see all the students at this last meeting of 2007!!!

### St. Anne Confirmation Retreat Meeting

All St. Anne Confirmation Candidates and Parents are reminded that there is a retreat information meeting on this afternoon, December 2nd at 2:30 p.m. in the Church. There will be a Confirmation class following the meeting (Parents will be dismissed and students will stay for class). There is no Youth Mass that evening.

### **FREE ADULT FLU VACCINATIONS!**

**Date: Sunday, December 9, 2007**

**Location: St. Anne Parish Hall**

**Time: 8:30 am—2:00 pm**

**Sponsored by**

**Knights of Columbus**

**St. Anne Council #8627**

Flu shots are subject to availability of vaccines and on a first come first-served basis.

### **CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

The Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul are collecting non-perishable foods to make Christmas Baskets for the homeless and low income families. Please bring your donations by December 14th. The Christmas Baskets will be prepared and distributed on December 15th. Also, if you know a family who would need a Christmas Basket, please call the office, leave the family's name and phone number.

### **ATTN: ALL CHOIR MEMBERS**

**MIDNIGHT MASS - DEC. 24.** You are all invited to join the ST. Anne's Choir

for the Christmas Midnight Mass on Dec 24. Practices will be held at the Church every Tuesday starting Nov. 6 from 8:00 - 10:00PM. We are learning new exciting Christmas Carols and Music.

### **Choir Practice**



### **ST ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION (CCD)**

#### First Communion (FC)

REMINDER: All FC Candidates & at least one Parent must attend:

#### **CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**(To be held in the Church)**

Tuesday, Dec 4 – 4:45p-6:00p

Class of Ester Claudio, Mila Abiera, Nilda Cabardo & Lee Ramos

Tuesday, Dec 4 – 6:15p-7:30p

Class of Vangie Marquez, Lou Castro & Belinda Serrano

Saturday, Dec 8 – 9:00a-10:15a

Class of Luisa Lorico, Melinda Dorotheo, Joanna Velasquez & Myrna Garcia

#### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

*Participants must attend at least one of these rehearsals. All rehearsals are in the Church*

Monday, December 10 - 5:00-6:00pm or 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday, December 11 - 5:00-6:00pm or 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, December 12 - 5:00-6:00pm or 6:30-7:30pm

#### FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL

Thursday, December 13 - 6:00p-8:30p - Church

*All Participants must attend Final Rehearsal.*

As we look forward to Christmas, everyone is invited to:

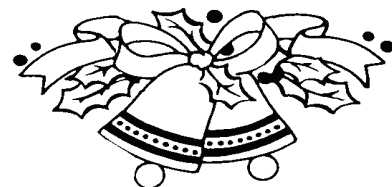
#### ***The Gift of Love.....A Child was Born***

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT and MUSIC**

Friday, December 14 - 7:30 p.m. - Church

This is a collaboration of pageantry and music to be presented by St. Anne School of Faith Formation and St. Anne Music Ministry.

### **Christmas Music**



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December 2, 2007

## Collections

	Nov. 18, 2007	Nov. 25, 2007
Parish Collection	\$8,011.50	\$8,860.30
Building Fund	\$2,298.00	\$1,521.00
Human Development	\$3,054.00	
Thanksgiving (11/22/07)		\$3,831.00
Facilities/Maintenance		\$3,014.00

### FIRST FRIDAY

Please join in Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction every First Friday of the month immediately following the 7:30 First Friday Mass. Please spend time with Jesus at least one hour in silent recognition of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

"The church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

John Paul II

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Join the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church after the **8:00am** and **7:30pm mass, every First Friday** of the month. All are invited to spend an hour or more with the Lord. Tell your family and friends!

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY

#### **Citizenship Services**

Catholic Charities of the East Bay offers citizenship services to residents of Alameda County, including services offered in Spanish and Vietnamese. Trained staff of Catholic Charities will help guide the applicant through the citizenship process, help with completing forms, and assist in attaining other documents. Catholic Charities staff can also make a presentation to your parish about the citizenship process. Please call Sister Elisabeth Lang at 510-768-3106 or Roberto Lemus at 510-768-3120.

### Jazz/Folk Concert Coming to Fremont

Sunday, December 2, at 7:30 pm, featuring Bev Barnett & Greg Newlon. The concert will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church, 37051 Cabrillo Terrace, Fremont. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. For more information, contact Debbie Fuller at 510-770-0439 or logon to [www.saintj.com](http://www.saintj.com).

### PARISH TREE LIGHTING

Come join the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, December 6 at 7:30 pm as they light up the "Parish Tree Lights".



### LOS ANGELES Religious Education Congress, February 29 through March 2

The Religious Education Congress sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Religious Education is the nation's largest annual gathering of Catholics, with over 40,000 in attendance last year. From February 29 through March 2, 2008, the LA Congress will offer 300 sessions, thirteen Eucharistic Liturgies as well as evening prayer, prayer of peace and Lamentation prayer services, over two hundred exhibitors, and free lunchtime and evening concerts ranging from contemporary Christian music to the leading Latino composers and artists. Visit the LA Congress website at [www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org) for more information, to download a registration guidebook, or to request that materials be mailed to you. You may also call 213-637-7348 for recorded information or to request registration materials. A limited number of registrations guidebooks are available through the Department for Evangelization and Catechesis by contacting Jean Evans at 510-267-8357 or [jevans@oakdiocese.org](mailto:jevans@oakdiocese.org).

### Concerned about your marriage?

**Retrouaille**, a lifeline for marriages, is a program that, while Catholic in orientation, is open to all faiths. It is for couples who want their marriage to work. We will provide you with the communication tools that can heal your marriage. Our next weekend in the Oakland/East Bay area is January 11-13, 2008. For reservations or more information, please call Oakland *Retrouaille* at 925-425-5222. Website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Experience a WWME weekend and you will understand the phrase—"A Weekend of Discovery; A Lifetime of Love!" For more information call Terry/Angela at 510-303-9019 or Ray/Roberta at 916-806-4601 or go to <http://oakland.lovemoredeeply.org>. Upcoming weekend: February 1-3, 2008 in Pleasanton. Deadline to register is January 2, 2008.

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<Fr. Geoffrey with words of wisdom.

Fr. Lolo Rick>  
Blessing the food to be shared.



Thanksgiving mass.  
Nov. 22, 2007



Let us pray for everyone.



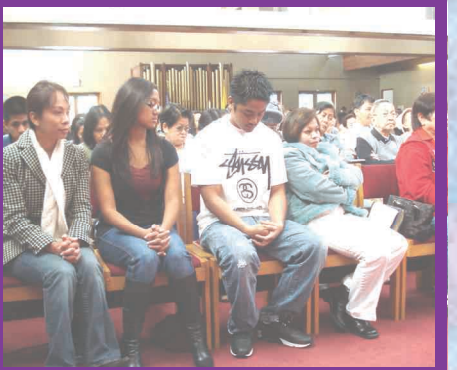
Choir sings with joyful hearts.



Listening to the word of God.^



^In Thanksgiving for a bountiful year!



^Community in prayer.



And the greatest of the commandments is.....love.