

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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## December 9, 2007— Second Sunday of Advent



### 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

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
Fr. Rick Boyle, O.S.M.	Parochial Vicar
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Manny Moya	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
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Zella Yanos	Secretary
Jim Soltau	Youth Minister
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Helen Rojas	Faith Formation Coordinator
Christine Suarez	Faith Form. Office Assistant
Linda Canlas	Pastoral Council Facilitator
Helen Cabiles	Finance Council Chairperson

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

Monday, December 10

**8:00 am – Mass, CH**

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

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

Tuesday, December 11

**8:00 am – MASS, CH**

4:30 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, CH

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

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

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**8:00 am & 7:30 pm – MASS, CH**

8:00 am - Our Lady of Guadalupe, SH

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #105

8:00 pm - Lopez Choir, CR #106

Thursday, December 13

**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 14

**8:00 am – MASS, CH**

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #105

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

6:00 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #104

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, December 15

**8:00 am & 5:00 pm- MASS, CH**

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, SH

11:00 am - Individual User, CR #104

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 16

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

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #105

1:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106

1:30 pm - Lay Carmelites, CR #104

2:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, SH

2:00 pm - Baptisms, CH

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

4:00 pm - Singles for Christ, CR #106

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** -- He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** -- Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** -- Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** -- Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**MASS INTENTIONS**

December 8, 2007—December 15, 2007

Saturday, December 8

5:00 pm Spe.Int - Ken Eidelberg

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am Spe.Int.— Berting Leus (81st Birthday)

10:00 Spe.Int. - Napoleon & Nieves Lezaga  
63rd Wedding Anniversary

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 Spe.Int. - Erica Claudio

Monday, December 10

8:00 am + Kui Ling (Lucy) Cheng (Birth Ann.)

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 am Spe.Int.— Glen

Wednesday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am + Restituta Libiran

7:30 pm Jean Rose

Thursday, December 13

8:00 am + William Mulroy

Friday, December 14

8:00 am + Calixto Agbayani

Saturday, December 15

8:00 am + Lucia Riego De Dios

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2007

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,  
as water covers the sea.

— *Isaiah 11:9*



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## ADVENT REFLECTION

As I write this I'm in preparation for this weekend's Confirmation retreat in Scotts Valley. Each year involves closely watching the weather forecast for the weather prediction and involves some hope that it will be clear...and since we are into the second week of Advent hope is a good thing to have.

Twice in the next week we will have two liturgical celebrations recognizing Mary in the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Focusing on Mary is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves during Advent, just as thousands of years ago she was preparing for the birth of the Child Jesus.

### Mary: Full of Grace

When it comes to talents, some people seem to be loaded. They are intelligent, good-looking, sought after (this sounds like Father Geoffrey talking!!) The rest of us try hard; we sweat, struggle and smile nicely in order to win our way but, for all our efforts, we end up overlooked.

We are like the prince in the fairy-tale who tries every charm in the book to win the heart of the princess. And then she goes off regardless to marry a penniless woodcutter who didn't do anything spectacular to win her favor. The woodcutter is only chosen because of the mysterious preference of the princess' love. And the prince is left wondering why he couldn't earn the love of the princess.

We can't earn someone's love. There's nothing we can do to guarantee another's grace and favor. And this is true of Mary in relation to God. When the angel Gabriel sent by God addressed Mary as "full of grace", he didn't mean that Mary had done something to deserve God's favor. For God's favor was a free gift. And gifts reflect the generosity of the giver - not the worthiness of the receiver.

Mary's title "full of grace" provides the foundation for our belief in her "immaculate conception" which we celebrate on December 8th. Mary was conceived immaculate in the heart of God from the beginning, not because of her goodness but because of God's own goodness.

What a difference, we imagine, between Mary and ourselves. And what a mistake we make! For it is the same God who loves Mary and who loves us. There is no difference between Mary and us. She was singled out to be saved by God, but so are we. She was specially loved by God, but so are we. The difference is that she realized it. We don't. That is why God could be born in her. Why not follow her this Advent?

PEACE!

Jim Soltau



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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
- Monday: International Human Rights Day
- Tuesday: St. Damasus I
- Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Thursday: St. Lucy
- Friday: St. John of the Cross



## 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 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will meet for the last time before Christmas and it will be a potluck dinner!! All Youth Ministry and Confirmation students are invited!! Featured at the celebration will be the slideshows of the Youth Ministry Winter retreat and this weekend's Confirmation retreat!!

**St. Anne Confirmation Retreat**

As the parish gathers for Mass this weekend on the second Sunday of Advent, please remember in your prayers the seventy Confirmation candidates and the Confirmation staff. They are attending the annual Confirmation retreat at Mission Springs Christian Conference Center in Scotts Valley.



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**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

**Choir Practice**



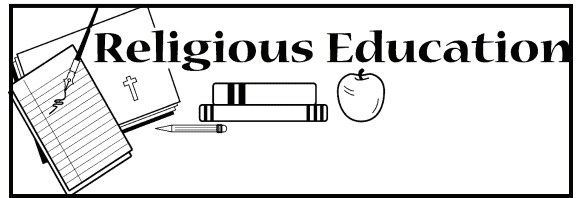
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for the Christmas Midnight Mass on Dec 24. Practices will be held at the Church every Tuesday starting Nov. 6 from 8:00 - 10:00PM. We are learning new exciting Christmas Carols and Music.

**JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE**

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn, English Quaker



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

**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



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

**MARIACHI CELEBRATION FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Everyone is invited to attend St Anne's Church, Wed. Dec 12th, 8am Mass. Come, join us in serenading joyfully to the Mother of the Americas!



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The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

December 9, 2007

## Collections

	Nov. 25, 2007	Dec. 2, 2007
Parish Collection	\$8,860.30	\$9,714.15
Building Fund	\$1,521.00	\$4,619.00
Facilities/Maintenance	\$3,014.00	

### NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE

Tickets are now on sale for the Traditional St. Anne's New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance, Monday, December 31, 2007 from 7:00 PM - 12 Midnight, Church Social Hall. Tickets are \$25.00 each. For tickets contact Myrla Raymundo - 489-0133 or Tess Gatan - 487-4671.

### Concerned about your marriage?

**Retrouvaille**, 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 *Retrouvaille* at 925-425-5222. Website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life West Coast January 19, 2008!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 19, 2008. Join thousands of people for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim that abortion hurts women, men and society! Join us to witness to the belief that a better solution is possible! Youth groups are encouraged to attend the Walk for Life and the first annual YOUTH RALLY directly following the Walk, featuring Matt Maher and Jesse Romero. For more information visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or contact Colleen Knutsen at [cknutsen@oakdiocese.org](mailto:cknutsen@oakdiocese.org) or 510-267-8394.

### 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.

### BEING GOOD

Who stops being better stops being good.

--Oliver Cromwell



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 8  
8:00 am

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Wednesday, December 12  
8:00 am & 7:30 pm

### FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 14  
7:30 pm

### DAWN MASSES/SIMBANG GABI

Monday, December 16—Monday, December 24,  
5:30 am

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 18  
7:30 pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, December 24  
5:00, 8:00 pm & 12 am

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25  
8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

### 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).

**SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION  
FIRST RECONCILIATION  
DEC.4 & 8, 2007**

