

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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December 16, 2007— Third 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."*



St. Anne Staff

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
Fr. Rick Boyle, O.S.M.	Parochial Vicar
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Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
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Jim Soltau	Youth Minister
Rico Monton	Liturgy & Music Coordinator
Helen Rojas	Faith Formation Coordinator
Christine Suarez	Faith Form. Office Assistant
Linda Canlas	Pastoral Council Facilitator
Helen Cabiles	Finance Council Chairperson

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
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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.

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

Monday, December 17

5:30 & 8:00 am – MASS, CH

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

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

Tuesday, December 18

5:30 & 8:00 am – MASS, CH

7:30 pm - Reconciliation Service, CH

7:30 pm - Singles for Christ, CR #106

8:00 pm - 8 am Choir, CR #105

Wednesday, Dec. 19

5:30 & 8:00 am – MASS, CH

7:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

7:00 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #105

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

8:00 pm - Lopez Choir, CR #106

Thursday, December 20

5:30 & 8:00 am - MASS, CH

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #106

7:45 pm - Unity Choir, CR #105

Friday, December 21

5:30 & 8:00 am – MASS, CH

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

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, December 22

5:30, 8:00 am & 5:00 pm- MASS, CH

9:30 am - Lectors, CH

4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

5:00 pm - Welcoming Committee, Patio

Sunday, December 23

5:30, 8, 10 am, & 12, 6 pm, MASS, CH

8:00 am - Welcoming Committee, Patio

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

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



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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: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

MASS INTENTIONS

December 15, 2007—December 22, 2007

Saturday, December 15

5:00 pm + Julio Alarilla

Sunday, December 16

8:00 am + Carolina Lorzana

10:00 + Lydia Canotal

12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Jason Cachola

6:00 For the People

Monday, December 17

8:00 am + Olympia Inciong (Birth Ann.)

Tuesday, December 18

8:00 am Spe.Int.— Jun & Lily Tecson
30th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, December 19

8:00 am + Pascuala Paelmo

Thursday, December 20

8:00 am + Joakim Nguyen

Friday, December 21

8:00 am + Juliana Tayco

Saturday, December 22

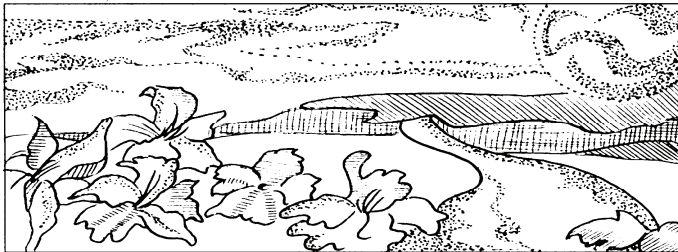
8:00 am + Cynthia Rabuy

Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2007

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a

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My Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the final weeks and days of Advent we anxiously wait for many things...“from the ridiculous to the sublime.” For example, we wait, often not too patiently, in the long lines at the check-out in the various stores in which we find ourselves this season...buying all those last minute gifts for all our family members and friends; no one can be forgotten!!! I find the most frustrating waiting for me, personally, is pulling into Costco on Auto Mall parkway to get the least expensive gasoline...and finding that nearly ALL of Fremont must be there too! All this to save that precious \$.20 per gallon. “Is it worth it?” I ask. Well, maybe. But am I also, in all that waiting and consumerism, “wasting” the opportunity to find my peace in God and thank God for the real gifts in my life...none of which can really be priced: family, friendship, support, affirmation, security, a wonderful ministry among great people here at St. Anne’s...and many more things.

How has YOUR waiting going this season? Has it brought you closer to just “maxing out” your credit cards, or has some of it also brought you closer to a relationship with God that is truly nourishing to your soul and spirit? Is there more peace, for example, in your lives; more joy, more satisfaction in the smaller things?...like a good cup of coffee or tea, a simple meal enjoyed around the family table on a cold, crisp evening, or a simple family drive around the area to see the Christmas lights and displays put out in all the front yards in our neighborhoods and community? And then there is Church: have you “popped in” once in awhile? I mean more than just on Sundays. Have you stopped, actually on purpose, to “drop in” on the Lord for a visit with Him in the Blessed Sacrament? Or how about a moment spent with Our Blessed Lady, and a simple Hail Mary? Did you attend an extra Mass, during the week at 8:00 am, for the sake of a bit of extra spiritual food in this season when we eat far too much fast food?

Simbang Gabi is upon us. I wrote recently that this will be my FIRST experience of this wonderful Filipino custom. Think: to get up around 4:30 am to make it to a special Mass at 5:30 am...a simple and wonderful experience (and a bit of a sacrifice of sleep) to really honor God in a special way...and to share that honor and love with the hundreds of other parishioners who will, no doubt pack the church. It sends a shiver up my spine to think of it...and I am happy that so many will be there. It is a real, and yet very simple and honest act of faith in our God of Love who is about to commit the greatest act of Love ever seen: to become human himself in Jesus our Lord. How fortunate we are, my friends! May this special season of celebration bring all of you peace and serenity in soul, mind, and body. I will be praying for all of you, and I ask that you continue to always keep me (along with Fr. Geoffrey) in your prayers too.

With gratitude and special affection,

Fr. Lolo—Rick, OSM



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

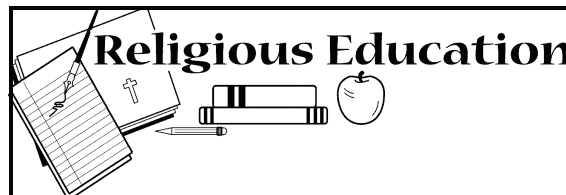
Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins;
Eid al-Adha (Muslim feast of the sacrifice of Ishmael) celebrated this week

Friday: St. Peter Canisius

Saturday: Winter begins

Advent Giving Tree

Today is the last day to bring your wrapped gift with gift tag attached for Advent Giving. Please put them in the gift barrels at the church entrances. Thank you!



St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry and Confirmation have had their last meetings of 2007! The next Youth Ministry meeting is Monday, January 7 and Confirmation will meet on Sunday, January 13. We closed out the year with two wonderful retreats for Youth Ministry and Confirmation....thank you to so many in St. Anne Parish that support our young people and the Youth Ministry and Confirmation programs!!

Bulletin deadlines....

All articles for the December 22-23 bulletin need to be in the parish office on Monday Dec. 17, 12:00 noon. All articles for the December 29-30 bulletin need to be in the parish office by Thursday, December 22, 12:00 noon. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Refrigerator needed...

A family in the community is in need of a refrigerator. If you have a refrigerator to donate, please call the parish office, 510-471-7766. Leave your name and phone number, and a member of St. Vincent de Paul will call you back. Thank you!

ST. JOACHIM SCHOOL ALUMNI

St. Joachim School in Hayward will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on the weekend of May 3 and 4, 2008 with a festival, gala dinner on May 3 and liturgy and festival on May 4. For additional information, visit our website at www.stjoachimschool.org. If you would like to receive information, please email us your contact information at alumni@stjoachimschool.org or contact the school office at 510-783-3177.

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CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Monday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m. - Church

CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 15, 2007 - January 5, 2008

NO CLASSES – School is closed.

Classes resume Monday, January 7, 2008

*WE WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED
CHRISTMAS
and A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
2008!!*

Taize – Prayer Around the Cross ...

Refresh your soul ... with a moment of peace and quiet ... away from the busyness of life ... listen to beautiful music ... join others in prayer and song around the cross ... offer your restlessness and worries to Jesus, the One who understands ... let the longing in our world and yours meet in Jesus the One who heals. Date: Third Friday of every month (next Dec 21st) Time: 8:00 p.m. Location: Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, Motherhouse Chapel, 43326 Mission Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539. For further information, please contact S. Beth Quire, O.P. 510-657-2468 or beth@msjdominicans.org.

Tired of the usual New Year's Eve Parties?

Want to start 2008 in a more meaningful way?

Join the Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose and friends who will gather for a third year to Welcome the New Year! We'll share a Reflective Evening ... time to connect with friends and meet new people ... time to be with all that 2007 has held ... time to look ahead to 2008 ... time to pray with Taize – Prayer Around the Cross ... time to celebrate our faith together with a Mass starting at 11:30pm followed by a potluck celebration ...

Come for any part or all of the evening at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose 43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont CA, 94539. For more information or to RSVP call S. Beth Quire, O.P. @ 510-657-2468 or e-mail beth@msjdominicans.org

Volunteers Needed for Martha's Ministry

Anyone interested in this ministry to help out once a month to wash hand towels & iron the purificators (Communion cloths), please call Jackie @471-5262.

December 16, 2007



Collections

	Dec. 2, 2007	Dec. 9, 2007
Parish Collection	\$9,714.15	\$9,362.55
Building Fund	\$4,619.00	\$2,057.00
Immaculate Conception		\$1,557.00
Religious Retirement Fund		\$2,351.00

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 Myrta 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.

4th Annual Walk for Life West Coast January 19, 2008!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 19, 2008. Join thousands of people for our 4th 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 or contact Colleen Knutsen at cknutsen@oakdiocese.org or 510-

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.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

DAWN MASSES/SIMBANG GABI

Sunday, 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 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

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



WATCHING AND WAITING

In his love Christ has filled us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes at the end of time
he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

—Adapted from second Preface for Advent, *Roman Missal*

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 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.

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