

St. Anne Catholic Parish

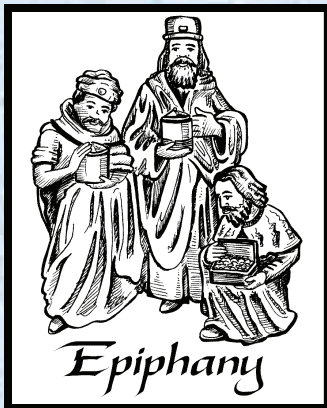
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January 6, 2008— The Epiphany of the Lord

Feast of the Epiphany—Jan.6



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
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Manny Moya	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
Sydney Gargan	Office Administrator
Zella Yanos	Secretary
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:
CLASSROOMS, PO: Parish Office
LO: Liturgy Office

Monday, January 7

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, January 8

8:00 am - Mass, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

5:00 pm - Deanery Mtg., SH

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CR #106

Thursday, January 10

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

8:00 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, January 11

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

7:00 pm - Charismatics, CR #105

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, January 12

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

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

9:30 am - Lectors, CH

12:00 pm - Wedding, CH

1:00 pm - Individual User, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

6:30 pm—Individual User, SH

Sunday, January 13

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

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #105

2:00 pm - Columbia Squires, CR #102

3:30 pm - Confirmation, CR #102-106,SH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the
Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore
you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been
made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, co-
partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through
the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the
Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38;
Mt 3:13-17



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MASS INTENTIONS

January 5, 2008—January 12, 2008

Saturday, January 5

5:00 pm + Joe Cancilla

Sunday, January 6

8:00 am + Angelina Duya

10:00 + Justo Palomino

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 + Susana Cabardo

Monday, January 7

8:00 am + Francisco Sousa

Tuesday, January 8

8:00 am + Virgilio & Remy Catris

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Nico Lourdes

Thursday, January 10

8:00 am + Rosendo Antonio & Family

Friday, January 11

8:00 am + Rita Damanon

Saturday, January 12

8:00 am + Victor Garrote

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2008

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b



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Dear Friends,

Today's Feast of Epiphany celebrates the leaving behind of what is familiar in search of Jesus Christ in new places. What an appropriate day to begin ministry at St. Anne's! I am a native Californian, raised in Napa and a resident of Antioch for the last 23 years. I have three grown daughters, two granddaughters and eight grandsons. Some of them are African-American, some are Indonesian, some are Thai, all are Irish and each is a gift from God. They will be with me from time to time and so I will proudly introduce them to you.

I attended Catholic schools for my elementary and high school education. I attended Dominican University in California and Ferris State University in Michigan for undergraduate study. After twenty five years in the corporate world of finance I went back to school attending Holy Names University, Oakland, Ca, for graduate work in Pastoral Ministry. I completed that program in 2005 and a certification program in Spiritual Direction in 2006 from Mercy Center, Burlingame.

Fr. Geoffrey has kindly invited me to serve you as Pastoral Associate at St. Anne's Parish. In general being a pastoral associate means being a lay (not ordained) professional serving the church. Specifically, here at St. Anne's, that means assisting parish leaders with the administration work of the parish as well as doing some pastoral work. The job will unfold as the Spirit guides me and as your needs become evident to me. If ever I can help you in any way just let me know.

A few years ago I began the practice of writing in a book the names of those who would be attending my classes or retreats later in the year. All of those names then become part of my daily prayers as I place my hand on the book. By the time I actually meet people I feel as though I already have a relationship with them. And so it is with you. Father Geoffrey spoke with me about ministering at St. Anne's some months ago. I wrote *St. Anne's Parish Community* in my book. I have been praying for you and asking for wisdom from you as I made the decision to come to Union City. Like the wise men in today's readings I leave behind the familiar in search of Jesus Christ who lives in each of you! Thank you for the light you shine so brightly.

In Peace,
June Kirk

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

National Migration Week
Monday: St. Raymond of Peñafort;
Orthodox Christmas

Wednesday: Muslim New Year 1429



Volunteers Needed

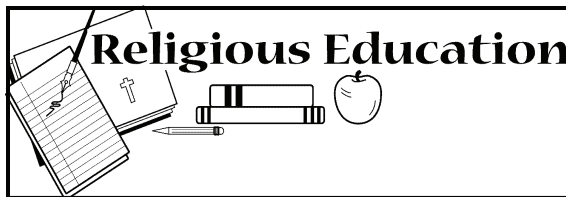
for Martha's Ministry

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.



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!!



CLASSES RESUME

Monday, January 7, 2008

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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THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

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January 6, 2007

SUNDAY OFFERING

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

2007 Contribution Statements—Please contact the parish office at 471-7766 if you would like a statement of your contributions made to the church. Leave your name, address and phone number and your statement will be mailed to you.

	Dec. 16, 2007	Dec. 23, 2007	Dec. 30, 2007
Parish Collection	\$10,207.20	\$8,239.70	\$9,291.90
Building Fund	\$1,980.72	\$5,203.99	\$1,764.00
Christmas		\$21,679.77	
Facilities Maintenance		\$2,296.00	
Poor of the Parish			\$3,462.00

FACILITIES SCHEDULE

If you would like to use the facilities during the new year, please send in a written copy of the dates you would like plus the ministry/organization name, a contact person and a phone number.

CHARISMATIC FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING

The St. Anne Charismatic Prayer Group will resume meeting on Friday nights (except First Fridays) starting on January 11, 7:30 pm, classroom #105. The Saturday schedule will remain the same, 6:15 pm, classroom #104. Everyone is invited to the attend. For more information call Resty, 510-396-8552 or Belinda, 510-471-8712.

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 510-267-8394.

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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

I am pleased to inform you that Catholic Radio (Immaculate Heart Radio) has begun broadcasting in the San Francisco/Oakland area on AM Radio Station 1260. Tune in now to hear the best in Catholic programming and, coming soon, *The Bishop's Hour*.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Radio.

Bishop Vigneron

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.

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Are you ready for a **FAITH BOOSTER SHOT?** Could you benefit from a couple of days exploring your relationship with Jesus? If the answer is **YES**, then an upcoming Cursillo Weekend is for you. A Cursillo weekend is a "Short Course in Christianity." You will encounter Christ in yourself and many others, and leave the weekend with a renewed focus on what's truly important. The next Men's Weekend will start the evening of Friday, February 15 and run thru Monday evening, Feb. 18. The Women's Weekend will begin the evening of Thursday, March 6 and run thru Sunday evening, March 9. Both weekends will be held at Holy Redeemer in Oakland. For more info, contact Nita Volker 925-828-9442 or Carolyn Steele 925-648-4890.

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St Anne, Mother of Our Blessed Mary, Pray for Us



As we begin this year of 2008, let us invoke our Patroness, the beloved St. Anne, to guide us and to help us to continue to grow as a community of strong faith and trust in the Lord.