



St. Anne Catholic Parish

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February 24, 2008 - Third Sunday of Lent



“Lord, help us to build a strong community of faith.”

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.	Assistant Pastor
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Rico Monton	Liturgy & Music Coordinator
Helen Rojas	Children’s Faith Formation Coordinator
Christine Suarez	Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator
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

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

CH:CHURCH, SH: SOCIAL HALL, CR: CLASS-ROOMS, PO: Parish Office, LO: Liturgy Office

Monday, February 25

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, February 26

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #105

Wednesday, February 27

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CR #106

Thursday, February 28

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, February 29

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

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

Saturday, March 1

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

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

9:30 am - Lectors, CH

10:15 am - SPRED, CR #106

1:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #106

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, SH

Sunday, March 2

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

11:00 am - Youth Ministry, CR #103

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

1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



MASS INTENTIONS

February 23, 2008—March 1, 2008

Saturday, February 23

5:00 pm + Bill Doyle

Sunday, February 24

8:00 am + Vincent & Mary Nguyen

10:00 + Edward Hocke

12:00 pm + Liza Enrique

6:00 For the People

Monday, February 25

8:00 am + Bill Doyle

Tuesday, February 26

8:00 am + Fannie Tantan

Wednesday, February 27

8:00 am + Geraldo Nimendez

Thursday, February 28

8:00 am + Joseph Rice (Birth Ann.)

Friday, February 29

8:00 am + Rodriguez & Mercado Fami.

Saturday, March 1

8:00 am + Charles Young

Third Sunday of Lent
February 24, 2008

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— *Romans 5:8*



THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
 Friday: Abstinence
 Saturday: First Saturday



Stations of



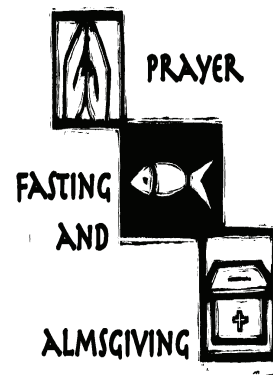
ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH

**Whoever drinks the water I give
 will never thirst**



**LENTEN
 OBSERVANCE:**

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine.



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EASTER VIGIL SERVICE 2008

All Choir members are invited to join the St. Anne's Choir for the Easter Vigil 2008 celebration. This year, the choir will be headed by Cantate Domine under the baton of Loren Pinto. Rehearsal starts on Thursday 01/31/2008 at 7:30PM in the Church. Let us join together and prepare for this important Church Celebration.



Saint Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic for our discussion will be based on the readings for the third Sunday of Lent: **"COME AND SEE."**

Los Angeles Youth Rally

This coming Thursday, February 28, sixteen youth and young adults will be travelling to Anaheim to join 22,000 other young Catholics and participate in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles YOUTH DAY. Those attending from St. Anne's are: Chris Hernandez, Kathleen Aguilar, Ernest Capalla, John Cobangbang, Danielle Sigua, Alexis Torres, Chloe Mendoza, Erin Reyes, Linelle Lagsob, Maricel Cruz, Angelica Singson, Andrew Singson, Collins McCulley, Teddy Del Rosario, Neil Quintilla, Jonathan Sullera, and Youth Ministry Coordinator Jim Soltau. Please remember them in your prayers for a safe trip and enriching experience at the Youth Rally!

HOLY SPIRIT PRESCHOOL

Holy Spirit in Fremont, is currently accepting applications for the upcoming 2008-09 school year. We have various programs for children ages 3-5. We offer morning sessions for 3 & 4-year-olds and an afternoon Pre-K program for 4-year-olds. We also offer full day for both 3 & 4-year-olds. For more information, please contact 793-2013 or e-mail, hs.preschool@sbcglobal.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

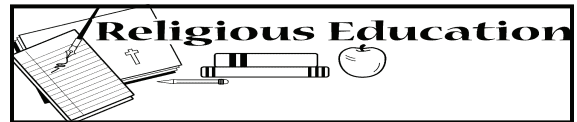
Experience a WWME weekend and you will understand the phrase—"A Weekend of Discovery; A Lifetime of Love!" For more information call Terry/Angela at 510-303-9019 or Ray/Roberta at 916-806-4601 or go to <http://oakland.lovemoredeeply.org>.

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.

FORGIVENESS

People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.
—George Herbert



REMINDER

As part of the Lenten journey to prepare us for the joy of Easter, our Lord invites us to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel".

This is a reminder for our students who have already received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist to prepare and attend:

LENT RECONCILIATION for Grades 3-4-5-6-7

Mon., February 25, 5:00p-6:00p & 6:30p-7:30p

Wed., February 27, 5:00p-6:00p & 6:30p-7:30p

Thurs., February 28, 5:00p-6:00p & 6:30p-7:30p

Reconciliation will be held in Church during class sessions.



REWARDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

Casa Francisca, a transitional shelter for homeless refugees, has an opening for a board member who can assist as a Secretary. The role requires the following: attendance at six board meetings a year; recording & publishing minutes after each meeting; coordinating dates for future meetings. Work from your own home or office. Attend occasional board meetings. More information, telephone Jeanette Rebello, 510-894-0029 or email Jeanette.Rebello@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALAMEDA COUNTY

Volunteer Appreciation Event: Please celebrate with us in our 70th year of service throughout Alameda County on Sunday, February 24, 2:00-4:00 pm, at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County Downtown Community Center, 2280 San Pablo Ave., Oakland. RSVP 510-636-4261.

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Weekly Collections



	Feb. 10, 2008	Feb. 17, 2008
Parish Collection	\$8,064.55	\$7,529.34
Building Fund	\$3,164.00	\$2,981.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$4,496.00	\$2,000.00

The Fr. Bill O'Donnell Social Justice Committee of St. Joseph the Worker invites you to a brief (30 min.) screening of Rufina Amaya's return to the Salvadoran village El Mazote where she recounts her experience as the sole survivor of the notorious El Mazote Massacre of 1981. Also Prof. John Savant will share his experiences as a first time SOAWatch protester at Fort Benning. First Friday March 7th at 7pm at St. Joseph the Worker School, Berkeley, behind the church at Addison @Jefferson. Enter parking lot from McGee St. Admission free- info 510-499-0537.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The St. Anne Charismatic **Friday Prayer Group** will not be meeting on Fridays during the Lenten season. Instead we will be participating in the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm in the Church. We will resume our regular prayer meetings, Friday nights (except First Fridays), 7:30 pm, classroom #105. Saturday meetings will continue as scheduled, 6:15 pm, classroom #104. For more information call Resty, 510-396-8552 (for Fridays) or Belinda, 510-471-8712 (for Saturdays).

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS!!!

The St. Anne Cursillo Team (formerly Union City Cursillo Team), which is part of the Filipino Cursillo, Diocese of Oakland, is meeting regularly. If you are a Cursillista, we invite you to share with us once a month. The team is meeting at the home of Ray and Myrla Raymundo every last Friday of the month at 7 PM. For more info, contact Myrla at 378-6376.

Single?

CFC-Singles for Christ is hosting a Christian Life Program (CLP) starting Feb. 15, in Fremont. Please come and join us to learn more about your Christian Faith (pray, talk, share) which leads to Fellowship (art, music, dance, sports). Need to be at least 21 years of age. For more info-call Leomi, 510-468-0114 or visit www.myspace.com/sfcfremont

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

THE SCRUTINIES

[By means of the three scrutinies], first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water, . . . the light of the world, . . . [and] the resurrection and the life. . . . From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, no. 143





Fr. Geoffrey opening retreat with an inspirational talk.



Fr. Geoffrey & Catechists

*Faith Formation
Grade 6 First Annual Retreat
Feb.13,2008
"Building Community"*



Brown Group with Ms. Torres



Blue Group with Ms. Quing



6th Grader's group activity.



Yellow Group with Ms Moises



Red Group with Ms Suarez



Green Group with Ms. Newell