

St. Anne Catholic Parish

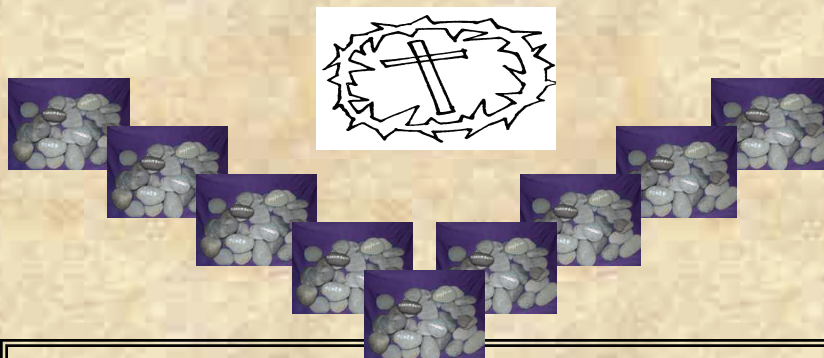
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March 9, 2008 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reconciliation, is a time of healing.



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
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Manny Moya	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
June Kirk	Pastoral Associate
Sydney Gargan	Office Administrator
Zella Yanos	Secretary
Jim Soltau	Youth Minister
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, March 10 - 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, March 11 - 8:00 am - Mass, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #106, SH
7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #105
7:45 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #106

Wednesday, March 12 - 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
8:00 pm - K of C Choir, CR #104
8:00 pm - Choir, CR #105

Thursday, March 13 - 8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH
7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #102
7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH
8:00 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, March 14 - 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

Saturday, March 15 - 8:00 am & 5:00 pm- MASS

9:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
9:30 am - Lectors, CH
6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104
7:00 pm - Individual User, SH

Sunday, March 16 - 8, 10 am, & 12, 6 pm- MASS

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #105
1:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106
3:30 pm - Confirmation, CR #102-106, SH

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent;
Third Scrutiny; Girl Scout Sunday;
Daylight Saving Time begins
Monday: Orthodox Lent begins
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Joseph

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead four days, comes out of his tomb when Jesus calls his name. (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

MASS INTENTIONS

March 8, 2008—March 15, 2008

Saturday, March 8

5:00 pm + Nicanor Dizon

Sunday, March 9

8:00 am + Johnny Marquez & Family
10:00 For the People
12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Consuelo Tecson
6:00 Spe.Int. - John Paul Libiran

Monday, March 10

8:00 am + Bertram Hidalgo

Tuesday, March 11

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Eliza Atienza

Wednesday, March 12

8:00 am + Norberto Jovero

Thursday, March 13

8:00 am + Angel Flores

Friday, March 14

8:00 am + Irineo Yanos

Saturday, March 15

8:00 am + Segundina Supremo
5:00 pm + Antonio Ignacio

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2008**

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
-- Psalm 130:1**



A Few Thoughts About Confirmation

In a few weeks we will celebrate the wonderful season of Easter, and then along with that time will come all that Spring brings forth: farmers' markets, baseball (yay!), picnics, weddings, proms, graduations, and CONFIRMATION. Our parish will celebrate the sacrament a few days into April, April 5. I and the Confirmation Staff will be proud to help present our candidates to Bishop Allen Vigneron, in the presence of family, friends and parishioners. Here are some of my own reflections on this milestone in the lives of our Confirmandi, based on some key phrases from the ritual.

THIS IS OUR FAITH. THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH. WE ARE PROUD TO PROFESS IT IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. AMEN.

One of the most delightful and rewarding things I do as a Youth Ministry Coordinator is to be involved with high school teens in Confirmation formation. As coordinator of the parish program, I inform the candidates and parents from the start that this is NOT "Catholicism 101," i.e., a scholarly analysis of the tenets of the church. Although we do use the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a source, I view Confirmation as a journey of faith to help the candidates walk toward fully initiated membership in the Body of Christ.

The key for me is allowing the candidates to take "ownership" of their faith. Baptized as infants and formed in childhood spirituality, Confirmation is the time for a young adult to take a step up in grace. It's time to believe because one WANTS to believe!

SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON THEM TO BE THEIR HELPER AND GUIDE.

Young people need guidance. They seek role models and find them in their families and schools, in their friends and, with mixed results, in the media. The greatest mentor they can have is the Holy Spirit, if only they could learn more and be open to what the Spirit can bring to their lives. We try to lead young people to the Spirit, through a deeper prayer experience and through their increased role in the parish by way of liturgical ministries and community service. But we can only point the way. The candidates must make their own decision to allow the Holy Spirit to be an integral part of their lives. When the Holy Spirit comes surprising and wonderful things can happen!

BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Once they make that decision, the Spirit bestows upon the candidates several gifts that will help them in times of crisis, in times of temptation and challenge, and in the ordinary circumstances of their lives. The gifts of the Holy Spirit include the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, and the spirit of wonder and awe in God's presence. This all sounds so theoretical but if a confirmed young person truly believes, the Holy Spirit will give them a power and strength that will help them come out of themselves and see them through any obstacle. Again, one needs to believe!

PEACE BE WITH YOU.

I think it's very profound for a young Catholic to stand before the bishop in the presence of family and friends, who represent the universal church, and say "Amen." In return, the bishop gives the simple Easter greeting of Christ: "Peace be with you." In this day and age, with so much war and turmoil in the world, so much uncertainty, so much confusion about what is right and wrong, so much peer pressure, Christ promises PEACE, the deep inner peace that comes from finding one's genuine self, where the Holy Spirit dwells. Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; peace in all you do . . ."

Jim Soltau

Youth Ministry

Saint Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: Finding Your Prayer Style." Participants will explore some of their personality traits, and match those to a style of prayer that best fits their spirituality.



The St. Vincent de Paul members will take volunteers to visit the sick on all Sundays of the month of March. If you are interested in coming, we will meet by the parking lot around 9:15 a.m. to go to Livermore Veteran Hospital and we will be back 1:00 p.m. Thank you.

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

LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

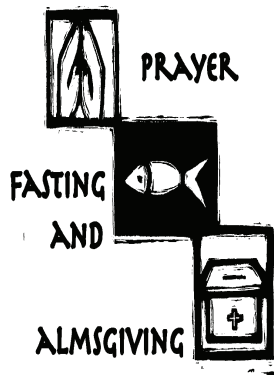
All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons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

Stations of



the Cross

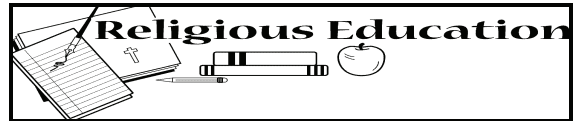
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Rewarding Volunteer Service Opportunity:

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



OUR MARCH VIRTUES: *Obedience* is respecting authority out of love and service. We should obey persons in authority provided that what they wish for us doesn't go against justice. *Loyalty* is accepting the bonds in relationships with others. **Loyalty** means a personal commitment towards family, friends, teammates, school and country.

REMINDER

07-08 FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES & PARENTS

All FC candidates & one parent/adult family member must attend one

EUCHARIST FAMILY GATHERING

Tuesday, March 11 - 6:00p - 7:30p - HALL or

Saturday, March 15 - 9:30a-11:00a - HALL

Retreat: Sacrament of Eucharist & Agape Service

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!" Our next WWME weekend is scheduled in Pleasanton the weekend of **May 30th through June 1st**. For more information call Terry/Angela at 510-303-9019 or Ray/Roberta at 916-806-4601 or go to <http://oakland.lovemoredeeply.org>. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic 'experience' and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.**

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.

March 9, 2008

Weekly Collections



	Feb. 24, 2008	Mar. 2, 2008
Parish Collection	\$9,573.65	\$9,434.95
Building Fund	\$1,327.00	\$2,133.00
Facilities Main.	\$3,240.00	
Catholic Relief Services		\$3,188.00

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

St. Anne's Divine Mercy Apostolate would like to invite everyone to join them at their Novena in preparation for the Feast Day of Divine Mercy. The Novena is on March 21-March 30. The novena on March 21 starts right after the Good Friday service) and Holy Saturday at 3:00 pm, thereafter the novena will be at 7:30 pm. Flyers will be distributed after all the masses on March 8 & 9.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

Important Message

Recently, during a funeral Mass in one of our parishes, the home of the deceased was burglarized. With the publication of the obituary, it seems that burglars had a reasonable suspicion that the house would be empty and seized the opportunity. Because of this, we are making the suggestion that in similar circumstances someone remain at the family home to prevent such an occurrence.

HAPPINESS

Happiness is a mystery, like religion, and should never be rationalized.

—G. K. Chesterton

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).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisus. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

—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



Helen Young, long time parishioner and active in various ministries passed away on Feb. 26, 2008. She is remembered in a memorial celebration at the parish hall by family, loved ones, and friends.



7th Grade Retreat Mar. 1, 2008

