

# Celebrating 35 Years of Faith, Service & Joy 1973-2008

## St. Anne Catholic Parish

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### 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."

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 21, 2008

### St. Anne Staff

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan	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, September 22

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103

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

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, September 23

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

7:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, CH

7:30 pm - Finance Committee, CR #102

Wednesday, September 24

### 8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

Thursday, September 25

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - 10:00 AM Choir, CH

8:00 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, September 26

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

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

7:00 pm - Pastoral Council, LO

7:00 pm - Charismatics, CR #105

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #103,104

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

8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CH

Saturday, September 27

### 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Faith Formation, SH

9:00 am - SPRED, CH #106

10:30 am - Catechist Workshops, CR #103-106

11:00 am - Individual User, SH

12:00 pm - Wedding, CH

4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

6:00 pm - Reception, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, September 28

### 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm - MASS, CH

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #105

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

3:00 pm - Confirmation, CR #102-106, SH

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

## MASS INTENTIONS

September 20, 2008 - September 27

### Saturday, September 20

5:00 pm For the People

### Sunday, September 21

8:00 am + Lourdes Santos

10:00 + Petrona Lansangan

12:00 pm + Arsenio Hidalgo

6:00 + Josefina Balmores

### Monday, September 22

8:00 am + Erlinda Munoz

### Tuesday, September 23

8:00 am + Manuel Ocampo

### Wednesday, September 24

8:00 am + Ildefonso Tambunting, Sr.

### Thursday, September 25

8:00 am + Wilhelmino Aguilar

### Friday, September 26

8:00 am + Luisito Bautista

### Saturday, September 27

8:00 am + Juliana Villanueva

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Maria Ryan

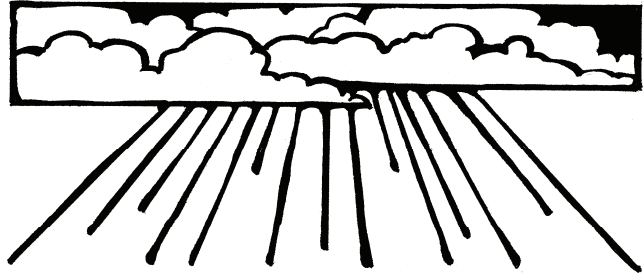
## LECTORS

**PLEASE PICK UP THE NEW SCHEDULE FROM THE LITURGY ROOM**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2008**

TURN TO THE LORD FOR MERCY;  
TO OUR GOD, WHO IS GENEROUS IN  
FORGIVING.

— ISAIAH 55:7B



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My dear friends in Christ,

One of my goals for this parish is that someday we will be known as a "**stewardship parish**." For many years now, the bishops of United States have made stewardship a priority. They have promoted Christian stewardship through its seminars, publications and annual conference. Because of these things, **the practice of stewardship has increased tremendously in the life of the Church. However** many of us **have not fully embraced this concept of stewardship** and what it means to be a Christian steward. The word "stewardship" is very foreign to many of us. As Fr. Dan Danielson said when he was here with us, "Catholics are more familiar with the word---- **bingo!**"

We have a long way to go before we can fully realize the basic principles of stewardship and what it means for us. Recently, I met with Jane Relopez, our Stewardship Committee Chairperson, to discuss this life-changing experience in the life of a Christian so that it can become a **living part of our faith experience** as a community **here at St. Anne's**.

Our **baptismal vocation** invites and challenges us to build a "**community of faith**." It is one of the most important aspects of parish life through **which faithful are called** to share their **time, talent and treasure. Am I a good steward**, a cheerful caretaker of what God has given me? We need to somehow reflect on this very critical question that can transform our faith community. **Is there a sense of responsibility from me? Am I living a life of gratitude, of thanksgiving?** I have said in the past that **giving and living the lifestyle of stewardship must be deeply personal and spiritual. It must be a way of life, part of our consciousness.**

In 1993, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a document on this topic called, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. I would like to share this with you.

**Who is a Christian disciple? One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ's. Who is a Christian steward? One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.**

**"Genesis tells us that God placed the first human beings in a garden to practice stewardship there - 'to cultivate and care for it' (Gn. 2:15). The world remains a kind of garden (or workshop, as some would prefer to say) entrusted to the care of men and women for God's glory and the service of humankind. In its simplest yet deepest sense, this is Christian stewardship ..."**

I pray that this is a beginning for us as a community to grow in faith and in thanksgiving as a "good steward" of the many blessings of our faithful God.

In Christ's peace,

**Fr. Geoffrey**



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### **St. Anne Youth Ministry Begins!!!!**

There are currently 87 students registered for the 2008-2009 Youth Ministry program. There is still time for high school students to register for Youth Ministry!

St. Anne Youth Ministry will begin this Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic for our meeting will be "A Plan For Happiness." We're looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great year!!

### **Saint Anne Confirmation 2008-2009**

Saint Anne Confirmation Preparation classes began on today, Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We currently have 93 candidates preparing for Confirmation. If you were a member of Youth Ministry and have not signed up for Confirmation, and would like to be in the 2008-2009 program, please call the Youth Ministry Office THIS WEEK! All students should bring at least one parent to the meeting!

### **YOUTH RALLY**

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...SAT.,OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup>!**

The annual South Alameda County Youth Ministry Youth Rally, **Wii Belong**, will take place on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Bede Church in Hayward. Joining us will be Mr. Steve Angrisano, Catholic Recording Artist of the Year and The Not-So-Prime-Time Players from the St. Vincent De Paul organization in Oakland. ALL High School Youth are welcome!! Cost of the day, which includes workshops, Mass, dinner and a dance (featuring St. Anne's own Brian Gasacao as DJ!) is \$20.00. Please call Jim Soltau at the Youth Ministry Office at 471-7766 ext. 22 for more information or to sign up! We expect to get over 800 young people....be one of them!!!

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION WITH R.C.I.A.**

For baptized Catholics who missed Confirmation, please plan to join the RCIA Group this year. The Sessions are held every 3rd and 4th Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. First session is September 21st in Room 105. To register on line, please email the following info: Your Name, Date of Birth, E-mail Address, and Phone Number to ricomonton@yahoo.com. Feel free to call Rico Monton, RCIA Coordinator at 586-9998.

**First Communion:** This school year is also an exciting time for families of our **142 First Communion students** who are in their second year of faith formation. For Sacrament Preparation and in addition to the student's weekly classes, parents are invited to attend the Parent or Family Gatherings to prepare students with their journey to meeting Christ in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

### **First Communion Parents & Students**

FC student and one Parent/adult family member must attend at least one

### **FAMILY GATHERING** – Sacrament Overview

Tuesday, September 23, 6:00p – 7:00p, Hall or  
Saturday, September 27, 9:30a – 10:30a, Hall

### **Serra Catechetical Institute**

*The diocesan Serra Catechetical Institute is still accepting registrations! Calling all Catholics! Do you want to know your Catholic faith better and learn how to teach the faith to others? If you are a catechist, Catholic school teacher, parent or just want deeper formation in your faith as an adult, take advantage of this opportunity. The diocesan Serra Catechetical Institute is offering new classes in Antioch beginning September 27, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, and continuing on the fourth Saturday of the month through November 2009. This 60-hour formation program is offered in English and Spanish and fulfills the requirements for the basic California Catechist Certificate. For more information or to register online, please visit [www.oakdiocese.org/pastoral/](http://www.oakdiocese.org/pastoral/) or call 510-267-8370.*

### **Children's Stewardship Envelopes**

*Helped Mom with heavy grocery bags - Vivian Noka  
Shared talent in reading the bible - Lyssabeth Lorico  
Gave money from his own savings - Austyn Mason  
Helped watch my brothers. - Gaven Cruz  
Did homework by myself - Roxanne Calalo  
Cleaned my room & gave - \$1.00 -Dylan Lazaga  
Gave \$0.25cents from allowance - Dominic Inciong*

### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

We now have a Facility Committee here in the parish. The committee will oversee maintenance and facilities problems. The committee has put together a 'facilities damage form' that can be obtain from the parish office. If you see something that needs to be brought to the attention of the committee, please fill out the form and turn it into the office. All "maintenance and repairs" to be done in the parish need to be recorded on the 'facilities damage forms' and authorized by Fr. Geoffrey.  
Peter Petit/Facility Chairperson

Sunday, September 21, 2008

## Collections

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Sept. 7, 2008	Sept. 14, 2008
Parish Collection	\$12,721.55	\$12,593.40
Building Fund	\$ 3,200.00	\$1,162.00
FF & YM. Tithe	\$ 1,414.00	
Cathedral Project		\$1,265.00

### San Lorenzo Luis de Manila Feast Day

Come join us to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Luis (the first Filipino Saint) on Saturday, September 27 at the 5:00 pm Mass with Bishop Mylo Vergara, DD from the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall following Mass.

### FINANCIAL LITERACY DISCUSSION

With the economy in crisis, we need to pay even more attention than usual to managing our own finances. Join us for a Financial Literacy discussion, Thursday, October 2nd at 7:30 pm at St. Anne's Room 104. One of the first steps is planning and following through on a personal budget, this workshop will help you with the basics. We can also get together for other topics in the future. Sponsored by the St. Anne Social Justice Committee and Filipinos for Affirmative Action. For more info, call Myrla Raymundo, (510) 489-0133.

### Marian Rosary Night

The month of October is devoted to the Blessed Mother of God. To honor the Virgin Mary, Holy Spirit, Fremont will celebrate a Marian Rosary Prayer Service and a candle light procession. **Saturday, October 4 at 6:30 pm.** The "Marian Rosary Night" service will begin with the Rosary and Marian songs sung between each decade. Bring your statues of Mary and Rosaries to be blessed at the this service. For more info, call Holy Spirit, 797-1660.

### CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BIG BAND NIGHT

...A Sentimental Journey Dinner & Dance featuring the Millennium Sounds. Saturday, October 11. No Host Bar, Dinner: 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Dance: 7:00 - 11 pm, Donation: \$25.00. For tickets or more information contact 510-792-0616. Corpus Christi, 37891 Second Street, Fremont.

### The Secular Order of the Servants of Mary

I am happy to let all of you know that I am going to try to establish a Chapter (group) of the Secular Order of Servants of Mary (the "Servite Secular Order") here at St. Anne's Parish soon. Let me tell you a bit about the "SOSM" and what is going to happen: From the earliest days of my Order, the Servants of Mary, there have been married couples and single individuals who desired to share in the spirituality of the Friars. The majority of these people remained in their own homes, fulfilling their family responsibilities and carrying out their tasks in the work force and society of their time. The Secular Order of the Servants of Mary was officially recognized in the Church by Pope Martin V in the year 1424! The secular Servite vocation is a special calling within the Church. The vocation finds its root in Baptismal consecration, and with its acceptance, the Secular Servite commits oneself to bring to fulfillment the Gospel commandment to love. Secular Servites strive toward holiness according to the spirituality of the Servite Order, following the directives laid out in a book called "The Rule of Life." With the Friars, Sisters and Contemplative Nuns of the Order, the Secular Order shares the same ideal, the same commitment to the Gospel and apostolic life, and especially the same devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. On **Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th**, Servite Fr. Vidal Martinez OSM, (the National Director of the Servite Secular Order) will be here at St. Anne's to preach at all the Masses and tell us more about this wonderful group of lay Servites, and **HOW WE CAN FORM OUR OWN CHAPTER OF SECULAR SERVITES.** In addition, Fr. Vidal will conduct an extended information and introduction night on **Monday, October 6th, in the Church, from 7:00-8:30PM.** I myself will be present for all this, as I intend to continue to journey with this new Chapter as the local Spiritual Director. I invite you to think about joining other parishioners in finding out whether or not membership in the Secular Order of Servants of Mary (the Servites) might be for you! This is a great opportunity to find a biblically and Marian based impetus to growth in your personal spirituality and deepening your relationship with God.

**Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, at all the Masses. And Monday, 7:00pm in the Church!**

Yours, in Christ and the Blessed Mother,

Fr. Lolo-Rick, OSM

### MISSION CO-OP

Bishop Mylo Vergara, DD from the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines will conduct the Mission Co-op Appeal on September 27 & 28. Population is around 699,043, mostly an agricultural community with poor tenant-farmers. Eighty percent are Roman Catholics served and ministered by 21 diocesan priests. In order to support and sustain their pastoral programs, the diocese relies and depends on your generosity and financial contributions.

## EMMAUS Peer Ministry

### So, what is Peer Ministry

For the past 22 years, Youth Ministry at St. Anne's has focused on peer ministry model to promote and foster leadership among youth. We use the example of the road to **EMMAUS (Luke 24:13-35)** as a model that we journey together with the Lord, in our everyday life experiences. **EMMAUS** is an existing group of young people who have expressed an interest in serving the church through the Youth Ministry program for one year.

Some responsibilities may include preparing youth liturgies, retreats, planning and leading workshops, icebreakers and preparing prayers for **Youth ministry**. They also take on different projects throughout the year. Peer ministry is open to high school students, sophomore and above who are already confirmed. There is a three day training retreat and monthly meeting for enrichment and planning.

If you are interested, call the Youth Ministry Coordinator, **Jim Soltau**, (with over 25 years of experience in his ministry) at **(510) 471-7766 ext.22**



Jim at the Commissioning Ceremony.

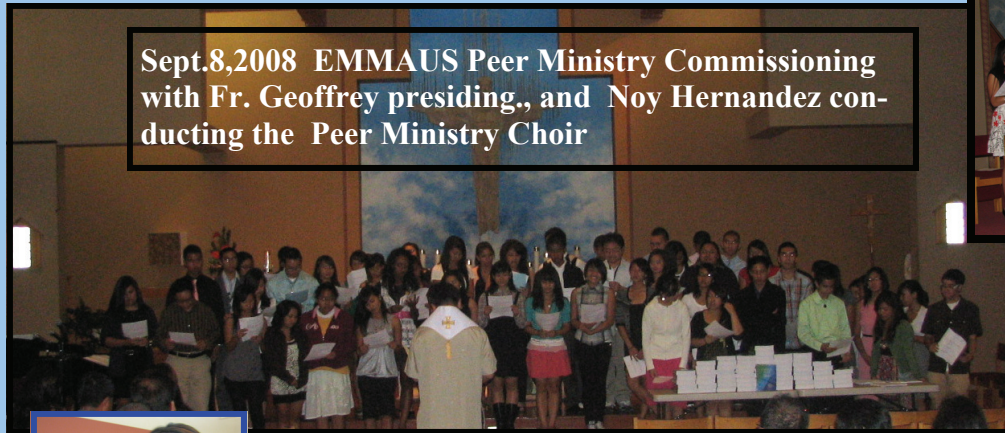


EMMAUS Peer Ministry group on their retreat and training.

Fr. Geoffrey giving a talk.



Sept.8,2008 EMMAUS Peer Ministry Commissioning with Fr. Geoffrey presiding., and Noy Hernandez conducting the Peer Ministry Choir



Sept.15, 2008 Opening night for YOUTH Ministry .

