

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2008**

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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 29

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 30

8:00 am - Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #02-105

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

7:45 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105

Wednesday, October 1

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102

Thursday, October 2

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

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

7:30 pm - Social Justice, CR #104

8:00 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, October 3

8:00 am & 7:30 pm - Mass, CH

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

5:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

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

7:00 pm - Baptismal Class, SH

7:00 pm - Charismatics, CR #105

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CH

7:30 pm - First Friday Mass, CH

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

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

Saturday, October 4

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

9:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #102-105

9:00 am - SPRED, CH #106

1:00 pm - Youth for Christ, CR #105

2:00 pm - Wedding, CH

4:00 pm - Divine Mercy, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, October 5

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

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

4:00 pm - Couples for Christ, CH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25)

Second Reading — Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS

September 27 - October 4, 2008

Saturday, September 27

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Maria Ryan

Sunday, September 28

8:00 am For the People

10:00 Spe.Int. - Suzette Torres

12:00 pm + Florencia Lazada

6:00 + Nicolas Poblete

Monday, September 29

8:00 am + Felix Dionisio

Tuesday, September 30

8:00 am + Arthur Bunoan

Wednesday, October 1

8:00 am + An Ly

Thursday, October 2

8:00 am + Serapion Lusterios

Friday, October 3

8:00 am + Imelda Africa

7:30 pm + Antonio Pelaez

Saturday, October 4

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Eduardo Evangelista

5:00 pm + Felix Ammay

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2008

Have in you the same attitude that is also
in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope that your summer was a great one. The cool breeze is here and that means.....FALL? Falling leaves and a rainbow of colors to decorate our surroundings! BEAUTY! It is one of my favorite times of the year. It represents change, new energy and spirit. During this time of the year, I usually would find time to drive to the mountains to feel this moment. This is the one thing I always like to keep as part of my Advent preparations. Yes there are some things that we want to keep. For sure we want to keep the memories of summer. As a community we had a very wonderful and successful festival to honor our patroness, St. Anne's. The festival committee, headed by Mr. Jerry Williams, did a tremendous job in putting together a "good package" for great fun. SINGING! GREAT FOOD! GREAT CROWD! Again, I would like to extend my gratitude to the committee members and the many volunteers who sacrificed their days to make our festival a memorable one. Indeed, IT WAS!

As I sit here typing this, I also hear the footsteps of our children in the Faith Formation program pounding the ground to tell us that summer is gone and school days have come to embrace the **cool breeze of autumn**. EXCITEMENT! Perhaps! Or just another reminder that **our God is "good and faithful" and he is around, present and touching** us always with his love through the colors of autumn magnified by the bright rays of the sun. With new spirit of joy, I am looking forward to another new wave of celebrations and challenge for this our community. Starting this Saturday (September 27), we celebrate the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, the first Filipino saint and martyr. Bishop Mylo Vergara of the diocese of San Jose in the Philippines, is here to preside at Mass to honor this man of faith and courage. Bishop Vergara is here also for the Mission Co-op, an annual program of our diocese to reach out to those who are in need. Bishop Vergara is here to ask for help for his diocese. I visited the bishop when I was in the Philippines two years ago and I saw a great challenge for Bishop Vergara. He shared with me that his diocese is a "farming community" with a potential for great days in the future only if they have a chance to start somewhere. Our community can be of this moment. I hope that we open our heart to the people of the diocese of San Jose, Philippines. WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE! Mother Teresa once said, "People die every day in the poor countries not because of lack of food but because sometimes we don't care." I thank you for your generosity!

My God bless you always with his peace and love!

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Eid al-Fit'r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week

Monday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year 5769) begins at sunset

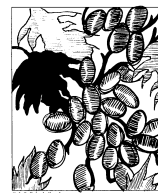
Tuesday: St. Jerome

Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Thursday: The Guardian Angels

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Saturday



AUTUMN

Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!

—Humbert Wolfe

LECTORS

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



St. Anne Youth Ministry Begins!!!!

We will be accepting Youth Ministry registrations until Monday, October 7, 2008...after that date registrations will be closed.

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic for our meeting will be "*Staying Focused.*" Just a reminder that ALL Incredible Edible Fundraising forms are **due** at Monday's meeting!

Saint Anne Confirmation 2008-2009

Saint Anne Confirmation Preparation classes meet this afternoon, Sunday, September 28th. ALL Confirmation Incredible Edible fundraising forms are **due** at class. We will follow class with our Youth Mass at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH RALLY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...SAT., OCT. 4TH!

The annual South Alameda County Youth Ministry Youth Rally, **Wii Belong**, will take place on Saturday, October 4th 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!!!

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 obtained 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

First Communion

As parish community, let us join our 144 candidates and their parents as they begin their journey preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this coming Advent season.

We Belong to God - This week these candidates preparing for Reconciliation are reflecting on Baptism, which marks us as belonging to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. One of the central images the writers of Sacred Scripture used to describe God's love for his people was the image of God as the shepherd of his people. How are we, as a parish, helping children grow in a deep love for God?

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

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. 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, Oct. 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

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Collections

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Sept. 14, 2008	Sept. 21, 2008
Parish Collection	\$12,593.40	\$12,150.60
Building Fund	\$1,162.00	\$1,144.00
Cathedral Project	\$1,265.00	

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

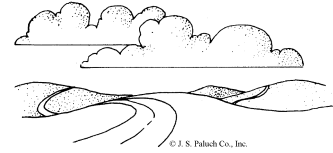
The month of October is devoted to the Blessed Mother of God. To honor the Virgin Mary, Holy Spirit, Fremont will celebrate a Marian Rosary Prayer Service and a candle light procession. **Saturday, October 4 at 6:30 pm.** The "Marian Rosary Night" service will begin with the Rosary and Marian songs sung between each decade. Bring your statues of Mary and Rosaries to be blessed at 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 Dominican Sisters and Queen of the Holy Rosary College announce a two-hour presentation of Thursday, October on Thursday, October 16: Election 2008: Voting as a Catholic Christian, given by Rev. Dan Danielson. The presentation is from 7:00—9:00 pm and will be held at the Dominican Sisters' Motherhouse, located behind historic Mission San Jose, 43326 Mission boulevard, Fremont (entrance is from Mission Tierra) Free-will donation. Please contact Sister Katherine Jean for reservation: 510-657-2468 or 510-933-6322.

GOD'S WAYS
ARE ABOVE
OUR WAYS



GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

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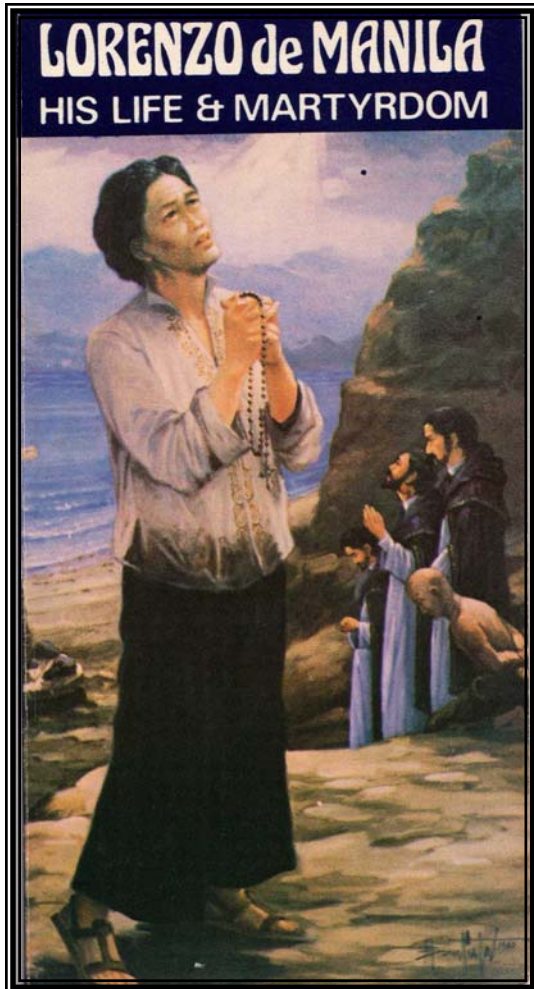
"Sunday in Spain"

Celebrating the Land of St. Dominic. Please join us for the Annual dinner Auction benefiting Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Berkeley. The event is on Sunday October 19, 2pm at the DSOT Campus, 2301 Vine St., Berkeley. Event starts with silent auction and cocktails at 2 pm. Tapas appetizers, wines of Spain will be served accompanied by a rendition of classic flamenco guitar and a demonstration cooking of traditional Spanish Paellas by Eduardo of Venga Paella. Dinner will be at 3pm. Both silent and live auctions will feature vacation getaways, vintage wines, gourmet dining, sporting events, fine jewelry, classes, lectures, retreat and much more! Tickets are at \$100 per person or \$750 for a table of 8. Please RSVP by October 3. For more information, please call the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, 510-883-2085 or email advancement@dspt.edu.

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

Sept. 28, 2008—Sunday

What do we know of San Lorenzo?



Lorenzo Ruiz is the first Filipino saint. He is also the first Filipino martyred for the Christian Faith. Lorenzo Ruiz was a layman, married, and had two sons and a daughter. Born in Binondo, Manila, about the 1600's, he was educated in the school of the Dominican's there. He served as an altar boy and later was a helper and clerk-sacristan in the church of Binondo. He was a member of the Confraternity of the Rosary. He made his living probably as a calligrapher, one who renders documents in beautiful penmanship for private or official use.

An adverse event made him leave the Philippines in 1636. When he was in his late twenties or early thirties, he became involved or was accused of being involved in a criminal case.

Whether he was involved or not, one thing was clear, he was afraid that, as a consequence of a trial or mistrial, he might be sentenced to death.

Upon landing in Japan, where Christians were being persecuted, he was arrested and imprisoned together with his companions. He underwent inhumane tortures and valiantly confessed his Christian Faith. Refusing to renounce his faith, he told his executioners that he was ready to die for God and give himself for many thousands of lives if he had them. On September 27, 1637, he was hung from the gallows by his feet, his body falling into a pit.

After two days of agony, he died of bleeding and suffocation.

His body was cremated. He and fifteen companions, martyred in the same persecution, were beatified by Pope John Paul II in Manila on February 18, 1981 and elevated to full honors of the altar by canonization on October 18, 1987 in Rome.

Information collected from the website of San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish, Tarlac, Philippines (Life of San Lorenzo Ruiz) and Lorenzo de Manila by Celso Al. Carunungan