

# 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."

### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome November 9, 2008

### ST. ANNE STAFF

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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, November 10

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

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

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, November 11

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Cursillo Mtg, CR #105

7:30 pm - Facilities Comm. Mtg., CR#102

Wednesday, November 12

### 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, November 13

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

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

8:00 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, November 14

### 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, November 15

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

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, SH

9:30 am - Faith Formation, CR #102-105

3:00 pm - RCIA, CR #105

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, November 16

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

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

1:30 pm - Lay Carmelite, CR #104

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— I saw water flowing out of the temple; wherever the river flows, every living creature shall live (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12).

**Psalm** — The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High (Psalm 46).

**Second Reading**— Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17).

**Gospel** — Stop making my Father's house a marketplace (John 2:13-22).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;

1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

[14-15, 19-21]

## MASS INTENTIONS

November 8, 2008 - November 15, 2008

### Saturday, November 8

5:00 pm Spe.Int - Berting Leus

### Sunday, November 9

8:00 am + Agripino Gapunay

10:00 am + For the People

12:00 pm Spe. Int.- Manny Zurbano

6:00 pm + Iluminado & Felicitacion Zaraspe

### Monday, November 10

8:00 am All Souls

### Tuesday, November 11

8:00 am All Souls

### Wednesday, November 12

8:00 am + Apolina Aldover

### Thursday, November 13

8:00 am Spe. Int.- Joyce Macalalad

### Friday, November 14

8:00 am + Milagros Castanares

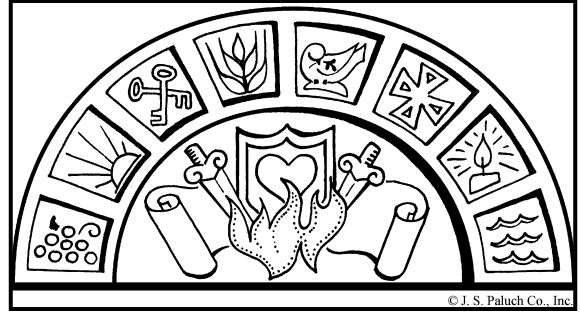
### Saturday, November 15

8:00 am + Alex Bataan

5:00 pm + Honorata Benitez

**The Dedication of the Lateran  
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The LORD of hosts is with us;  
Our stronghold is the God of Jacob.  
— Psalm 46:8



***My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,***

***As I begin my 4<sup>th</sup> year here at St. Anne's,*** I would like to share with you some important observations which I hope will help celebrate our faith and life as members of the body of Christ: **OUR BAD HABITS AS CATHOLICS!**

**First One: Our weekly offering**

I have mentioned in the past that when ***we do everything from the heart, it makes a difference.*** Until now I have seen so many of us still doing the ***old habit of scrambling and digging*** into our pockets, our purses, and wallets when the baskets are going around for our weekly offering. When we do this, ***it is like dropping something in that basket without any meaning*** at all for you and for the faith community. I know that our ***weekly offering can find its meaning and fulfillment when we gather as family in our home to reflect and to pray about it.*** And after prayer and reflection, ***a nickel or a quarter*** is what we are going to give for weekly offering, then it is okay as long as it is done through prayer and reflection and it is from the heart. **Please consider wrapping it in an envelope** as a reminder that ***this is gift to our God, who loves us.*** I would encourage you to write a check as much as possible so that at the end of the year you can claim this for your income tax. Again, do it from the heart through prayer and reflection.

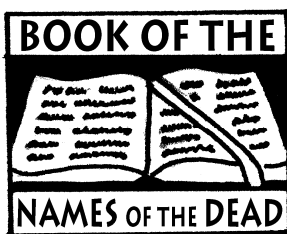
**Second One: Standing in the back or staying outside**

I am always puzzled about this. And why do we still have to come to church when we don't even bother to come in the church and participate. **I have seen so many of us do this.** What have we accomplished when we do this? ***Our purpose of coming to church is to participate in the celebration of our faith and life through listening the word of God and partaking in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.*** It is about us celebrating together as members of the body Christ. ***What happens when we do this? First, we waste our time. Secondly, we mess up and we miss a lot!*** How could you share with your friends or co-workers about your experience and the celebration that you have just attended? You can say "Oh yes, I was there but I was outside!" We really need to reflect on this one! Don't waste your time by standing outside! Do not go home empty but go home from the celebration filled with love and meaning and joy. ***Our participation must be "full and conscious!" That means we need to be here with all our heart, mind, body and spirit.***

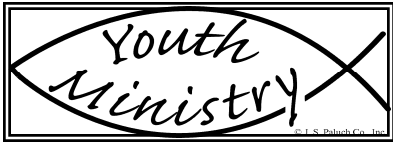
**BAD HABITS!** I hope that you will take time to read these things and pray about them. I will continue to write more about our bad habits in next week's bulletin. May you be filled with God's peace and love!

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey



Catholics honor the memory of the faithful departed, beloved family members and friends during the month of November. You are invited to write their names in the "Book of Names of the Dead" or use the remembrance envelopes that can be found in the Church entryways.



**St. Anne Youth Ministry**

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: "**Dearly Departed**"... the meeting will allow for each of us to have an opportunity to look at our own unique life and the direction it is headed. Our prayer time will be about those who have passed before us...all Youth Ministry students are invited to bring a picture of a dear family member or friend who has passed before us if they would like. All pictures will be returned to the students that night.

**St. Anne Confirmation**

St. Anne Confirmation candidates will meet again this afternoon, Sunday, November 9 at 3:30 p.m. Don't forget that BROWN BAG PROJECTS are due at class!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



The St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting non perishable food for the Thanksgiving baskets for the low income and needy families. Please bring your donation this weekend and the following weekend. Also, if you know a needy, low income family who will benefit from this cause, please call the rectory office. Leave name, address, phone number and the number of people in the family and gender.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

St. Vincent de Paul will be selling raffle tickets for \$3 to benefit the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2008 at St. Anne Church, starting with a mass at 5:30 a.m. Please buy your ticket at the entrance of the church and win a flat screen 32" TV.

**LECTORS  
PLEASE PICK-UP NEW WORK-  
BOOKS FROM THE LITURGY  
ROOM.**



**FIRST COMMUNION**

**We are Peacemakers** - This week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation are reflecting on God's gift of peace. All the baptized are anointed to announce the kingdom and make all people sharers in the peace of Christ. We are blessed and bring God's blessings to others. How do we, as a parish, strive to live as peacemakers and to make a difference?

**REMINDER**

Tuesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day

**NO First Communion CLASS**

Saturday, November 8 - 9:30am -10:30am  
Church

**CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

- Jacqueline Lee.....Helped Dad do cleaning, gave .20cents.
- Dylan Nguyen.....donated .25cents
- Dylan Lazaga.....donated .75cents
- Rachel Ocampo...cleaned her room, donated \$1.00
- Earlene Escobal....Did my chores, donated \$1.00
- Liyan Gacayan....prayed & read the bible, gave \$1.00
- Alexa Fernandez..prays every night, sings with choir, gave .50cents
- Alicia B.....Folding clothes for my Mom.
- Michael Manzano.....sang with the choir At "All Saints Mass" & donated \$1.00
- David Lee....donated to charity
- Cherra Alagon..Helped sister clean her room & gave \$1.00
- Emily Ventura.....Fed the dogs, set table & made bed

**THE FOUNDATION**

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand.

—St. Ambrose

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
- Monday: Thirty-second week in Ordinary Time; St. Leo the Great
- Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
- Wednesday: St. Josaphat
- Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Saturday: St. Albert the Great; Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, November 9, 2008

## Collections

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Oct. 26, 2008	Nov. 2, 2008
Parish Collection	\$10,285.60	\$12,699.75
Building Fund	\$ 837.00	-

### Catholic Funeral And Cemetery Services

The death of a loved one is one of the most traumatic experiences any of us will ever have. Community Outreach Counselors from the Catholic Cemeteries will be here this Sunday, November 9th to talk about Pre-Planning. By asking the right questions, comparing prices, and making informed decisions, you can make arrangements that are meaningful to your family and control the costs for yourself and your survivors. A short presentation will be held in Room 102 after each mass. Please plan to attend. To receive information online, please email Rico Monton at [ricom@catholiccemeteries.org](mailto:ricom@catholiccemeteries.org)

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

#### Married Couples: Are your dreams for your life still visible?

Or are they buried somewhere in the laundry basket full of busy jobs, kids' activities, tiredness, bills, and no time? Would you like to pull your dreams out and give them new life? That can happen on a WWME Weekend being held in Pleasanton **November 21-23**. For more information call Terry/Angela Higgins, 510-303-9019 or Ray/Roberta Montes, 916-806-4601 or go to [www.rekindleyourmarriage.org](http://www.rekindleyourmarriage.org). Please register online by November 14th.

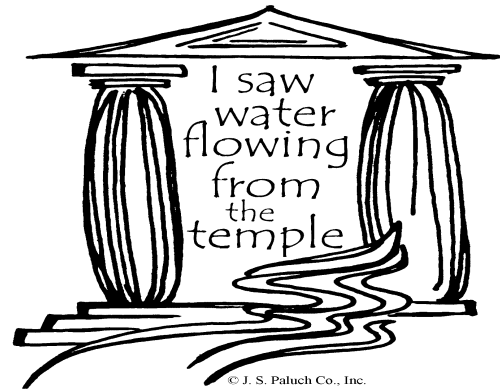
### SIMBANG GABI

Once again preparations for the Simbang Gabi novena mass is underway. It starts December 16th through December 24th. Anyone interested in helping to:

1. Sponsor food or for monetary donations
2. Sign-up for Bus trip to the casino
3. Sign-up for mass intentions

Please fill out forms which are available at the Rectory office. Sign up early in order to get the day of your choice. See back cover of this week's bulletin for more information or call:

**Carlen Gregorio @304-4171**



### HOLY PLACES, HOLY LIVES

Roman Catholics in the United States at the beginning of the twenty-first century have had more than their share of experiences of unholy things going on in holy places. And, in light of the extreme reaction that Jesus has to this phenomenon at the Temple in today's Gospel, it may seem unusual to be celebrating what, on the surface, seems to be a feast of a building: the pope's cathedral church for his role as the bishop of Rome, the cathedral of St. John (the Baptist) Lateran. Throughout time, human beings have come to discern, through the Spirit, various physical locations for the work and activity of God: creation, the Ark of the Covenant, the Jerusalem temples, the womb of a Galilean girl, a cross and tomb, an upper room. All these physical places have the potential to be sources of holy things, of God's ongoing grace in the world. As we hear in today's Gospel, we must always look to Christ, the one, eternal, always-holy dwelling place of God. Then we who are baptized must pray that we always be guided to lead holy lives in holy places, in all places, at all times.

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### THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND AND THE OAKLAND RAIDERS.....

Would like to invite you and your family to a game on December 12, 1:05 pm, (Oakland vs. Houston). The proceeds would go towards helping four Diocesan schools, three in Oakland and one in Richmond. Economic downturns in these areas, increasing tuition costs, and population shifts, among other factors are posing significant challenges to these schools. In an effort to help, the Raiders and Diocese have joined together to offer you a chance to purchase tickets for the Dec. 12th game. The ticket holder would save \$10.00 per ticket, receive a \$15.00 food voucher and a Raiders hat (valued at \$18.00). For more info contact [sjewett@oakdiocese.org](mailto:sjewett@oakdiocese.org) or 496-72-7232 or tamra at 800-RAIDERS, ext. 3228 or [tappiano@raiders.com](mailto:tappiano@raiders.com). There are flyers posted at Church entrances.

# Simbang Gabi Ministry

The “**Simbang Gabi Ministry**” is a group of dedicated parishioners who coordinates the dawn masses during the advent season.

This practice was very much a part of the Filipino culture in the Philippines but was adapted here because of the great number of Filipinos in many parishes. The Simbang Gabi is actually a Spanish originated custom brought by the influence of the Spaniards during their reign in the Philippines for three hundred(300) years. It was called “*Misa de Gallo*” or “Dawn Mass,” the word, **dawn**, having to do with the rooster’s crowing, at the crack of dawn. The purpose is to gather together at mass, beginning nine days before Christmas ( Dec. 16) as a *spiritual preparation* and novena for the celebration of the birth of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. From there, the sharing of delicacies, pastries, and goodies began, then progressed to heavy food preparation. The rest is history, as you might say.

The coordinator for the Simbang Gabi Ministry is **Carlen Gregorio**. This year he is making everyone aware of this event so that people can make plans to attend, or help with the preparations.

The ministry would also like everyone to know that if you want to remember your loved ones with an **offering or intentions at the morning masses**, you may fill out a form ahead of time ,or if you want to sponsor food for one morning during Simbang Gabi, forms are **available at the Rectory office**, starting Nov. 3,2008.

If you want to **help** in any way, to **donate food** or **participate** in the preparation for this ministry, please call **Carlin Gregorio at (510) 304-4171**

## **BUS TRIP**

The ministry is also sponsoring a trip to the Casino. Funds raised will go towards the expenses for Simbang Gabi. Contact Carlen Gregorio if you are interested of going with the group.



St. Anne Church  
Simbang Gabi Group  
Invites you to  
*The Indian Casino Fundraising Trip*  
at Feather Falls & Gold Country

When: Sunday, November 23, 2008  
Meeting Time: 6:15 am (Bus leaves at 7am SHARP!)  
Meeting Place: St. Anne Church's Parking Lot  
Donation: \$30.00 (\$10 refund & \$10 playing card included)