

# *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."*

### **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2008**

#### **ST. ANNE STAFF**

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
Fr. Rick Boyle, O.S.M.	Parochial Vicar
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
Sydney Gargan	Office Administrator
Zella Yanos	Secretary
Jim Soltau	Youth Ministry Coordinator
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**

<b>Weekdays</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>8:00am; 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>8:00 and 10:00 am 12:00 and 6:00 pm</b>
<b>1st Fridays</b>	<b>8:00 am and 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Holy Days</b>	<b>As announced</b>
	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
	<b>Baptism</b>

#### **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 17

**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

7:30 pm - Liturgy, CR #105

Tuesday, November 18

**8:00 am - Mass, CH**

4:30 pm - Faith Formation,CR#102-105

Wednesday, November 19

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

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

7:30 pm - Grief Ministry

7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105

Thursday, November 20

**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

7:30 pm—Stewardship, CR #102

7:30 pm - Order of Servite, CR #103

7:30 pm - Liturgy, CR #105

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, November 21

**8:00 am - Mass, CH**

5:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, 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 22

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

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

12:00 pm - Wedding, CH

3:00 pm - RCIA, CR #105

4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, November 23

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

12:00 pm - Confirmation, CR #102

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

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — To all those who have, more will be given (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10, or, (for the memorial of the Dedication)  
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23;

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## MASS INTENTIONS

November 15, 2008 - November 22, 2008

Saturday, November 15

5:00 pm + Honorata Benitez

Sunday, November 16

8:00 am + Adelaida Labiles

10:00 am + Helen Young

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm + Teodula Racho

Monday, November 17

8:00 am + Petronio Aguilar

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 am + Rosario Castelo

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Sharmi Cahayom

Thursday, November 20

8:00 am + Jose Atienza

Friday, November 21

8:00 am Spe. Int.— Mr. & Mrs. Reynaldo Poblete

Saturday, November 22

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Evangelista Family

5:00 pm + Vera Reyes

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Blessed are you who fear the LORD.  
— Psalm 128:1a



*My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,*

**Last week** I had the opportunity to share with you the first part of my article, **OUR BAD HABITS AS CATHOLICS**. I hope that you read it! **This week the topic is: OUR BAD HABIT OF COMING TO MASS LATE!**

There is no question that **being late is a habit many of us have. And I am not going to excuse myself for it.** Of course we have a lot of reasons for doing it. **The very common one** I hear most often is **the problem with alarm clock. "It didn't go off."** I also hear how people blame the **lack of parking spaces** for being late. I am sure that there are more valid reasons or excuses for being late. Whatever they are, one thing I know for sure is that **when we are late, we miss a lot! Familiar?**

**So, why do we need to be on time or why do I need to be in the church before the Eucharist celebration begins?**

**First, PREPARATION.** I believe that the **Eucharistic celebration** is not like any other gathering that we experience. It is a **prayerful experience**. So for me then, it is really important that I have to be there **fully prepared** for the celebration. It means that I need to prepare my heart and my spirit for the celebration. **We cannot say that everything will be ok when we are late.** **PREPARATION** is essential in our Sunday liturgical celebration and other celebrations. **IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE! Being late does not give us the opportunity to relax, meditate and to be immersed in the presence of God.** The idea that **only the priest** prepares for the celebration is a **MISCEPTION**. We all do! Over and over again the Liturgical Commission has stressed **our full, conscious and active participation in the liturgical celebrations.**

**Second, RESPECT FOR OTHERS!** Whether we like it or not, **we live in a civilized society.** Everything is set for people's convenience. **We make appointments with everybody. We don't just show up.** If we want to see a dentist, **we call for an appointment.** Unless it is a real emergency! **If we want to see a doctor or a priest, we call for an appointment.** We set time and that's how things work in our civilized society. **What happens when we are late?** I believe that it affects everybody. Thus, we **disregard the importance of time** and we disrespect the person whom we have an appointment with. It is also true when we come in late for the Eucharistic celebration or any other celebrations. **Think for a moment.** Would you come in late for a dinner at your friend's house? **Or would you come in late to see a movie? Of course not! You want to be there on time!** We disrespect others by not showing up on time.

**I believe that we need to be more responsible about this whole thing. We are not like our ancestors who didn't have the kind of time awareness as we have today. During the early Christian experience, Mass was celebrated when the sun rose.** Our world today is very different. **We have scheduled time for all our celebrations. We know when they are! 5pm on Saturdays, 8 & 10 am, 12 & 6p m on Sundays!** I believe that when we are gathered on time for our Eucharistic celebrations, everybody has that "community feeling."

**I really encourage you to be more responsible and be more aware about the importance of being on time for Mass.** Coming to Mass on time is the right thing to do but I realize that it is **also a big challenge.** Continue to pray for guidance. **I always believe in miracles.**

*Your servant in Christ,  
Fr. Geoffrey*



**St. Anne Youth Ministry**

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: **All for One and One for All...Youth and Advocacy.** In this session, high school youth learn different types of advocacy that they can exercise every day to bring about justice and peace.

**St. Anne Youth Ministry to Los Angeles!**

Members of St. Anne Youth Ministry are invited to join the Emmaus Peer Ministry group and the Confirmation candidates in their annual trip to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Youth Day. The trip is scheduled for February 25 – March 1, 2009. It will include 3 nights hotel, participation in the all day Youth Rally and a trip to Disneyland. For more information, please call the Youth Ministry Office at (%10) 471-7766 ext. 22 or you may always email at [stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net) HURRY...spots will fill up soon!



The St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus 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.



**First Communion**

*We are Peacemakers* - As our young children preparing for Reconciliation continue to reflect on God's gift of peace, let us take an honest look at our own shortcomings and unloving choices that we sometimes make. Through prayers, thoughtful reflection on places in our lives where we may be in need of reconciliation, and by talking to each other honestly and gently about ways we hope to change, we are blessed and bring God's blessings to others....we share in the peace of Christ....striving to live as peacemakers and making a difference in our home, school, workplace and community.

**CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

- Brigida & Jacqueline...donated \$10.00 of their money
- Allana Sese.....I listened & sang in the choir
- Samantha Burlaza.....Trying to be good
- Migeul de Jesus.....gave \$2.00
- Jonah Lontok.....Helped Mom wash dishes
- Mariella Oglimen.....Donated \$1.00
- Sharisse Paule.....I sing with the children's choir
- Aleza Fernandez.....I prayed every night
- Lilliana B.....Help to fold my clothes right
- Matthew Young.....I behaved while I was grounded
- Kayla Ridao.....Donated \$1.00
- Charlotte Alegado.....Helped set the table
- Justin Asuncion.....Helped parents clean the house

**SECULAR ORDER OF THE SERVANTS OF MARY**

The first regular meeting of the Secular Order of the Servants of Mary will take place on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, AT 7:30 PM, IN ROOM 103 OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING.** If you were not able to attend our first organizational meeting in October, and you are still interested in joining the Servite Secular order, then you **MUST** plan on attending this meeting. One of the first things we must decide at this meeting will be the permanent, repeating, monthly meeting date and time. This will be a crucial decision, and we will need everyone's input! Please make space in your busy schedule for this first and very important meeting of the newest Chapter of the Secular Order of the Servants of Mary.

Thanks, and may Our Lady Mary constantly be at your side...

Fr. Lolo-Rick, OSM

Sunday, November 16, 2008

## Collections

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Nov. 2, 2008	Nov. 9, 2008
Parish Collection	\$12,699.75	\$11,634.00
Building Fund		\$3,448.00

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DINING ROOM

The Dining Room needs volunteers to help with serving meals. Please contact Jonas Williams at 510-877-9213 or [jwilliams@svdp-alameda.org](mailto:jwilliams@svdp-alameda.org).

The Men's Center needs volunteers to assist clients in filling out forms and monitoring shower area and use of clothes washers and dryers. Please contact Reuben Garza at 510-877-9238 [rgarza@svdp-alameda.org](mailto:rgarza@svdp-alameda.org).

The Women's and Children's Visitation Center needs volunteers who can help with center, toy, clothing, etc. maintenance; client registration, typing, and computer entry; developing a children's activity program with music, art, reading stories, and crafts; and coaching the ESL (English second language) program. Please contact Carmen Edstrom at 510-444-3790 or [cedstrom@svdp-alameda.org](mailto:cedstrom@svdp-alameda.org).

If you have a special skill or interest and want to help, please call. We need you!

We suggest students could become involved by gathering kits of soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors and shaving cream for clients.

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room is located at 675 – 23rd Street, Oakland, CA 94512.

### 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  
(Sunday, November 23, 2008)
3. Sign-up for mass intentions

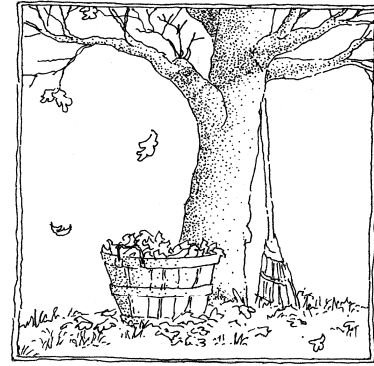
Please fill out forms which are available at the Rectory office. Sign up early in order to get the day of your choice. See back cover of this week's bulletin for more information or call:

**Carlen Gregorio @304-4174**

### RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is on this that we belong to God.

—St. Francis de Sales



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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they have never been formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and will be incorporated into the new Roman Missal when it is published.

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

### TAIZE – PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Refresh your soul with a moment of peace and quiet away from the busyness of life, listen to beautiful music, join others in prayer and song around the cross, offer your restlessness and worries to Jesus, the One who understands, let the longing in our world and yours meet in Jesus the One who heals. Dates: **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each Month**, 8:00 p.m, Dominican Sisters, 43326 Mission Blvd. Fremont. For more info., please contact Maria Shao, 408-839-2068 or [maria49830@aol.com](mailto:maria49830@aol.com) or Sr. Beth Quire, OP 510-449-7554 or [beth@msjdominicans.com](mailto:beth@msjdominicans.com).



Fr. Geoffrey praying for our deceased parishioners



Grief Ministry members waiting for mass to begin.



A family member offering lighted candle for a loved one is assisted by the Knights of Columbus.

### All Souls Day Memorial Service Nov. 1, 2008

Mass was held to remember the recently deceased of our parish. Pictures of those who have passed away were hung on a live branch and candles were lit by the family members for each of their loved ones. The mass was celebrated at 10:00am by Fr, Geoffrey Baraan and all those listed in the Book of the Names of the Dead and all deceased parishioners were prayed for.



Cristy Dizon, at the ambo, reading the names of the deceased. Marina Bamont giving the memorial votives and prayer cards, and Ray Cabrera assisting the family members with the lighted candles



Lee Ramos Grief Ministry coordinator, Norma Cabrera, Damisa Gomez an Zeny Cruz and other Grief Ministry members preparing candles to be given to family members.