

**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.”

**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.

**ST. ANNE STAFF**

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# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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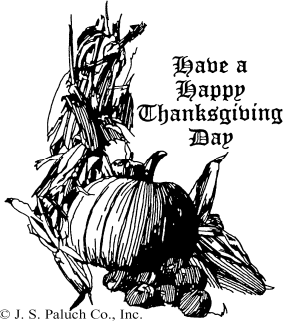
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## Give thanks.....



<p align="center"><b>Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time November 23, 2008</b></p>
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**THANKSGIVING DAY  
THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 27, 2008  
10:00 AM  
MASS  
(THERE WILL BE NO  
8:00 AM MASS)**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE**

CH:CHURCH, SH: SOCIAL HALL, CR: CLASS-ROOMS, PO: Parish Office, LO: Liturgy Office

Monday, November 24

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

1:00 am - Funeral Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

7:30 pm - Liturgy, CR #105

Tuesday, November 25

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

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Finance Comm., CR #102

7:30 pm - Facilities Comm., CR #103

7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #106

Wednesday, November 26

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

12:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, SH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

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

Thursday, November 27

**10:00 am - Mass, CH - THANKSGIVING**

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

Friday, November 28

**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 - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

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

Saturday, November 29

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, November 30

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

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;  
Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested):

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**MASS INTENTIONS**

November 22, 2008 - November 29, 2008

Saturday, November 22

5:00 pm + Vera Reyes

Sunday, November 23

8:00 am + Vivian Tarnate

10:00 am Spe.Int. - Benjamin Adante

12:00 pm + Marciana Manabat

6:00 pm + For the People

Monday, November 24

8:00 am + Roy Yap

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Norma Timbang

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Vincent & Mary Nguyen

Thursday, November 27

10:00 am Spe.Int. - Ramon & Marissa Lopez  
25th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, November 28

8:00 am Spe. Int.— Julie Mae Lopez

Saturday, November 29

8:00 am + Fe Carman De Quina

5:00 pm + For the People

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King  
November 23, 2008**

**"I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me  
drink."**

**— Matthew 25:35**



**OUR BAD HABITS AS CATHOLICS: LEAVING THE CHURCH EARLY**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In one of my weekday homilies, I mentioned that *many of us have misunderstood the passage* in the gospel in which Jesus said, *"The last shall be first and the first shall be last."* I said this because of this great observation by many of us that *"many who come last are the first ones to leave."* And the ones who come to church early are the last ones to leave.

**WHY DO WE LEAVE THE CHURCH EARLY?**

I always wonder about this. *Many would leave right after they have received communion.* Some would leave while the announcement is being communicated. And some leave when the first note of the music is played. This bad habit is very disturbing and requires serious attention and reflection. This reality in our faith experience is very painful to see. There is a great disregard in the importance and meaning of our celebration and our faith. *When I see someone leave from the communion line out to the parking lot is something that I cannot ignore.* I wouldn't be doing my job as your pastor if I remain quiet about it. You know that I have reminded everybody about this problem many times and it seems that it continues to be met with stubbornness and uncaring attitude. *Do we leave the church early because we have fulfilled our obligation? And we can tell everybody that we went to church!*

**WHY CAN'T WE STAY?**

When we decide to come to church, plan to be here. Let me ask this question: *when you go to a movie, do you plan to see only half of the movie or three fourth of the movie?* So coming late and leaving early is not something that we do when we go watch a movie. *Yet we take our coming to Mass for granted. How much time are we losing when we stay? A minute? Two minutes? When we stay, we don't lose anything. WE GAIN a lifetime of many blessings and everything!*

*We spend two hours in a movie house and perhaps many hours in the shopping mall. But we cannot spend time with God in his holy place. We complain when the Mass goes for over an hour. Is this how we give thanks to God? Only on our convenience?*

**THE MANY REASONS WHY WE NEED TO STAY FOR THE WHOLE CELEBRATION!**

*Our Eucharistic celebration is not just another celebration.* It is a celebration of our faith and our life and what God has done for us. It is about our God, who is faithful, revealing his love to us in the WORD, in the BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST, and in the celebrating community. Because of this understanding, when I come to the celebration, *I do not come as an individual person but I come to become part of the BODY OF CHRIST.* Then *I have a responsibility to be one and united with the celebrating faith community* with all MY SOUL, MY BEING and with all MY HEART. *When we can't be on time and cannot stay until the presider(priest)is totally out of the church, then our participation is not "full and complete."* *I know that some of us really have a good excuse. Some of us don't have! We just don't care! But when we care, we will be rewarded! God bless you all!*

*Your servant in Christ,*

*Fr. Geoffrey*





THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER  
27 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.  
HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!



## THANKSGIVING BREAK

**November 24 – 29 – NO CLASSES**

Classes resume Monday, December 1.

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to All!

A Heartfelt THANK YOU... To all our students and catechists for their time and talent in helping the St. Vincent De Paul by decorating the Thanksgiving boxes and for their generosity on our November Canned Food Drive.



### St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, November 24 at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall for the annual Thanksgiving pot-luck extravaganza!! All those who are registered in Youth Ministry are invited to attend and please add to the wide variety of blessings which we are thankful for. In addition, each are invited to bring some food to share according to the first initial of your last name: A-H: main dish (protein, starch, or veggie) Please provide a serving utensil. I-M: salad ((protein, starch, or veggie) Please provide a serving utensil. N-R: appetizer ((protein, starch, or veggie) Please provide a serving utensil. S-Z: dessert, but please no chips and no hard or soft candy.

***In addition, if you would like to donate to the WARM COAT- HAT-GLOVES clothing drive, you are invited to bring one (1) item of clothing that is clean and in good condition (no holes or rips) that we will bring to the guests at St., Anthony's Dining Foundation. If you are unable to bring any clothing, I would invite you to purchase a new package of thick athletic socks for the people who are on the streets. A pair of good socks without holes is a luxury item, and probably something we take for granted*** Please bring your items with you to the Youth Ministry meeting on Monday.

### Youth Ministry Retreat Meeting

There will be a retreat meeting for parents and all those attending the December 5-7 Youth Ministry Winter Retreat. The meeting will be held immediately following the Youth Mass tonight (Sunday), November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you are not able to attend, please call the Youth Ministry Office at 471-7766 extension 22. Payments for the retreat are due at this time, and maps and retreat information will be given out.

### **Grief Support Ministry**

The Grief Support Ministry is grateful to all who assisted, in some way or another, and contributed to the success of our third annual Memorial Mass last November 1, 2008. Thank you!

### **CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

Janelle Figueroa.....Gave \$1.00  
Elijah De La Rosa.....Gave \$5.00, good listener  
Alana McGovern.....Helped sister not to cry while  
parents were on vacation  
Earlene Escobal.....Cleaned my room  
Cherra Alagon.....Helped take care of cousins  
Gabriel Cruz.....Made my brother's breakfast  
Geraldyn Galvez.....Helped my godmother take  
care of her child  
Alexa Najera.....Loved one another gave .04  
Jessica Aguilar.....Did my homework  
Annette Vocal.....Praying every night, gave \$5.00  
Jaelyn.....,.....Gave a dollar to someone with  
out a home

### **SEE'S CANDY SALE**

The Faith Formation teachers are going to start selling **See's Candy** after the weekend masses and in the CCD office daily, starting Nov.24,2008. This fund raising will help teachers go to the LA Religious Education Congress in February 2009.

As you know our teachers are all volunteer parishioners. This will give them an opportunity to learn more about teaching and how to help our young ones to grow in their faith. They will also learn new and creative ways of teaching and hopefully experience a deeper understanding of their faith through the prayer service and activities at the workshops.

**Won't you please help our CCD teacher?**

**Pls. call the CCD office, 471-7766 ex 21, for more information or if you want to help!**

Sunday, November 23, 2008

## Collections

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Nov. 9, 2008	Nov. 16, 2008
Parish Collection	\$11,634.00	\$11,542.45
Building Fund	\$3,448.00	\$2,055.50

### 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 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

### REMINDER:

**DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON,  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR  
CARS AND KEEP ALL VALUABLES OUT  
OF SIGHT.**

(We have had several cars broken into during Masses and parish meetings)

### 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.

### CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Basketball Registration will begin in December. Girls Basketball is open to 2nd-8th grade girls that attend CCD at St. Anne's or live within the St. Anne boundaries. Practices will begin in February and game season runs March through May. More information will follow in future bulletins as well as on the St. Anne website: <http://saintannecatholic.org>. You may also contact the Girls Basketball Coordinator, Tracie Noriega at [tracie\\_noriega@yahoo.com](mailto:tracie_noriega@yahoo.com).

### THE CATHEDRAL PARISH OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

#### Invitation to Parish Choirs

We would like to invite your parish choir to sing at the new Cathedral for a Saturday 5:30 pm Mass. We are currently scheduling choirs for November 29 – December 27. If you would be interested, please contact Mary Cwalina, [mcwalina@oakdiocese.org](mailto:mcwalina@oakdiocese.org), providing two choices for dates your choir would like to sing.

#### Scripture Series on Women in St. Paul's Epistles

St. Joseph Parish cordially invites you to join us in our on-going St. Paul Scripture Series. **The presenter for the series is Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P. Place:** Holy Family Motherhouse; Community Room 159 Washington Blvd. 94539. Several texts in Paul have been used to oppress & restrict women in both the Church & society. In this introductory study, we will explore & critique these Pauline texts in light of Paul's actual teaching & practice. **Day/Time:** Mondays: 7:30-9:00pm. **Dec. 1,** Situating the Deutero-Pauline restrictions concerning women & their Gospel vocation. **Dec. 8,** The prophetic vocation of women in I Corinthians. A critique of Galatians 3:27-29. **Dec. 15,** Particular women who served in the Pauline Churches in the Acts of the Apostles & the authentic Epistles of Paul. An introductory study of I Corinthians 7:1-40. Free will offering. For more information call 510-656-2331.

### 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



**XC Team**  
**Amihan Agustin**  
*1st overall in all races*  
*4th overall Diocese*  
**RJ Agustin**  
*7th overall Diocese*  
**Ava Agustin**  
*19th overall*  
**Russel Agustin**  
**Alyssa Gomez**  
**Jacob Gomez**  
**Curtis Riener**

**Coaches:**  
**Logan High Students**  
**Andrew Sumang**  
**Kyle Riener**

**Go Team!**

St. Anne CYO Cross Country Event—First Meet held at Joaquin Miller Park



CYO Meet at San leandro Park #HFC213



CYO at the Crown Beach #9297 meet.