

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."



First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2008

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

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, December 1

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 - Youth Ministry, CR #106

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:15 pm - Faith Formation CH

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

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, LO

7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102

7:30 pm - CYO, CR #105

7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #106

Thursday, December 4

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

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

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 5

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

2:00 pm - Wedding, CH

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

7:00 pm - Charismatics, CR #105

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CH

7:00 pm - Baptism Class, SH

7:30 pm - First Friday Mass, CH

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

Saturday, December 6

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

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

10:30 am - Diocesan Workshop, CR #103-106

12:00 pm - St. Anne Seniors, SH

6:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 7

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

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

3:00 pm - 12:00 Choir, CR #106

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands

(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

November 29, 2008 - December 6, 2008

Saturday, November 29

5:00 pm + For the People

Sunday, November 30

8:00 am + Aquilino & Geronimo Domingo

10:00 am + Romy Bobadilla

12:00 pm + Maynard Del Rio

6:00 pm + Charito Minana

Monday, December 1

8:00 am + Fred Rezentes, Sr.

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 am + Mark Sanders

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Lilybeth & Tomas Valenton

Thursday, December 4

8:00 am + Osmundo Macasiray (Birth Ann.)

Friday, December 5

8:00 am + Aurea Poblete

7:30 pm + Francisco Sousa

Saturday, December 6

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Efren Salazar

5:00 pm + Rosalina Papa



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First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2008

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will
come.

-- Mark 13:33



My dear friends in Christ,

The new liturgical year begins with the **season of Advent**. The words of Jesus in the Gospel today reminds us to "BE ALERT AND WATCHFUL!"

As the days become shorter, and the nights darker, the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar state:

"Advent has twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation."

There is no question that Advent is not an easy season to celebrate. There are many reasons for this.

And the biggest reason is that ***this time of joyful expectation is overshadowed by Christmas preparations***. That's why it is important that we need to focus and slow down. ***Our internal preparation is very important***. Our heart must be freed from darkness and hatred, resentment and selfishness, arrogance and pride. ***This is time to lower ourselves in humility before our God***. We need to let go of all these things that will prevent us from welcoming Christ in our heart. ***When we let go, we make room for Christ!***

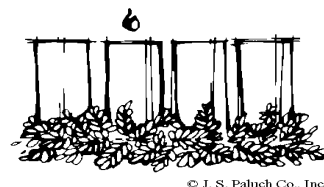
The four weeks of Advent invite us to be on guard, to watch, to be ready, and to prepare. Everything about ***our worship space reflects the season***. This is one way of reminding us about the importance of preparation. As I said earlier we can easily be caught in the external preparations of Christmas. I am not saying that we don't do our Christmas shopping. What I am saying is that we should not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by it. ***Have time for prayer and reflection!*** Search your heart. Find meaning and fulfillment in our preparations and celebrations.

I hope that we take our preparations very seriously. And I pray that we prepare our heart. ***Christ must have a place in our heart. He must be our only possession***. The gospel of Matthew reminds us, ***"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."***

The coming of the Son of Man is not about commercialism or materialism but it is about our salvation and God's love revealed to us in Christ. ***What is important?*** Just a caution from Bishop Fulton Sheen, ***"If through our lives we put a premium on the things of the world, then we will regard lightly the things of eternity."***

May you be filled with joy and peace during this Advent season. ***At the end it is not about the presents but it is about the presence....that is--- the presence of Christ.***

Your servant,
Fr. Geoffrey



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St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: "The Doldrums: Self-Care Tips for the Advent and Christmas Season." There will be NO meeting on Monday, December 8 due to the Mass for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception. ALL Youth Ministry students are invited to attend either the 5:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. liturgy, as December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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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)

LIKE A CHILD

**One who aspires to the grace of God
must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a
child's.**

—St. Nicholas

CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, DECEMBER 1.

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.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

- Taylor.....Cleaned my room with Mom
- Alicia B.....Made pancakes for my family
- Francis.....Helping my grandma standing up
- Gavin Cruz.....Helped my friend fix his guitar
- James Salazar....Gave .25 and sang in church
- Francisco Rabuy...Being responsible for myself
- Christine Panopio...Helping my grandma stand
'cause she has only one leg
- Vanessa Franco-Castillo...helped my grandma while
she was sick
- Janryl Buncio...Helped fetch water for my uncle
- Joshua Balagtas-Oglimen.....Gave \$1.00
- Troy Gonzales.....Helped my Dad put boxes in the
house

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!

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.

Sunday, November 30, 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.

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.

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.

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 make 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.

Carlen Gregorio @304-4174

ST. ANNE CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL

Registration for Girls Basketball will begin on 12/1/08. All forms will be available on the St. Anne website: <http://saintannecatholic.org>. Please ensure that all necessary forms are included in the registration packet. Walk in registration nights: 12/3 Weds. 6-7:30 pm Room 104 – CCD students and St. Anne parishioners that are new or returning players. 12/9 Tues. 6-7:30 pm Room 104 – Non CCD students and Non parishioners that are new or returning players. Contact Tracie, 487-1814 or tracie_noriega@yahoo.com

THE CATHEDRAL PARISH OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

Invitation to Parish Choirs

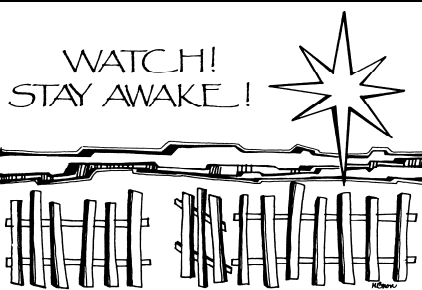
We would like to invite your parish choir to sing at the new Cathedral for a Saturday 5:30 pm Mass. We are currently scheduling choirs for November 29 – December 27. If you would be interested, please contact Mary Cwalina, mcwalina@oakdiocese.org, providing two choices for dates your choir would like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

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: **3rd 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 or Sr. Beth Quire, OP 510-449-7554 or beth@msjdominicans.com.

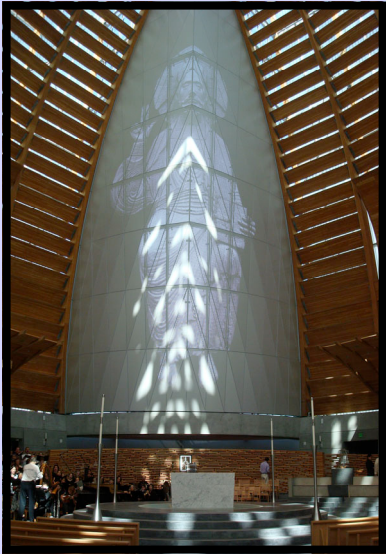




September 25, 2008 Inauguration of our new Cathedral of Christ The Light



Front view of the cathedral



A beautiful view inside the cathedral. Tours are conducted daily. If you are interested call the Diocese for the schedule.



Baptismal Font



Bishop Vigneron walk by a parade of Knights of Columbus.



~~~~~< Bishop Vigneron with Fr. Geoffrey Baraan and some of our parishioners.