

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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## Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2008

*The third Sunday of Advent reminds  
us of the message of JOY.*

### 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

#### 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
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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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, December 15

**8:00 am, 5:00 pm & 7:30 pm - Mass, CH**

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

5:00pm - Faith Formation Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, December 16

**5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH**

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH

Wednesday, December 17

**5:30 & 8:00 am - MASS, CH**

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #104

7:30 pm - Schola Cantorum Choir, CR #106

Thursday, December 18

**5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH**

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:30 pm - Liturgy, CR #104

7:30 pm - 10 am Choir, CR #106

8:00 pm - Unity Choir, CR #105

Friday, December 19

**5:30 & 8:00 am & 7:30 pm- Mass, CH**

3:00 pm - Individual User, SH

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:00 pm - Charismatics, CR #105

7:30 pm - Deacon Support Group, CR #103

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, December 20

**5:30 & 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - Mass, CH**

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

10:00 am - Health Clinic, CH

3:00 pm - RCIA, CR #105

6:00 am - Individual User, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 21

**5:30, 8:00, 10:00 am, 12 & 6 pm - MASS, CH**

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

1:30 pm - Lay Carmelites, CR #104

2:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, SH

4:00 pm - Singles for Christ Choir, CR #105

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 13, 2008 - December 20, 2008

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm + Lucia Riego De Dios

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am + Arsenio Hidalgo

10:00 am + For the People

12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Jason Cachola

6:00 pm Spe.Int. - Jaime Libiran

Monday, December 15

8:00 am + Julio Alarilla

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 am + Lydia Canotal

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 am + Luke & Marie Arevelo

Thursday, December 18

8:00 am + Pascuala Paelmo & Cristina Ochoco

Friday, December 19

8:00 am + Florencio Cansin

Saturday, December 20

8:00 am + Domingo Labiles (Birth Ann.)

5:00 pm + Mr. & Mrs. Joachim Mesquera

# Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2008

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16



*My dear friends in Christ,*

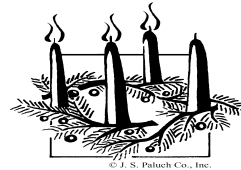
I hope that things are going well with all of you. **We are half way through the Advent season and two more weeks before Christmas! How are we doing? Where are we now?** Are we still together in our preparations?

I am writing this as a reminder to all of us of **the importance of this season of preparation.** I have said in the past that if we really want to have a meaningful celebration of **the feast of Christmas,** in which we celebration the coming of the Son of Man, **then we need put our heart in order. Is our heart worthy for Christ?** We need to reflect on this question that can have an impact in our celebration of Christmas. As scripture says, **"We cannot grow slack..!"**

**The worst thing** that could happen to us **if** we are not careful is **we will miss the celebration entirely.** It will be here! There is no question about it. **But can we feel it!** I don't want anyone be asking, **"It's over?"**

**The next two weeks will be very critical for all of us.** Many of us will be doing our **last minute shopping. EXCITING!** But it will be **overwhelming and crazy.** This is part of our **external preparations.** But remember **our internal preparations are very crucial and more important.** We need to **slow down** and to **let go!** **REMINDER:** "Do not let your "heart go weary!" **Christ must have a complete possession of our heart and our heart must have a complete possession of Christ. We need to have focus...complete focus! Do not ignore the importance of this season! God bless you all!**

*In Christ,  
Fr. Geoffrey*



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## REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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## UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

—Mark Twain





### **St. Anne Youth Ministry**

Monday December 15 will be our Advent celebration Potluck Dinner! All Youth Ministry and Confirmation students are invited to attend. At the meeting we will play, pray, eat and watch the slideshows from the Youth Ministry and Confirmation retreats. Here is a breakdown on what to bring to the potluck:

- Last name beginning with: A-H Main Dish
- I-M Salad
- N-R Appetizer
- S-Z Dessert

We look forward to seeing you on Monday!!

Pictures of last weekend's retreat are on the back of this bulletin. Please take a look!

### **St. Anne Confirmation**

St. Anne Confirmation Candidates are on their Confirmation Retreat this weekend at Mission Springs this weekend. Please pray for the success of the retreat and the weather! Thank you!

### **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!

### **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)



### **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**DECEMBER 15 - JANUARY 3**

**NO CLASSES - SCHOOL IS CLOSED.**

**CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

***WE WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009!!***



### **Christmas Concert & Pageant Dec. 19, 2008 at 7:00pm**

**Rehearsal schedule:** Tuesday – Dec. 16 at 6:00pm

**Dress rehearsal:** Wednesday – Dec. 17 at 6:00pm

**Final rehearsal:** Thursday – Dec. 18 at 6:00pm

**Everyone is invited to attend the play. There is still time for students to sign-up for the play. We are also in need of volunteer parents to help us with rehearsal. Just call the CCD office and ask for Christine.**

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

- Alex Jocson.....Swept the floor
- Kristina Ama.....Cleaned turtle tank
- Moira Duya.....Cleaned bathroom & donated 1.00
- Amber Barlaan.....Cleaned my room
- John Ascano.....Respected older people.
- Cristen Villaflores.....Praying & donated 1.00
- Brigida Jacque.....Donated 10.00
- Kylie Villaflores.....Shared with little brother
- Lawrence.....Helped make our Christmas tree.
- Megan Santos....Make my bed every day.
- Mia Smith...Helped a child when she fell.
- Ivan Redondo.....Helped make bed every morning.
- Monika Pedagog...Washed the dishes.

### **BULLETIN SCHEDULES**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, ITEMS FOR THIS BULLETIN NEED TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 12:00 NOON**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, ITEMS FOR THIS BULLETIN NEED TO BE IN OFFICE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 9:00 AM**

Sunday, December 14, 2008

## Collections

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Nov. 30, 2008	Dec. 7, 2008
Parish Collection	\$10,589.23	\$12,555.65
Building Fund	\$4,432.63	\$1,908.00
Thanksgiving	\$3,281.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,177.00	

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul and Knights of Columbus continue to collect non perishable food for Christmas baskets. Please bring your donations and gifts (from giving tree) by Friday, December 19, 2008 and place them in the barrels at the entrances of the church. We will prepare and deliver the baskets on Saturday, December 20, 2008. Also, if you know a **needy, low income** family who will benefit this, please call the rectory and leave name, address, and phone number.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Vincent de Paul is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> year Christmas party for homeless, low income families, elderly and the poor on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 2:00p.m. in the hall. If you know anyone who will benefit this, please let them know. If you would like to help out, please call the rectory and leave your name and number.

### HOW TO BE HEALTHY NATURALLY

#### Get a head start on the New Year!

Healthy Living Made Easy!

There is only one goal to accomplish so that you do not get sick but there are 5 things you **Absolutely** must do, to achieve that goal.

Find out what to do, how to do it, what not to do, and you will:

- feel healthier
- live longer
- be more active
- have less pain
- sleep better
- stay off medications
- avoid surgeries
- lose/maintain weight
- reduce medical bills
- and much, much more...

All you have to do is attend a workshop given by Daniel B. Klein, D.C. on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in St. Anne's Church. Just bring a pencil, paper and a willingness to learn information that you can apply immediately so you can begin feeling better now!



### Simbang Gabi/Dawn Masses

December 16 thru December 24 ,5:30 am, Church. Refreshments after mass, Parish Hall.

### Christmas Pageant,

Friday, December 19, 7:00 pm, Church

### Christmas Baskets

Saturday, December 20, 9:00 am, Parish Hall  
Preparation of the Christmas Baskets for the homeless, low income families, elderly, and the poor.

### Christmas Party

Sunday, December 21, 2:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Party for the homeless, low income families, elderly, and the poor of the parish.

### Christmas Eve

December 24, 5:00, 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight, Church

### Christmas Day

December 25, Church, 8:00, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

### NO 6:00 PM MASS

### New Year's Day

January 1, 2009, 10:00 am, Church

### MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

—Booker T. Washington

### *Tired of the usual New Year's Eve Parties?*

### *Want to start 2009 in a more meaningful way?*

Join the Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose and friends who will gather for a fourth year to "Welcome the New Year!" We'll share a Reflective Evening beginning at 8pm, time to be with all that 2008 has held, time to bless 2009, time to pray with Taize, time to faith share on the scriptures, time to celebrate our faith together with a Mass starting at 11:30pm followed by a potluck celebration. Come for any part or all of the evening at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose 43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont CA , 94539. For more information or to RSVP call S. Beth Quire, O.P. @ 510-449-7554 or e-mail beth@msjdominicans.org



St. Anne Youth Ministry Winter Retreat held on 12/5-7/ 2008, Lafayette.

