

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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December 28 2008



JESUS WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

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 29

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 am - Mass, CH

7:30 pm - Facilities Committee, CR #103

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 am - MASS, CH

Thursday, January 1, 2009 - New Year's Day

10:00 am - Mass, CH

Friday, January 2

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - First Friday Mass, CH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, January 3

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

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, January 4

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

4:00 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Thomas Becket
- Tuesday: Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
- Wednesday: Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Sylvester I;
New Year's Eve
- Thursday: The Octave Day of Christmas;
The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
- Friday: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday
- Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

Second Reading — Live a life of heartfelt love; be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

December 27, 2008 - January 3, 2009

Saturday, December 27

5:00 pm + Victor Galang

Sunday, December 28

- 8:00 am + Rosalina Cabardo
- 10:00 am + Peter Pinto
- 12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Jesus Carpio
- 6:00 pm + For the People

Monday, December 29

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Ernestina Bunoan

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 am + Philip & Prudencia Filomeno

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 am + Bruno Solomon

Thursday, January 1, 2009 - New Year's Day

10:00 am Spe.Int. - Yanos Family

Friday, January 2

- 8:00 am + Roy Yap
- 7:30 pm + Helen Murray

Saturday, January 3

- 8:00 am + Leonora Linghart
- 5:00 pm + For the People

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 28, 2008

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all the
peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31



My dear friends in Christ,

Many years ago I visited my godson in Hercules. One hour into my visit, he asked me if I could come with him to his room. I said, "OKAY!" He grabbed my arm and led me to his bedroom. When we went in, he pointed at the picture on the wall. He said, "A gift from my grandfather. Are they not a lovely family?" Playing innocent, I asked him, "Who is this family?" He said, "Well, my mother told me that those are very important family and their last name is HOLY and she said that we should imitate them."

The HOLY FAMILY is God's gift to us. They are model of Christian family life. Today we celebrate this feast to honor the HOLY FAMILY: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. To celebrate this feast, the Church wants to emphasize the importance of the human family. In our society today, family values cannot be overemphasized. If we look at the condition of family life, we find a sad picture of reality that exists in our world today. There is the breakdown of family. One of the reasons is the decline of moral standards and values. Definitely, family has really changed! In our society, there is more emphasis on individualism and materialism. This is a reality that we cannot ignore. That is why this feast is very important for us to celebrate in order to help us be more aware of our condition. It challenges us to reflect more on life. It challenges us more to work on our values and to be more responsible. This feast is also important, in fact very timely, because it gives us hope. I believe that against the dark picture of our society stands the bright picture of the HOLY FAMILY.

But what is a family as we understand it today? We often hear the word or the term, DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY. But look! Who is not? The Holy Family! In a sense we are all dysfunctional human family. But the goal of the celebration though is to remind us that happiness, love and peace are not something given by God but a product built by family members in their relationship with our God. The family of Nazareth became holy and model of all Christians because they shared their difficulties with one another but more importantly, they remained steadfast in their faith. They cared for one another to the end. They struggled but remained a family.

We are called to build a holy family. The new Catechism states that "the Christian family constitutes a domestic church. For it is a community of faith, hope and charity." The most visible sign of a holy family is mutual respect and care for one another. We are called to this profound human respect and Godly wisdom in our relationship within the family and whatever family we belong to. The wisdom of Sirach reminds us of the need to care for one another, not to be abusive but always considerate.

Throughout the ages, the family has been the cradle of the Christian spirit. The first place in which Christians gathered were homes of families who opened their doors to the Christian way of life. These domestic churches nurtured the spread of Christianity. We must strive to imitate the Holy Family of Nazareth to the best of our ability. Of course our best doesn't guarantee our success, but only help us create an environment of respect, understanding, humility, compassion, peace and love.

HAPPY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY!

Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey





**St. Anne Youth Ministry
St. Anne Confirmation**

St. Anne Youth Ministry and Confirmation are now on their Christmas break. The Confirmation candidates will meet on Sunday, January 11th and the Youth Ministry group will meet on Monday, January 12. Please have a most Holy and Blessed Christmas and New Year!

ATTENTION LECTORS:

**The new schedule can be picked up
from the Liturgy Room.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sand-castle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a Web site, and virtual visits are free.

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CHRISTMAS BREAK

DECEMBER 15 - JANUARY 3

NO CLASSES - SCHOOL IS CLOSED.

**CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 5
TO EVERY ONE WHO IN ONE WAY OR AN-
OTHER HELPED IN MAKING THE CONCERT &
PAWE WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRIST-**

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

This week we want to thank all the children of our Faith Formation Classes for their participation in this years Christmas Concert & Pageant. In so doing they have live the example of being good stewards of time and talent. To their parents, we also say "thank you" for helping them understand the true meaning of Christmas.....joy in celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

THANK YOU!...

To everyone, who in one way or another helped make the Christmas Concert & Pageant a success (the list is long, but you know who you are) I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. You will be in my prayers this special season.

God bless you! May you all be blessed in many ways.

Christine Suarez—coordinator

SEE'S CANDY SALE

It is **not too late** to order your See's Candies and give that special someone a sweet thought. It will also help our CCD teachers get to the Religious Education Congress. If you order this week, it will be delivered before Christmas.

Won't you please help our CCD teachers?

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

BULLETIN SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, December 28, 2008



Collections

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Dec. 7, 2008	Dec. 14, 2008
Parish Collection	\$12,555.65	\$10,173.82
Building Fund	\$1,908.00	\$1,075.00
Immaculate Conception 12/8/08		\$2,236.08
Stewardship/Religious Retirement		\$1,130.00

PARISH MISSION . . .

"We, the people of St. Anne will . . .

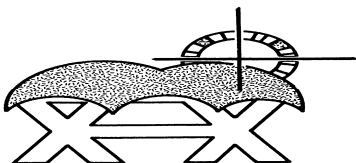
- seek unity in our diverse community
- establish a living Church where people practice their faith
- develop a compassionate communal leadership.

. . . To foster and preserve solidarity among God's people."

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Year's Day

January 1, 2009

10:00 am, Church

(NO 8:00 AM MASS)

The parish office will be closed:

Thursday, January 1

Friday, January 2



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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.)



Fr. Geoffrey with Raul Rojas carrying the cross at the end of the Eucharistic celebration

**Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe
Dec. 12, 2008**



Lou Mejia & one of our parishioner, offering.



What's a celebrations without



Maria Garcia offering roses to our Lady



Ric Lahip & other parishioners also offering flowers to the image of Our Lady.



Bien! Mariachis.



Seems like everyone was enjoying the celebration.

