



# 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."

The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2009

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

### 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<br>Coordinator    |
| Christine Suarez       | Middle School<br>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, January 5

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

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

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

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, January 6

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

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-105, CH

6:00 pm - CYO, SH

6:15 pm - Faith Formation, CH

Wednesday, January 7

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

11:00 am - Individual User, CR #105

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, LO

6:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102

Thursday, January 8

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

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

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, SH

6:30 pm - Faith Formation CH

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, January 9

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

11:00 am - Individual User, CH #105

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

7:00 pm - Baptism Class, SH

7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

Saturday, January 10

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

9:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, CH

10:30 am - Diocese Mtg., CR #104-106

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, January 11

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

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29 or

Is 12:2-6; Acts 10:34-38 or

1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

## MASS INTENTIONS

January 3, 2009 - January 10, 2009

Saturday, January 3

5:00 pm + For the People

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am + Jose Aquino

10:00 am + Justo Palomino

12:00 pm + Diamante Ochoco

6:00 pm + Norma domingo

Monday, January 5

8:00 am + William McPhee

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 am + Froilan Chanliongco

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 am + Guillerma Pasco

Thursday, January 8

8:00 am + Romana Timbang

Friday, January 9

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Nico Estacio

Saturday, January 10

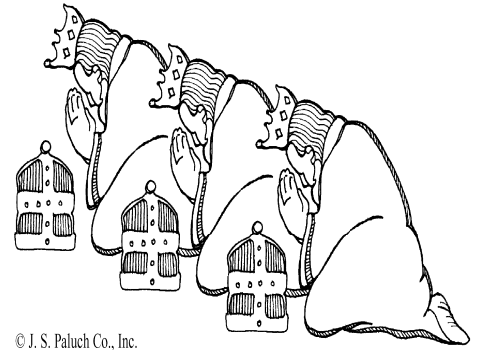
8:00 am Spe.Int. - Lidorvino Agbayani

5:00 pm + Inocenio Cagaanan

# The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2009

**All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.**

**— Psalm 72:11**



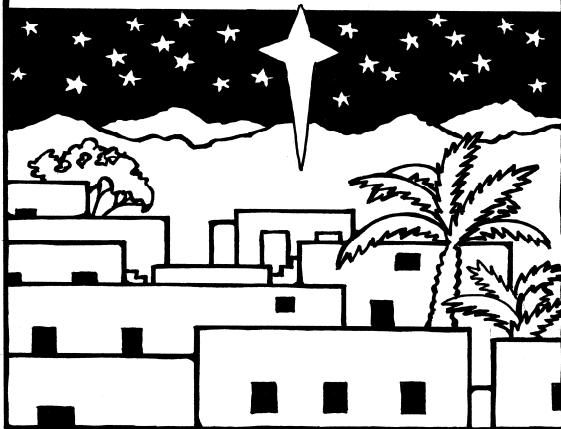
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## GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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## The star stopped over the place where the child was



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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
New Year Blessing of the Home;  
National Migration Week  
Monday: St. John Neumann  
Tuesday: Blessed André Bessette  
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Peñafort;  
Orthodox Christmas  
Saturday: Muslim New Year 1430

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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



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**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Santo Nino Group**

The Santo Nino Group brings the statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague from house to house every nine days. On the first night, the group prays the rosary and the novena with the family. The statue of the infant Jesus stays with the family so that they can pray the novena on their own for nine days. The group picks the statue and brings it to another family on the ninth day. If you like the group to bring the statue of Infant Jesus to your house, you may call Jean Gatan-Liwanag at (510) 415-0647.



**CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL**

CYO sign-ups for Girls Basketball will officially end on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The last sign-up date for registration is Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 in the Parish Hall. There is a waiting list for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All other grades are still open. All forms can be accessed on the St. Anne website: [www.saintannecatholic.org](http://www.saintannecatholic.org). For more info, contact Tracie at [Tracie\\_Noriega@yahoo.com](mailto:Tracie_Noriega@yahoo.com).



**St. Anne Seniors Regular Meeting  
Sunday, January 4  
1:00 PM, Rm. 105**



**CLASSES RESUME  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

**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 and Christmas Family Mass. 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.

**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!

**WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE**



On January 24, 2009 the West Coast Walk for Life will have it's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual event to showcase Pro-Life activities and host speakers. We are expecting 25,000 – 30,000 people. Many of you will be attending individually or in groups. In order to ensure the Walk is another success we are

looking for volunteers to help staff information booths, work communications and give directions. We'd like to get one representative from each group attending to act as a liaison to help coordinate these activities. Please contact Steve Hagarty at 925-680-8714 or e-mail [wolfhag@pacbell.net](mailto:wolfhag@pacbell.net). With your help we can ensure this annual event is a continued success. For more information and details go to: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

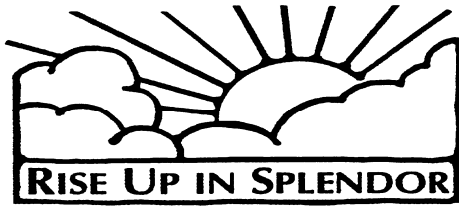
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# Collections

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

|                       | Dec. 14, 2008 | Dec. 21, 2008 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Parish Collection     | \$10,173.82   | \$10,338.00   |
| Building Fund         | \$1,075.00    | \$1,555.00    |
| Immaculate Concep.    | \$2,236.08    |               |
| Stewardship/Rel. Ret. | \$1,130.00    |               |



**THE HOLY STAR  
O FATHER, MAY THAT HOLY STAR  
GROW EVERY YEAR MORE BRIGHT  
AND SEND ITS GLORIOUS BEAMS AFAR  
TO FILL THE WORLD WITH LIGHT.  
—WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT**

## STEWARDSHIP

The Gospel on the Feast of the Epiphany tells of the three Magi who came from the east to pay homage and bring gifts to the newborn king. Hearing this story in our Eucharistic celebration at the beginning of each New Year should encourage us to deeply ponder Jesus' blessings and gifts for each of us. These gifts are *time*, *talent*, and *treasure*. Unfortunately, most individuals:

1. View the Feast of the Epiphany as the last day to give or exchange gifts with our friends and loved ones.
2. Reflect on and evaluate the success or failure of the previous year's resolutions, and find ways to improve and/or achieve this year's resolutions.
3. Identify personal incentives and rewards for achieving personal resolution(s).

All of the above are well-intentioned, much deserved, and necessary. However, they are directed towards ourselves. A deeper reflection of the Epiphany's Gospel message reveals how we must also offer our gifts to the Lord for the entire New Year. The Church has taught us to receive God's gifts gratefully, cherish and nurture the gifts responsibly, share the gifts in justice and love, and return the gifts with increase to the Lord. (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*). These God-given gifts are:

The gift of TIME

The gift of TALENT

The gift of TREASURE

A personal response to make a conscious, firm decision and a commitment to action will lead us to live a life of stewardship, which is an expression of discipleship. It requires developing a self-disciplined prayer life, the frequent celebration of the sacraments, (particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation), and the study of the Scriptures. These tried and tested approaches have proven successful amongst the religious and laity; both groups show an openness and willingness to accept God's call and invitation. In addition, living a life of stewardship is consistent with the US Catholic Conference of Bishops' goal of living our "Our Call to Universal Holiness."

It seems that we may not have the energy and time to realize some of our personal resolutions, given the numerous responsibilities this year. In faith and trust to our Lord, our personal resolutions will be realized because the Holy One, we trust, fulfills His promises to those obedient to His will and teachings.

A happy and blessed New Year!

Your servant in Christ,

Jane Relopez, Stewardship Committee



*The 5:00pm Christmas Vigil mass on Dec. 24th was celebrated with children of the parish carrying angel candles. Fr. Geoffrey Baraan, our pastor and celebrant, gathered the children at the altar for some Christmas message.*

