

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2009**

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, <u>Holy Mass</u> and <u>Burial in a Catholic Cemetery</u> . 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
	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: CLASSROOMS, PO:
PARISH OFFICE, LO: LITURGY OFFICE

Monday, February 9

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
- 6:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH
- 7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #103

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-105
- 5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH
- 7:00 pm - CYO, SH
- 7:30 pm - Facilities Comm., CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Golf Tourn. Comm., CR #104

Wednesday, February 11

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
- 6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH
- 7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

Thursday, February 12

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH
- 5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #103

Friday, February 13

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, February 14

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

- 9:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #103-105
- 9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106
- 10:00 am - Wedding, CH
- 2:00 pm - Wedding, CH
- 3:00 pm - RCIA, CR #105
- 4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH
- 6:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, SH
- 6:15 am - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, February 15

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

- 12:00 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #102, 105
- 1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106
- 1:30 pm - Lay Carmelites, CR #104

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS

February 7, 2009 - February 14, 2009

Saturday, February 7

5:00 pm + For the People

Sunday, February 8

- 8:00 am + Conrad & Dolores Eulalia
- 10:00 am + Fannie Tantan
- 12:00 pm + Arnel Bondoc
- 6:00 pm + Lydia Soriano

Monday, February 9

8:00 am + Ernesto Libiran

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Lilyann Laguardia

Wednesday, February 11

8:00 am + Rosendo Antonio & Family

Thursday, February 12

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Efren Salazar

Friday, February 13

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Edna & Elmer Rosal

Saturday, February 14

- 8:00 am + Aquilino Platon
- 5:00 pm + Joseph Rice

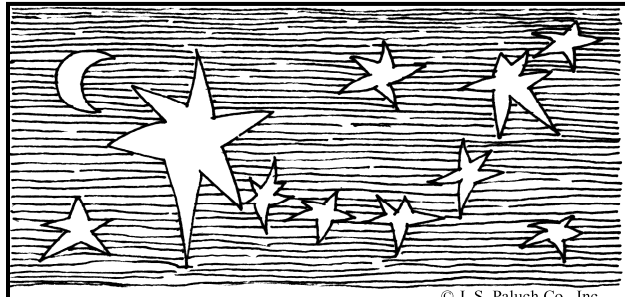


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[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.

— *Psalm 147:4*



STEWARDSHIP The Gift of Treasure Part 4

In previous stewardship parish bulletin articles, we had focused on the spiritual side of living out the Christian stewardship. This week, we focus on the God-given gift of treasure. The gift of treasure is tangible, finite and one that requires our cooperation and conscious decision to commit a significant portion of our time/talent to produce the gift of treasure, (i.e., material possessions). Our Lord has gifted each of us with gifts of time, talent and treasure unconditionally to share with our neighbors for the common good and to return to God an increase of the gifts we received.

Given the current global economic conditions today, responsible stewardship of the gift of treasure becomes evermore a true test of faith, love and trust to our Lord. Reflecting on Fr. Geoffrey's parish bulletin article last year, he mentioned that it is not size or amount of financial donation we give on the Sunday collection but what it feels from our heart(s). He also indicated that even though our gift of treasure is loose change, the offering should be placed in an envelope (available at the entrance of the church) before coming to the Sunday Eucharist celebration.

As members of the body of Christ and a faith community, Fr. Geoffrey's parish bulletin article was a *heart to heart appeal and a serious call* to consider the following practical considerations on how to live as responsible steward(s) of treasure:

A decision and commitment to become registered parishioners of St. Anne's faith community are: "*moment(s) of God's grace and His loving presence in your life*". Thus, each of us must seize these opportunities to experience God's love.

If you are receiving Sunday envelopes once a month in the mail in your home, review and evaluate the size or amount of your weekly offering to the Lord. The Church's recommended best practice is a wage earner's *one hour salary rate / week*.

If your offering in the Sunday collection basket is cash or loose change, seriously consider making a prayerful decision and commitment to register in the parish. Parish registration forms are available in the rectory. Refer to the parish bulletin for hours of rectory office hours for access of parish registration forms.

Benefits of Parish Registration:

Become counted as disciples and witnesses of St. Anne's faith community and to the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Oakland.

The gift of treasure offered is your response that you made a commitment to give back with love to the Lord the gift you had received.

Believing and knowing in your heart that as you respond generously, our Lord will never be outdone in His generosity to us.

Your servant in Christ,
Jane Relopez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; World Marriage Day; Boy Scout Sunday; Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset	Tuesday:	St. Scholastica
		Wednesday:	Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
		Thursday:	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
		Saturday:	St. Cyril and St. Methodius; Valentine's Day



St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The theme for our meeting will be **"A Traditional Valentine's Day."** This session introduces participants to the origins of St. Valentine's Day. Participants will choose a saint to emulate for the coming month. In the tradition of the first celebration of Valentine's Day, the saint will be chosen by lottery. The session includes an opportunity for participants to learn about a saint, describe his or her qualities, and pray for the strength to emulate these saintly attributes.

SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY...THANK YOU!!!

Although the final totals aren't in yet...SOUPERBOWL 2009 was a huge success. It appears we are very close to matching the same amount that was donated last year... which put St. Anne's Parish in the top 5% in the nation!!! Please read next week's bulletin to see the final results. **THANK YOU** for your kindness and generosity!

BBQ TODAY

The young people of St. Anne's are attending the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Youth Rally on February 25-28, 2009. There are 21 participants from St. Anne's, and the cost per youth is approximately \$230.00. In order to lower the cost somewhat they will be sponsoring a chicken and rice BBQ after all the masses today (Sunday). Please be supportive of their efforts!!

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



Parishioners are asked to return their blessed palms (from last year's Palm Sunday) to the Church the weekends of February 14 & 15 and February 21 & 22. The palms will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday on February 25.

BEGINNING AGAIN

If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more.

—Jules Renard

February Virtues: *Forgiveness* is to pardon or excuse. Forgiving means we let go of our right to punish. We decide to offer love rather than hurt others even though they may have hurt us. Forgiveness frees us to love more deeply. *Humility* is accepting praise and defeat, doing good without expecting reward. Humility helps to keep our own disordered sense of self by thinking of others and not just yourself.

R E M I N D E R: President's Day - Holiday

Monday, February 16

NO CLASSES - School is closed.

First Communion

We Listen – This week the young people of our parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of Love to transform our hearts and our minds—our very lives?

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Janelle Dilig—Gave a \$1.00

Gerilyn Galves—Helped grandma take care of baby sister.

Abegayle Galvez—Take care of baby cousin

Molly Banks—Helped frien with her dog

John David Ascano—Don't say bad words

Shey Anne V. —Gave old clothes to Salvation Army

Keefe Ismael—Helped wash dishes

Emon Monge—Gave \$1.00

Alana Sese—Helped Kuya set the dinner table.

Paolo Pedrosa—gave \$1.00

Jared castanares—Helped Mom throw bathroom garbage

Zara Dumatol—Say I love you to my Ate.

Hannah garzota —Would like to thank God for my safe trip to the Phil.

Alyssa Romo—Helped Dad in the restaurant

VOLUNTEERS

MARDI GRAS PRE-LENTEN CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009

11:00—2:00 PM, PARISH HALL

All St. Anne volunteers are invited to a "Mardi Gras" Pre-Lenten Celebration. Come and be recognized and thanked for all the work and stewardship you share for our church community. We will have a prayer service at 11:00 am the Church. Please RSVP to your Ministry/Organization coordinators on or before February 13, 2009.

REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009!

Sunday, February 8, 2009



Collections

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Jan. 25, 2009	Feb. 1, 2009
Parish Collection	\$12,565.12	\$13,183.01
Building Fund	\$1,009.00	\$1,719.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2009

This weekend, Feb. 7 & 8, is Appeal Sunday. This time each year we are asked to contribute to the Bishop's Appeal, to strengthen the Catholic Church throughout the East Bay. This year's theme is "To Know Christ Better: The Campaign for Catholic Parishes and Education." The appeal helps inner-city Catholic schools and other Catholic educational programs, economically struggling parishes, vocations, seminary education, priest retirement, and family ministries, including CYO, Youth and Family Ministry, and Respect Life. Your gift to the Appeal is a way to share with our Catholic neighbors, for us to know Christ better and to help others know him. There will be a second collection for the Appeal. Envelopes for the Appeal are in the entrances to the Church.

SCRIPTURE SERIES Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

St. Joseph Church, Mission San Jose, will be hosting a Scripture Series on **Paul**, presented by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP starting on Monday, February 9, 7:30 pm at the Holy Family Motherhouse Community Room, 159 Washington Blvd., Fremont. The worshipping community of faithful Jesus followers sings the praises of God to establish in the present moment the hope to be fulfilled in the final coming of Lord Jesus. Any serious study of Paul and his writings must include some serious reflections on Paul's appreciation for the praise of God born from his Hebrew origins. February 9 - Does St. Paul have an explicit cosmology?, The universal dimension of creation, Insights based on Romans 8:22;

February 16 - An exploration of the hymns, The theology of inspired songs, Insights based on Romans 11:33; February 23 - The biblical theology of doxology, Praise of God as essential to appreciating St. Paul's genius, Insights based on Roman 11:33. For more information contact: Jo Ann, 510-656-2331. Free will donation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

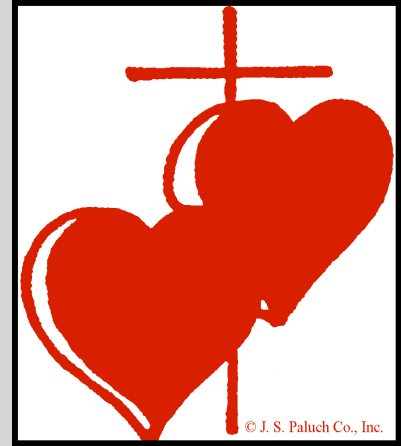
Married Couples: What makes us both truly human and truly like God? It is Love, the love of a married couple, which is unselfish, undying, and wholly directed to the good of others. It is love that unites us in an unbreakable bond of fidelity and fellowship with others. Jesus loved his own until the very end of his passion and death on the cross (John 13:1). Experience a WWME weekend being held in Pleasanton the weekend of February 27 to March 1. and discover God's meaning more fully. For more information, call Ray & Roberta Montes @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue Talarico @ 925.680.7767 now or go to <http://www.rekindleyourmarriage.org>. Please register, on-line by February 4th.

Ministry to the Sick and the Homebound

Lita Abad	Libby Abaya	Meding Abaya (coordinator)
Mila Abiera	Georgia Aradanas	Efi Ayupan
Asma Behnam	Rolly Bermudez	Connie Catauian
Wayne Cruz	Zeny Cruz	Josie De Ala
Ramona Dizon	Lolita Galindo	Mercy Gapuz
Tessie Gatan	Damisa Gomez	Narsing Gualco
Mary Nguyen	Cora Paiso	Liwayway Ramos
Marie Rapp	Belinda Serrano	

These are a few of the names of those who give of their time to serve our community. The parish of St. Anne is blessed with so many dedicated and good hearted parishioners.. May you continue to serve our Lord through your ministry.

If you think you have a calling to this ministry, we are always in need of help. Please call the parish office (510) 471-7766



This is only one of the many groups and individuals who serve in the Ministry for the sick.

Cora Paiso and Ramona Dizon give communion to some of the elderly at the Tropics care home (owned and operated by one of our parishioners, Lito & Chat Guzman) A normal Sunday for them is visiting the care homes, reading the scripture, sharing reflection and giving communion. Cora and Ramona are both religiously committed to the ministry and enjoy serving our elderly.

Members of the ministry who serve on a regular basis do God's work and find friendship in many forms. They give comfort and laughter as well for the sick and the lonely.

