

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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A TIME FOR.....

***PRAYER,
FASTING,
& ALMSGIVING.***

**First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2009**

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</u> in a <u>Catholic Cemetery</u>. any other arrangements should <u>FIRST</u> 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 OFF.

Monday, March 2

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:15 pm - Faith Formation, CH

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

6:00 pm - SPRED, LO

6:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:30 pm - Grief Support Ministry, CR #102

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #103

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am - Mass, CH

11:30 am - Faith Formation, CR #105

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

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, SH

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

7:30 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #102

Friday, March 6

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Individual User, CR #105

6:00 pm - Soup & Bread, SH

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

Saturday, March 7

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

9:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #103-105, CH

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

9:00 am - Faith Formation, SH

10:30 am - Diocesan Mtg., CR #103 & 105

6:15 am - Charismatics, CR #104

6:30 pm - Individual User, SH

Sunday, March 8

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

12:00 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #102

1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood pre-figured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS

February 28, 2009 - March 7, 2009

Saturday, February 28

5:00 pm Spe.Int.-Armando Garzota Family

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am + Felimon Pineda (Birth Ann.)

10:00 am + Cenon Lansangan

12:00 pm + For the People

6:00 pm + Nicanor Dizon, Sr.

Monday, March 2

8:00 am + Eleuterio Tecson

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am + Arsenio & Maxima Tecson

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am + Sylvia De La Rosa (Birth Ann.)

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am Spe.Int. - 52nd Wedding Ann.

Eduardo & Irene Evangelista

Friday, March 6

8:00 am + Francisco Draculan (Birth Ann.)

Saturday, March 7

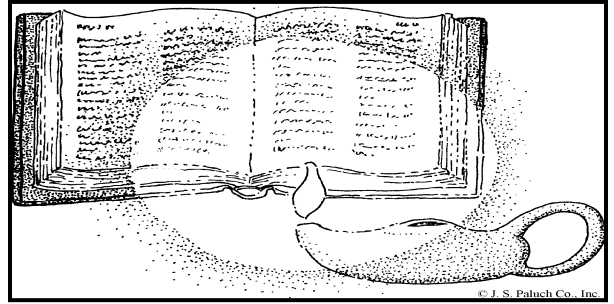
8:00 am + Rosalinda Beredo

5:00 pm + Frank Ricafort

First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2009

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
Teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4



My dear friends in Christ,

As so we have begun our Lenten journey: From the wilderness to the cross!

Among the synoptic gospels, the temptation account of Mark is the shortest. In the gospel account, we hear that **“at once the Spirit drove him out into the desert.”** One wonders why Jesus was driven by the Spirit to the desert. We can look at this way by going back to the verses before this gospel text telling us of Jesus’ baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. After his baptism, a solemn voice was heard from the heavens: **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”**

It is important to note that Jesus’ baptism was not simply a ritual. It meant that he had **to recognize his own identity and mission.** It meant then that being led out into the desert was a preparation for the great task for humankind. During his 40 days in the wilderness, in the desert, Jesus was subjected to harsh circumstances and conflict: **to obey God’s commandments or to succumb to Satan’s disobedience. At the end, Jesus emerged victorious.**

The season of Lent is an occasion for us to discern and to reflect on the choices we have to make in this life. When we are led by the Spirit into our wilderness and decide, **would I follow God’s will or follow the temptations of Satan?**

Yes my friends! We are in this together! There will be challenges and struggles. And we know that it is in our time of weakness when temptations are greater. That’s why it is so important not to fall away from the group so that together we can face our struggles and our temptations. In times of his temptations, Jesus turned to our God for strength and peace. **Remember our God will not desert us in the desert.**

NO to Satan and YES to God!

Let us together pray for strength and wisdom so that together we can come **to the beauty of Easter joy.**

**In Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey**



LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of 18 and 59.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday: Orthodox Lent begins
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Perpetua and St. Felicity; First Saturday



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St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our Lenten meeting will be: **“Taking Up The Towel: Following Jesus.”**



FRIDAYS OF LENT

- SOUP & BREAD GATHERING FROM 6:00 TO 7:20 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH TAIZE MUSIC FROM 7:30 - 9:00 PM IN THE CHURCH.



Neighboring churches for Stations of the Cross are:

6:00 pm - Our Lady of the Rosary, Union City

7:00 pm - Corpus Christi, Fremont.

Marriage Encounter - Filipino Perspective

A Marriage Encounter weekend retreat in the Filipino Perspective sponsored by MENC led by Fr. Allan Abuan will be held April 18-19 in Newark. Experience a weekend with your spouse as you focus only at each other - remembering what forgotten, finding what was lost and strengthening the relationship, both humanly and spiritually. For more information, please call Helen Cabiles, 409-8206, Rorie Rabuy, 305-4109 or Archie Gatan, 415-0719.

First Communion

We Celebrate – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on Jesus’ presence with us in the Eucharist. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?

CHILDREN’S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

- Felinn Arriola—Said a prayer
- Lawrence Adug—Gave \$1.00
- John David—Fixed my toys
- Ashlee Igpito—Help wash the dishes
- Robert—Took Garbage out
- Erika Demingoy—Helped Mom cook.
- Chris Kobata—Helped with food distribution
- Elizabeth Nguyen—Prayed the rosary
- Zoe Inciong—Took care of my brother
- Jeff Bungcayao—Help Mom clean the house
- Noel Austria—Helped around the house.
- Christine Sipia—I did the dishes
- Danilo—Shared with my little brother.

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today’s readings, it is “covenant.” God’s faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God’s covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God’s goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.



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SENIOR RESOURCES FAIR at St. Anne Catholic Parish, Church Hall - presented by CAPS Community Ambassador Program for Seniors on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 12:00 noon - 4:00 PM. There will be Information Tables, Keynote Seminar and other speakers. **FREE ADMISSION.** For further info, call MYRLA RAYMUNDO, CAPS Site Coordinator at (510) 489-0133.

Sunday, March 1, 2009



Collections

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Feb. 15, 2009	Feb. 22, 2009
Parish Collection	\$10,203.00	\$11,638.00
Building Fund	\$2,012.00	\$858.71

FILIPINO ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING FOR HEALTH (FAO)

Beginning March, 2009 the *Filipino Advocacy and Organizing for Health (FAO)*, is launching a health survey to identify the top health concerns of Filipinos in Union City. A joint project of Filipinos for Affirmative Action and Asian Health Services, FAO aims to interview 250 Filipino residents of Union City over the next three months.

The survey seeks to find out, the medical problems, habits, stressors and barriers to care, facing Filipinos today. Based on the results, the FAO plans to involve and empower the community to advocate for its health needs.

Already we know that Filipinos have high rates of chronic diseases such as obesity, high cholesterol, diabetes and high blood pressure. And in Alameda County, rates of TB continue to climb especially among new immigrants, with a high percentage affecting Filipinos.

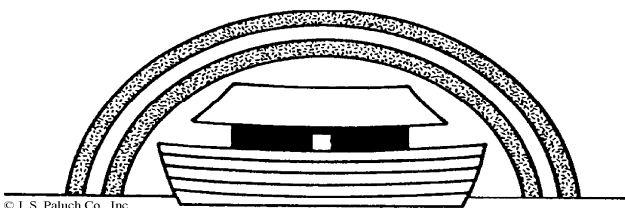
FAO invites St. Anne's parishioners to participate in the survey. To qualify, one has to be over 18 yrs of age and a resident of Union City. Only one member per household however, may participate to avoid duplicating data.

On March 1st, interview stations will be set up in 2 classrooms for those interested in taking the survey after mass. Contact information --- phone numbers, email addresses --- will be collected from those interested in taking the survey at a later time. Interviews-by-appointment, can then be arranged.

For your time, a gift card of \$20 will be given after the interview and your name will be entered into a raffle with great prizes!

For more information contact:

filhealth@ahschc.org or call 510-986-6830x159



I will Establish
my Covenant with You

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

ENVIRONMENT AND ART

Have you ever been to a church & the moment you walked in, you were awed with the beauty & the holiness of the worship place & felt you could almost reach out & touch God's presence around you? Many times I have & for some reason I found myself more prayerful & encountered a deeper feeling of peace & calmness within me.

The environment of a worship space is a key factor in the process of encountering God's presence among us. It supports the ritual activity of the liturgy through the artistic expression of color, form & texture.

The sounds, sights, & fragrances of liturgical seasons creates powerful & lasting impressions which stimulates the human minds & hearts because liturgy flourishes in a climate of hospitality & beauty that brings the "homily" come to life.

Each object used has a meaning for each season & some are borrowed, gathered from the sidewalks or from parishioner's yard but mostly from nature that might be appropriate to use to enhance the meaning of the season.

While God can never be totally contained in any art form, the decorations should give us an avenue of approach & help us experience God's presence.

Virginia Ruizzorrilla, Liturgy Committee

Voices of Musica Sacra presents a concert of Classic Hymns, including works by Bach, Vaughan Williams, Duruflé, and Parry. John Kendall Bailey, Director. March 21, 2:00 pm, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Concord; March 22, 2:00 pm, St. Stephen Catholic Church, Walnut Creek; March 29, 2:00 pm, Piedmont Community Church, Piedmont. Tickets 925-944-5239, \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors. See www.vmschorus.org for details.

THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

To change and to change for the better are two different things.

—German proverb

BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter

"Mardi Gras" Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon—Feb.21,2009



Prayer service with Fr. Geoffrey & Fr. Lolo



Combined Choir lead by Malou Cuevas & parishioners, Rey Abaya, Meding Abaya, Lou Mejia & others at the prayer service



Who are these two masked characters?
Can you guess????
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Lunch is served, everyone! Generous amount of food was being served by the pastoral staff, Fr. Geoff, Fr. Lolo, Helen ,Sydney, Zella, Jim, Becky, Deacons Ben & Carlos, Christine, Jimmy, & Rico.



Ministry Quiz.....games with prizes were played. Fun, fun, fun!