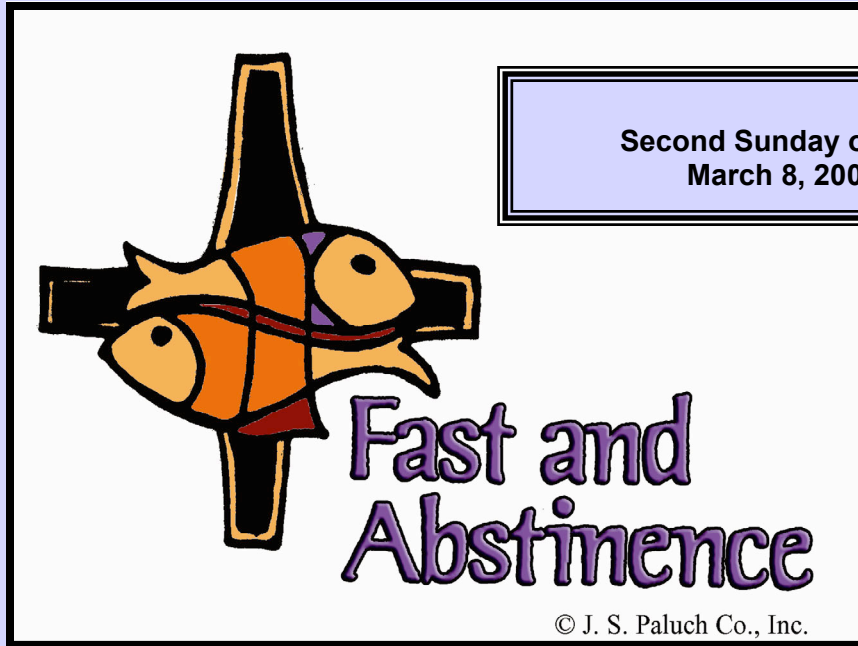


# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Second Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 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 FIRST be discussed with Parish Priests.	

## ST. ANNE STAFF

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
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	Pastoral Council Facilitator
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

CH:CHURCH, SH: SOCIAL HALL, CR: CLASS-ROOMS, PO: PARISH OFFICE, LO: LITURGY OFF.

Monday, March 9

### 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 10

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:30 pm - Facilities Comm., CR #102

Wednesday, March 11

### 8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - CYO, SH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

7:30 pm - Golf Tournament, CR #104

7:30 pm - Singles for Christ, CR #105

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

Thursday, March 12

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 Youth Choir, CH

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, SH

7:30 pm - 10:00 am Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #102

Friday, March 13

### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Soup & Bread, SH

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

Saturday, March 14

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

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

9:00 am - *Emmaus*, SH

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

4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

6:15 am - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, March 15

### 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

1:30 pm - Individual User, SH

1:30 pm - Lay Carmelites, CR #104

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;  
Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15,  
19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 7, 2009 - March 14, 2009

### Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm + Frank Ricafort

### Sunday, March 8

8:00 am + Eugenio Nepomuceno

10:00 am Spe.Int.-Robert Inyang & Family

12:00 pm + Frank Ricafort

6:00 pm + For the People

### Monday, March 9

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Consuelo Tecson

### Tuesday, March 10

8:00 am + Kwong Sang

### Wednesday, March 10

8:00 am + Rogaciano Del Castillo

### Thursday, March 11

8:00 am + Noberto Jovero

### Friday, March 12

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Christina Atienza

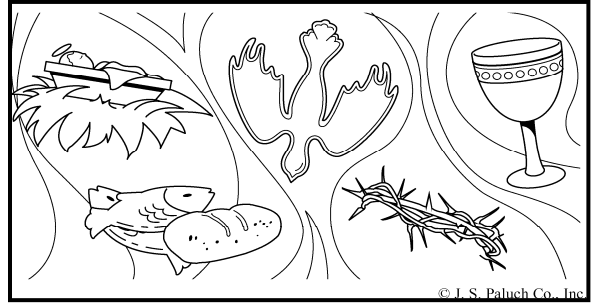
### Saturday, March 13

8:00 am + Irineo Yanos

5:00 pm + For the People

## Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2009

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
— *Romans 8:31b*



*My dear friends,*

*In my homily last Sunday* I reminded everybody of the challenges that will come during our time in the wilderness, in the desert. As you know the desert is a desolate place. It is a place of helplessness and isolation. It is a place of testing. But it is also a place of renewal, of encounter and of discovery. Many will be able to stay with the group and some of us might be lost. It is very important then that we need to stay together and be focused. In our journey, many will experience a sudden **H.A.L.T.** *Many* will get **HUNGRY, ANGRY, LONELY and TIRED.** This is when temptations are greater. Jesus went through all these things, fought them and he went back to the city victorious.

*We began the season of Lent with the words of Jesus, "Repent and believe in the gospel!"* The season of Lent is a time of turning back to God, a time of renewal, a time of change, and a time of transformation through **prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.** *In the Jewish tradition,* these are signs of holiness. I am sure that there will be temptations to ignore these things. **Do we spend a lot of time in prayer?** What is the first thing that we do the moment we wake up in the morning? Pray or complain! I pray that we will have time to pray to hopefully lead us to many acts of charity.

*I am so glad* that we are doing a Lenten act of sacrifice through our almsgiving envelope. This is a great challenge for many of us especially with the kind of economic condition we are in right now. **But** I know that you will respond with gratitude in your heart. **Small things done with great joy can have an extraordinary result in the world we live.**

*The last act of holiness is fasting.* Perhaps this is the most difficult act of holiness. **Fasting from what! Meat? Alcohol? Gambling?** How about fasting from anything that will destroy our relationship with God and with one another! I would like to suggest **10 Commandments of FASTING so that we can FEAST at the beauty of Easter joy.** **First,** we need to fast from complaining and feast on appreciation. **Second,** we need to fast from hostility and feast on tenderness. **Third,** we need to fast from bitterness and resentment and feast on forgiveness. **Fourth,** we need to fast from idle gossip and feast on silence. **Fifth,** we need to fast from arrogance and feast on humility. **Sixth,** we need to fast from discontent and feast on gratitude. **Seventh,** we need to fast from emphasis on difference and feast on the unity of life. **Eight,** we need to fast from the words that pollute and feast on the words that transform. **Ninth,** we need to fast from hatred and feast on the experience of love. **And finally,** we need to fast from judging others and feast on Christ within us.

*The gospel reading today is about the transfiguration of Jesus.* This moment also became a high moment for Peter, James, and John. May we become one with Peter, James, and John in their transfiguration moment **in our act of repentance through our acts of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.**

*In Christ,  
Fr. Geoffrey*

**LENTS** ††

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### St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our Lenten meeting will be: "A Youth Stations of The Cross."



### 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.



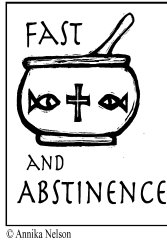
Neighboring churches for Stations of the Cross are:

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

7:00 pm - Corpus Christi, Fremont.

### 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.



### 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.

### A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

OUR MARCH VIRTUES: *Consistency is a fundamental principle of our behavior to love others as you love yourself. Mercy is knowing that God is loving & kind, always patient & merciful, and will not punish when we ask Him to save and forgive us.*

### First Communion

*We Live* – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on the First Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Reborn of the Holy Spirit, all the baptized have been called and empowered to live as true witnesses of Christ and to spread the faith by word and deed. How are we as a parish living as disciples and followers of Jesus?

### CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Jhadine Luna - Helped clean my room

Mara Alagan - Cleaned my room.

Rachel Ocampo - Gave \$1.00

Justine Madlangbayan - I kept a promise.

Jeroge Pisco - Gave \$1.00

Nathan Mejia - Took my dog for a walk.

David lee - Helped my teacher.

Charlize - Gave \$1.00

Alex Jocson - Helped clean house.

Alyssa Barrientos - Gave \$1.00

Mikail Alejandro - Helped parents

Nicole Quiros - Watered my Mom's orchids.



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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 8, 2009

## Collections

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Feb. 22, 2009	Mar. 1, 2009
Parish Collection	\$11,638.00	\$12,890.75
Building Fund	\$858.71	\$1,077.00
Ash Wednesday	\$5,292.00	

### COUPLES FOR CHRIST

On March 13, Couples for Christ Family ministries invites all married couples, their relatives and friends to come to a 2-hour seminar to be held at St. Augustine parish, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566. Meet other married couples and their families whose lives have been touched by the Lord.

Registration begins 7:15pm. For details, contact – Dennis and Nerry Manalo @ (510)314-0399, Fred and Jeanette Gatchalian @ (925) 216-1904.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL STAFF JOB FAIR

Make the difference of a lifetime...Be a teacher. The Oakland Diocese will be sponsoring a School Staff Job Fair on Saturday, April 4. Interviews and networking for Teachers, Teachers Assistants, Special Needs Teachers, Extended Care Staff and Secretaries.

Time: 9:00 am Registration—12:00 pm Conclusion

Where: St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Tony Aiello Science Center, 1011 Chestnut St., Alameda

How: Register on site, 9:00-9:20 am to schedule interview. Bring two copies of your resume. (Applicants must be present for registration) Pre-Interview Applications are also available at [www.oakdiocese4se.org](http://www.oakdiocese4se.org)>Job Opportunities>Schools, or through the Diocese of Oakland, Department of Human Resources, 510-267-8381.

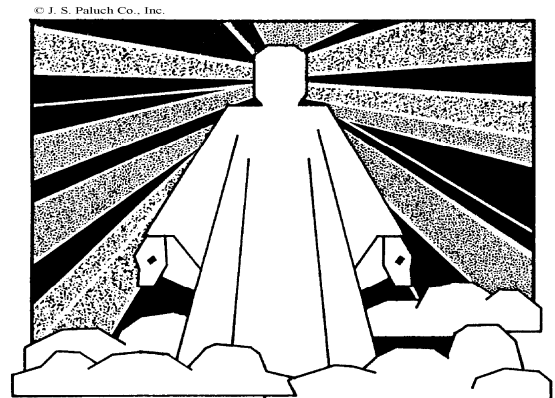
**Voices of Musica Sacra** presents a concert of Classic Hymns, including works by Bach, Vaughan Williams, Duruflé, and Parry. John Kendall Bailey, Director. March 21, 2:00 pm, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Concord; March 22, 2:00 pm, St. Stephen Catholic Church, Walnut Creek; March 29, 2:00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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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*He was  
Transfigured  
Before Their Eyes*

Our  
Lenten Journey



# LENTEN ACTIVITY

The parish gathered on the First Friday of Lent to share *soup & bread supper* prepared by Our Lady of Guadalupe group. Each Friday of Lent, a different devotional group will be preparing the supper for all the community to share. This is our parish's way of walking the journey together through Lent. We begin with the supper, then gather in church for Taize prayer and stations of the cross.

*Everyone is invited to come and join the community. It is such a wonderful spiritual experience.*

