

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 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, 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
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Jim Soltau	Youth Ministry Coordinator
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Helen Rojas	Children's Faith Formation Coordinator
	Middle School
Christine Suarez	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 16

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 17

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, LO

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

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #103

7:30 pm - Individual User, CR #104

8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #105

Thursday, March 19

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #102

7:30 pm - Festival Comm., CR #104

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, March 20

8:00 am - Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Soup & Bread, SH

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

Saturday, March 21

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 - St. Vincent de Paul, SH

10:00 am - Memorial Mass, CH

3:00 pm - RCIA, CR #102

6:00 pm - Confirmation, SH

6:15 am - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, March 22

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

9:00 am - Individual Users, CR #103 & 104

12:00 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #102

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

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

1:30 pm - Lay Carmelites, CR #104

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

MASS INTENTIONS

March 14, 2009 - March 21, 2009

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm + For the People

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am + Segundina Supremo

10:00 am + Bertram & Haide Hidalgo

12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Eliza Atienza

6:00 pm + Virginia Reyes

Monday, March 16

8:00 am + Jose & Dominga Libiran

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am + Fred Abayan

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am + Maybelle Gatan

Thursday, March 19

8:00 am + Amado Tayco

Friday, March 20

8:00 am + Sunny Pascua

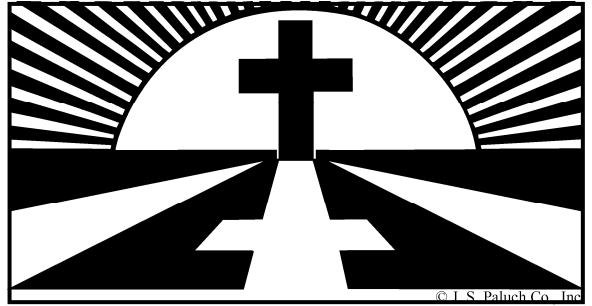
Saturday, March 21

8:00 am + Michael Aquilar, J.R. Lahip, Allan Tongson

5:00 pm + Petronila Briones

Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2009

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3



My dear friends in Christ,

“Father, please pray for me and my family. I have just lost my job!” These are too familiar words that I have been hearing more and more from many of our parishioners before and after the mass. My heart aches every time I hear these words.

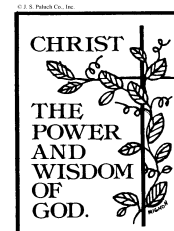
We know that during the last months **unemployment skyrocketed** and many of us have been affected by it. Many lost their homes and were forced to move out to a place that is not familiar to them. How long will it last? We will never know! Tomorrow....two weeks..... three months....a year? **Our human intellect is so limited to understand the meaning of God’s will, our experience, and this reality in our life. St. Augustine says, “If you understand God, it is not God!”** This is part of the mystery of our faith. That’s why it is so important to trust in him and to believe in him. **We need to rely on his grace and of his mercy.** The worst part is when we give up, throw everything away. Sometimes God has a way of reminding us about so many things and most especially about God himself.

I don’t know everybody who has lost their jobs but one thing I know and this is my assurance---- that **you are all in my thoughts, in my heart, and in my prayers. We will struggle with you and we will walk with you.** St. Paul says, **“If one member of the body is in pain, the whole body shares the pain.”** We are the body of Christ and we share the pain of our brothers and sisters during this time of challenge and difficulties.

We need to turn to Christ who carried the cross for us. The Second Reading today reminds us that “the Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

May you be strengthened always with God’s grace of peace!

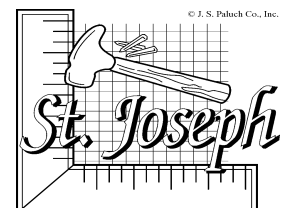
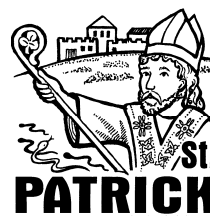
*In Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey*

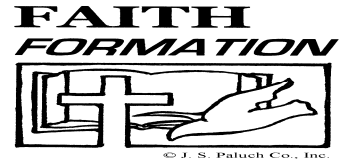


Marriage Encounter - Filipino Perspective
A Marriage Encounter weekend retreat in the Filipino Perspective sponsored by MENC led by Fr. Allan Abuan will be held April 18-19 in Newark. Experience a weekend with your spouse as you focus only at each other - remembering what forgotten, finding what was 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
- Tuesday: St. Patrick
- Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Thursday: St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday: Spring begins; Abstinence





St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our Lenten meeting will be: **“The Gospel of John...The Word Made Flesh.”**

St. Anne EMMAUS Peer Ministry

This weekend the Emmaus Peer Ministry group will be having a one day retreat in the Parish Hall on Saturday. They will be joined by another peer ministry group and we would like to take this space to welcome the Peer Ministry group from St. Joseph in Pinole, led by Youth Ministry Coordinator and St. Anne’s alum Teena Posas. We are pleased you are joining us and hope we can do this again. We would also like to welcome the Pope’s official DJ, nationally and internationally known speaker, Anna Scally (and a pretty good golfer at that!) who is leading the retreat. **WELCOME TO ST. ANNE’S!!!**

REMINDER

As part of the Lenten journey to prepare us for the joy of Easter, our Lord invites us to “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”.

This is a reminder for all students who have already received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist to prepare and attend:

LENT RECONCILIATION for Grades 3 – 7

Monday, March 16, 5:00p-6:00p & 6:30p-7:30p
 Wed., March 18, 5:00p-6:00p & 6:30p-7:30p
 Thursday, March 19, 5:00p-6:00p & 6:30p-7:30p

Reconciliation will be held in Church during class sessions.



ReconciliationService

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.

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.



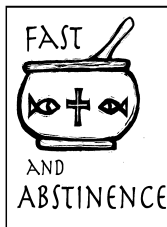
Neighboring churches for Stations of the Cross are:

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.



Seniors

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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 15, 2009



Collections

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Mar. 1, 2009	Mar. 8, 2009
Parish Collection	\$12,890.75	\$11,095.83
Building Fund	\$1,077.00	\$1,153.00
Stewardship-Eastern Europe		\$1,232.00

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.

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>Job Opportunities>Schools, or through the Diocese of Oakland, Department of Human Resources, 510-267-8381.

Tanglaw

Filipinos have their own unique ways of expressing their spirituality and devotion to God. Some examples are: Simbang Gabi and Parada ng mga Parol during the Christmas season, Santacruzán in May, and Santo Niño procession in January. A group of Filipino priests, deacons, and laypersons in the Diocese are planning to celebrate Tanglaw this year. This celebration could be the biggest celebration of Filipino Catholic culture in the Diocese of Oakland. Tanglaw will be held on June 13, 2009, at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

LITURGY CORNER

WATER

My favorite vacation spot is the north shore of Lake Tahoe. The sight of the deep blue water of the lake surrounded by the majestic Sierras always has a relaxing and calming affect on me. I especially enjoy exploring the many hiking trails that lead to secluded alpine lakes tucked far away into the wilderness. When I reach our destination, the first thing I do is remove my shoes and socks and dip my feet into the clear, still water. After my journey, the feel of the cold wetness on my hot, dusty skin is cleansing and refreshing. I soak in the beauty of this little niche in God's creation and experience a profound sense of peace.

Whatever feelings or emotions water may stir up in you, one thing is certain; water is a source of life. Over half of the human body is composed of water. It is a necessary element for our wellbeing. One can survive much longer without food than without water. But in addition to our physical dependence on water, it is essential for our spiritual life as well.

We emerge from the waters of baptism into a new life, born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Jesus refers to this water when he tells the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Through the waters of baptism, we become part of a community belonging to Christ.

Our Lenten journey through the wilderness to the cross will lead us to the cleansing, life giving water of Easter. As we dip our hand into this water and bless ourselves with the sign of the cross, we recall our baptism in which we became members of the Church, the living body of Christ, and may we experience a sense of His peace.

Debbie Nunes, Liturgy Committee

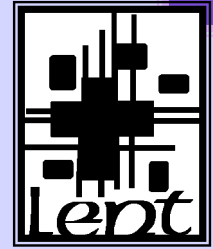
GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick

*In the first document of the Second Vatican Council, the bishops of the world wrote:
“The season of Lent has a twofold character: primarily by recalling or preparing for baptism
and by penance, it disposes the faithful, who more diligently hear of the word of God and
devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery.”*

(Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, 109)



***The challenge for Catholics today is to live Lent that is faithful to the
intent of the church. (The Light of Christ, 1979)***

Part of the purpose of our “Lenten Journey from the Wilderness to the Cross” is to find ways that would help our journey a spiritual & meaningful one. But how do we do that if we ourselves do not understand some of the meaning of words and practices used during Lent?

Here are a few to help you:

Ash Wednesday?

The beginning of Lenten season. Ashes are a symbol of penance. In the old Testament times, people who were repenting of sin would fast, wear sackcloth and sit in the dust and ashes. Our use of ashes today is a small remnant of an ancient practice.

What is the origin of the word Lent?

“Lent” literally means “springtime.” It comes from an Anglo-Saxon word that means “lengthen”the days are getting longer.

What is the traditional three-fold discipline of Lent?

Prayer, Fasting, & Abstinence.

Why do we abstain or not eat meat on the Fridays of Lent?

In the first century, Christians abstained from eating meat of warm-blooded animals on Fridays to honor Jesus’ death on the cross and we have continued the custom

What is almsgiving?

It is the greater or increased giving to charity and is one way we celebrate God’s generous mercy.

Why do we remove the water from the font and the holy water dishes during Lent?

The baptismal font and the holy water stoups need not be emptied during lent. Our baptism does not “go away” during Lent.

More on Lent:

- ***The holy oils are blessed for use the coming year at the CHRISM MASS.
- ***Jesus began his public ministry with **forty days in the desert**
- *****Violet** is the royal color we use for Lent.
- ***The **Elect** (in our RCIA & CCD programs) will receive the Easter sacraments at the great Vigil on Holy Saturday.
- *****Scrutiny**, is a rite celebrated during Lent to help the elect & all of us examine our Faith lives.
- ***The **Gloria & Alleluia** are not sung during Lent.

