



Sacred Spaces, a place to pray and reflect and spend time listening to God.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent March 22, 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

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Christine Suarez	Faith Formation Coordinator
Linda Canlas	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 30

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

9:00 am - Individual User, CR #105

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Individual User, CR #105

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Reconciliation Service, CH

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

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 am - MASS, CH

9:00 am - Individual User, CR #105

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

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

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #103

Thursday, April 2

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Individual User, CR #105

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, April 3

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Individual User, CR #106

6:00 pm - Soup & Bread, SH

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

Saturday, April 4

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 - Senior's Fair, SH

10:30 am - Diocese, CR #103

3:00 pm - RCIA, CR #102

6:00 pm - Individual User, SH

6:15 am - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, April 5

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

2:00 pm - Cursillo, CH

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

5:00 pm - Couples for Christ, CH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalms — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

MASS INTENTIONS

March 21, 2009 - March 28, 2009

Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm + Petronila Briones

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am + For the People

10:00 am Spe.Int. - Christina Atienza

12:00 pm + Frank Ricafort

6:00 pm Spe.Int. - James Villamora

Monday, March 23

8:00 am + Deogracias Bendan

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am Spe.Int.-James Villamora Family

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Christina Atienza

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am + Helen Young

Friday, March 27

8:00 am + Margarita Fe Salazar

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am + Henry Segui, Sr.

5:00 pm + Herminia Adiao

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2009

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: From the wilderness to the Cross!

My dear friends in Christ,

We are now in the middle of the Lenten season and I wonder if we are still together in this journey. A lot of things can go wrong if we are not careful about it. I said before that it is very important that we take these preparations seriously.

The next few weeks will be very critical for us. And for many of us who have not “come aboard,” I invite you once more to reconsider the meaning and the transforming reality of our Lenten preparations. The gospel last Sunday was a good reminder for all of us to reexamine our inner self, our very heart, the temple of God’s love, ---- and to see if reality is the “temple of the Spirit.” You recall that in last Sunday gospel, we experienced Jesus’ anger when he saw people making his “Father’s house” a marketplace.

We are challenged to go deep in our being to see if our heart is the “temple of the Spirit” or a “marketplace.” Is your heart a market place of pride and arrogance or a temple of humility? Is your heart a marketplace of resentment or a temple of forgiveness? Is your heart a marketplace of gossip or a temple of caring words? Is your heart a marketplace of selfishness or a temple of giving? Is your heart a marketplace of prejudice and discrimination or a temple of welcoming attitude and hospitality? Is your heart a marketplace of darkness and isolation or a temple of holiness and light? Is your heart a marketplace of hatred or a temple of God’s love and compassion?

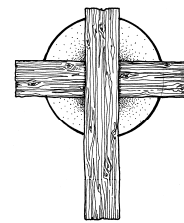
I pray that we will find time to reflect on all these things so that together we will celebrate the beauty of Easter joy.

On a personal note, I am happy to tell you that I have been following my doctor’s advice to put “**my life in order.**” Not only that I am minimizing my food intake and very careful at it, I have also been walking along the beautiful regional trails of our state not far from the church. I feel that my life is more complete now because of this. I look forward to walking 2-3 hrs every day.

I believe that when we put our mind and our heart in it, it can be done.

En la paz de Cristo,

Fr. Geoffrey



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent;
Second Scrutiny
Monday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

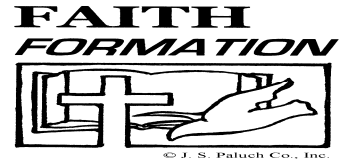


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Marriage Encounter - Filipino Perspective

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.

DEADLINE IS APRIL 4, 2009



St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our Lenten meeting will be: "Putting Yourself In The Gospel Story." We will also gather on Thursday, March 26th for the annual Deanery Reconciliation Service for Youth. We will be joined by the Youth Ministry and Confirmation programs of Corpus Christi and our host parish, Our Lady of the Rosary. All students will need to meet at OLR at 6:45 p.m. Parents may pick up their children at 9:00 p.m.

St. Anne Confirmation

St. Anne Confirmation will meet at 3:30 p.m. today (March 22) for class. We will also gather for the Deanery Reconciliation Service for Youth on Thursday, March 26th. Please see announcement above for the information regarding the Reconciliation Service.

Just an ongoing reminder that the 2009 Confirmation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ The Light. **Rehearsal will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 3:30 p.m. in St. Anne's Church. ALL parents, sponsors and candidates will be asked to attend.**

RE M I N D E R **08-09 FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES & PARENTS**

All FC candidates & one parent/adult family member must attend one

EUCHARIST FAMILY GATHERING

Tuesday, March 24 - 6:00p – 7:00p - HALL
or

Saturday, March 28 - 9:30a-10:30a - HALL
Topic: Sacrament of Eucharist & Agape Service

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

- Jacqueline Lee—Helped someone with homework
- Matthew Olay—Prayed before going to bed.
- Jacob Francisco—Tried to study more
- John David—Helped Dad clean the van
- Alana Sese—Gave my baby sister her milk bottle
- Ashley Paguirigan—Helped Mom choose birthday present.
- Moira Duya—Gave \$1.00
- Lilliana Batalao— Cleaned my room

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.



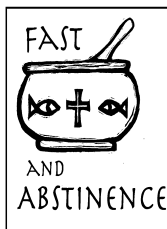
Neighboring churches for Stations of the Cross are:

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.



LECTORS:

THE NEW SCHEDULE CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE LITURGY ROOM.

HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman



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.



Collections

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Mar. 8, 2009	Mar. 15, 2009
Parish Collection	\$11,095.83	\$11,874.91
Building Fund	\$1,153.00	\$1,189.00
Stewardship	\$1,232.00	

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.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Apostolate of St. Anne Parish would like to invite everyone to join them at their Novena in preparation for the Feast Day of Divine Mercy. The Novena starts on April 10 to April 19, 2009. Please note that the novena on April 10 (which is Good Friday will start right after the 3:00 service) and on Holy Saturday at 3:00 P.M., for these two days novena will be held at the Parish Hall, from thereafter at 7:30 P.M. Schedule of novena will be distributed after the Saturday and Sunday masses.

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.

LENTEN CORNER

Colors of Lent

Before the onset of the Lenten season, the church color of Green is used to symbolize the renewal of vegetation and generally of living things and the promise of new life.

What a drastic change of colors and mood as we move from the green promise of new life to purple and black which symbolize suffering and darkness. However, the dryness and darkness of the Lenten season bring us the promise of rebirth and newness and therefore, lots of greens and yellows. We come to a full circle of colors from green to green—the full circle reminding me of Jesus' eternal love for us, like a circle --never ending.

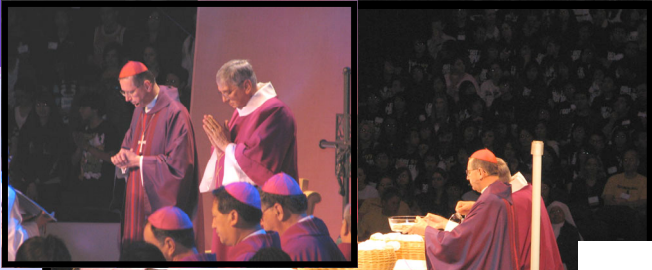
The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple, red violet or dark violet. Purple colors symbolize pain, suffering, and therefore mourning and penitence. These colors symbolize the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so it anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Red Violet or Violet is also a symbol for pain and suffering, and is used as an alternate color for the Season of Lent.

Gray is used for Ash Wednesday or for special days of fasting and prayer. Gray is the color of ashes, and therefore a biblical symbol of mourning and repentance. Gray is used for the rest of the church environment along with other drab or dry colors like brown to symbolize gloom and sadness over the impending crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, the sanctuary colors of Good Friday and Holy Saturday are black, the only days of the Church Year that black is used. It symbolizes the darkness brought into the world by sin. It also symbolizes death, not only the death of Jesus but the death of the whole world under the burden of sin. In this sense, it also represents the hopelessness and the endings that come as human beings try to make their own way in the world without God. Black is used to cover other sanctuary symbols or to drape the sanctuary cross on Good Friday. A more accurate name is probably 'dark' Friday given we're remembering and seeking to identify as much as possible with the suffering and death of Jesus. Black is always replaced by white before sunrise of Easter Sunday.

When in mourning for people we love, we traditionally wear black, the color of sadness. Who is the greatest for whom we mourn during this Lenten season? It is Jesus, who died on the cross for our salvation. Along with my acts of prayer, penitence, and almsgiving, I use colors to symbolize my grief and mourning for this Holy death by wearing purple, gray, or black.

Len Magers, Member Liturgy Committee



Love Unfolding.....Igniting Our Yes!

LA Congress Feb.26 to Mar.1

Youth Group attended the Youth Day activities. & Catechists attended the Religious Education workshops.

