

St. Anne Catholic Parish



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September 27, 2009
Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



"Be A Servant First"
Catechists' Retreat



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays	8:00 am
Saturdays	8:00 am; 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sundays	8:00 and 10:00 am 12:00 and 6:00 pm
First Fridays	8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Saturday	3:30 pm –Confessions
Holy Days	As announced

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.

Baptisms

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

St. Anne Pastoral Staff

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
Fr. Richard Boyle, OSM	Parochial Vicar
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
Jim Soltau	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Rico Monton	Liturgy & Music Coordinator
Helen Rojas	Children's Faith Formation Coordinator
Christine Suarez	Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator
Sydney Gargan	Office Administrator
Zella Yanos	Secretary
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 OFF.

Monday, September 28

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-105

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:00 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am - Mass, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR#102-106, SH

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #104

7:45 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

7:30 pm - Welcoming Committee, CR #105

7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #106

Thursday, October 1

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Friday, October 2 - First Friday

8:00 am and 7:30 pm - Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103

7:00 pm - Baptism Class SH

7:30 pm - First Friday Mass, CH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, October 3

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

9:00 am - RCIA, CR #103

9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

6:00 pm - Individual User, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, October 4

6:00 am - Festival Comm., SH

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

10:00 am - Children's Choir, CR #105

1:00 pm - Seniors, CR #103

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

4:00 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6). **Gospel** — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

MASS INTENTIONS

September 26, 2009 - September 27, 2009

Saturday, September 26

5:00 pm + Erlinda Munoz

Sunday, September 27

8:00 am + Juliana Villanueva

10:00 am + Lourdes Santos

12:00 pm + For the People

6:00 pm + Nicolas Poblete

Monday, September 28

8:00 am + Felix Dionisio

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am Spe. Int.— Maria Sousa

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Arthur Bunoan

Thursday, October 1

8:00 am + Rosendo & Rosa Antonio Family

Friday, October 2 - First Friday

8:00 am + Luzonica Pesigan

7:30 pm + Laureana Rosales

Saturday, October 3

8:00 am + Josephine Beckham

5:00 pm + Emily Noia Alexander

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The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

— Psalm 19:8



My dear friends in Christ,

I hope that you had a wonderful summer.

The year is almost over and Christmas is just around the corner. During the year we have been part of the sad reality of our economy. Because of this many of our priorities have taken a **different course**. **We have made some drastic and radical adjustments in our spending**. Many of us have made some personal sacrifices to deal with this economic crisis like taking away a dinner out or a trip to Disneyland and other places with our family. **Yet these things didn't create an attitude of despair and doubt**. Through our persistence we showed the great attitude of hope and trust. **This has been the foundation and the strength of our faith**.

I cannot thank you enough for your **patience and for your understanding**. With the help of our God, **we will get there!** For the meantime I would like to go back to some of the things that I have already shared with you in past from the pulpit. I would call this just a "**simple reminder**" or a "**little housekeeping!**"

1. COMING TO MASS LATE AND LEAVING THE CHURCH BEFORE THE PRIEST AND THE MINISTERS

Although we have improved on this one, we still have a lot of work to be done. **For many of us we have valid reasons to do this**. That I understand! **But for many of us who do this as a bad habit**, I really encourage you to be more conscious about the importance and the meaning of this experience. **As I said in the past, when we come to church, we become part of the faith community, the body of Christ, to pray together, to celebrate together--- and not as an individual reality**. This is when we speak of **celebrating the sacred mysteries or proclaiming the mystery of faith**. In this gathering and celebration, **we make present Christ's saving death and resurrection**. **The death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ defines the core of our Christian identity and mission**. That's why we are invited **to fully and consciously participate** in this celebration and gathering. **This is very central in the experience of our life and faith. Anything less than this is a reflection of our faith journey!**

2. COMING TO MASS BUT STAYING OUTSIDE DURING THE WHOLE MASS

I still cannot understand the concept of this. Why bother? This is always a very sad scene for me every time I see people outside. I know that our masses are always crowded, at times standing room only. But it doesn't mean that we don't have space for everybody. **We need to change this behavior!** I understand parents with their children outside. **But adults?** It is not a good Christian practice! **We are part of the worshipping community and for this reason we must evoke a good sense of expressive participation**. Being outside doesn't meet that reality. Again it communicates a **lack of seriousness** in our practice of the faith. **The church as a welcoming community wants us to belong and---- not as a stranger**.

3. OUR WEEKLY OFFERING: THE MEANING

Let me start by saying that "stewardship" is a Christian way of life in which we give back to God a portion of what he has given us in the spirit of gratitude. That's why our weekly offering must be done in that spirit.

I repeated this many times during the last year, not just once but many times. **Our weekly offering finds its meaning when it is prepared with your family through prayer and reflection. I still see many of you scrambling to your wallet or your checkbook when the baskets are going around**. The good news is that **many are already preparing their weekly offering at home**. **When we don't do this at home, without reflection and prayer, then your offering has no meaning**. Our offering to God, **our gift must not be given forcefully**. It has to come from your very heart and spirit. And I also encourage you to write a check for your offering so that at the end of the year, **you can claim this for your income tax**.

May God bless you always with his peace and love!

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey



FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation 2009-2010

Confirmation classes will meet this afternoon, Sunday, September 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Youth Mass will follow at 6:00 p.m. **Don't forget to bring in your INCREDIBLE EDIBLE fundraising forms... they are due September 28th**

We have finally received a date for the 2009 Confirmation ceremony...it will be held on Friday, April 30th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anne's with Bishop Cordileone... **WRITE IT DOWN!**

Saint Anne Youth Ministry STARTED!!!!!!!

Don't forget to bring in your INCREDIBLE EDIBLE fundraising forms...they are due September 28th!!

Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: **"THE 100 THING CHALLENGE"** The goal of the session is to encourage young people to become more aware of how our culture pushes them to want more and more, and to reflect on their own values and Church teaching to help them make different decisions. It ends with the opportunity for them to participate (alone or with their family) in The 100 Thing Challenge. The 100 Thing Challenge is a challenge to own just 100 things.

If you have not registered for Youth Ministry and would still like to join...**HURRY!** Registrations will be closed the first week of October. We are in the process of having to schedule a third retreat, as the December and April retreats are now closed. If you would like a registration form and brochure for Youth Ministry, you may download them at www.saintannecatholic.org Please email or call the Youth Ministry Office with any questions at stayouth-ministry@sbcglobal.net or 471-7766 ext. 22. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS...SAVE THE DATE... NOVEMBER 7!!!

The annual South Alameda County CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY is on November 7 at St. Bede's Church...Jesse Manibusan...Fr. Agustino Torres...Bishop Salvatore Cordileone....music...prayer...fun!!!! Check the bulletin board for more info!

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE FUNDRAING by YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION

The annual "Incredible Edible" fundraising effort is now under way by members of the Youth Ministry, Confirmation and Emmaus Peer Ministry programs. All funds will be used to lower the cost of their retreats and trip to the LA Youth Day. If you would like to support their efforts and order from the Youth Ministry Office...please call 471-7766 ext. 22 to find out what delicious snacks and desserts await you!! **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!**

First Communion: This school year is also an exciting time for families of our 165 *First Communion students* who are in their second year of faith formation. For Sacrament Preparation and in addition to the student's weekly classes, parents are invited to attend the Parent or Family Gatherings to prepare students with their journey to meeting Christ in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

REMINDER: First Communion Parents & Students

One Parent/adult family member with FC student must attend at least one:

FAMILY GATHERING – Sacrament Overview
 Tuesday, September 29, 4:45p – 6:00p, HALL
 or Tuesday, September 29, 6:15p – 7:30p, HALL
LATE REGISTRATION.....We will continue to accept registration on a walk-in basis for open class sessions only. If you have any questions, please call the CCD office at 471-7766 ext. 20 or email: stafaithformation@sbcglobal.net.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Alicia B.:	Vacuumed the house.
Danilo:	Helped Mom take out trash
Janelle Dilig:	Helped my friend to be happy when she cried.
Megan Caren:	Helped make breakfast.
John Flores:	Gave .25cents
Antoine Redondo:	Helped Mom & big brother carry things
Kyle:	Picked up my toys
John Paul Rosas:	Gave \$3.00
Nico Aguinaldo:	Cleaned my room.
Erika Demingoy:	Fed my hamsters.
Laney Fong:	Fed my brother.
Luis Reyes:	Cleaned my room.
Andre James Aberin:	Gave \$2.00
James Ecija:	Helped in setting the table.
Darin Tojino:	Clean up after my dog.
Cory:	Clear out dishwasher.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Sunday September 27, 2009

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, September 20, 2009	\$11,745.39
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,254.61)

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, September 13, 2009	\$ 1,952.00
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	\$ 990.47

OUTSTANDING LOAN \$296,491.47

Fundraisers:

NORCAL PCR (Development Fund - Sound System)	\$4,800.00
FESTIVAL (General Fund Expenses)	\$50,000.00
ST. ANNE MEMORIAL (Private Donation)	

Projects for Bid:

Landscape Improvement, Phase II

St. Anne Memorial

Currently accepting bids: Starting on October 1

Closing date, October 15

Project starting date: November 2

Target ending date: November 30

If interested, contact Peter Petit at 510-755-4960. Peter will furnish drawings and details of the projects.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Monday:	St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions; St. Wenceslaus
Tuesday:	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael
Wednesday:	St. Jerome
Thursday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Friday:	The Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; (Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset



MINISTERS RETREAT: "ONE BODY IN CHRIST"

Date: October 10, 2009

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

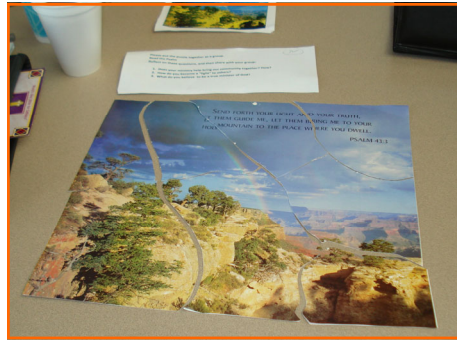
Place: St. Anne's Parish Hall

All who are ministering / serving in our liturgical celebrations are invited to attend this retreat. This retreat will give us the time to slow down, reflect, and share the joys as well as the challenges of serving God in our parish ministries. Our special Speaker for the day is our friend, Fr. Dan Danielson. Please let your ministry directors / coordinators or chairpersons know that you are attending so we can prepare materials and nourishments accordingly. This retreat is for: Ushers, Servers, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Hospitality Group. For all other ministers serving in other areas, you are most welcome to attend, please let us know. For more information or questions, please call Rico Monton, Liturgy Coordinator at (510) 586-9998 or e-mail:

ricomonton@yahoo.com

HELP US FIND A HOST FAMILY!!!

Gezhe Peng or simply Match is from a city of Hubei in China. He has come to the United States on an exchange program through CIEE. This prestigious USA High School program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Council of International Educational Exchanges (CIEE). Match went through a very rigorous process to be selected from among hundreds of students wishing to come to the United States. He goes to James Logan High School where he excelled his placement tests especially in math. He is very bright young man. He likes to play basketball and he plays in a team back home. He also likes to play tennis and soccer. His favorite subjects are math, physics and English and he would like to become a programmer in the future. He is a grateful boy who is willing to give back to his community by volunteering or making presentations about his country and culture. He is a 12th grader at James Logan High School. Currently, Match is staying with a welcome family who has been kind enough to host him for six weeks, but we are looking for a permanent host family in Union City for him to be able to continue going to James Logan High School. For more information please contact Nisso at 925-457-9914 or nisso.rahmonova@gmail.com



The altar, a puzzle of Psalms, and Fr. Geoffrey giving a talk.

The Faith Formation Ministry of St. Anne had a **Retreat** with the theme **“Be A Servant first”** on Sept. 19, 2009. The first of its kind, it is the beginning of many series of Catechist Enrichment. The hope is that, it will rekindle the fire within our hearts in relation to teaching our children to be strong in their faith. At the gathering there was some prayer time, inspirational talk by Fr. Geoffrey & Fr. Rick, group sharing and particular topics to be given by different speakers.



Group sharing..... prayer ritual and group gathering in prayer.



Catechists were asked to write a letter to God on their commitment.

Fr. Rick asks, “How did you become a catechist?”

