

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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November 1, 2009
ALL SAINTS

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

If you have not taken the **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** training within the last three (3) years, or have not taken it at all, we are conducting a training & certification on two different dates this November. You may choose to attend either date, whichever is convenient for you.

Please remember that this certification is required by the Diocese and is mandatory for all who minister to our children and the community at large, (catechists, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, choirs, ushers, & all volunteers of any ministry.)

We have invited **Lucy Soltau** to conduct the training.

Training will begin promptly in the church.

November 3, 2009 - Tuesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm

November 12, 2009 -Thursday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

CH:CHURCH, SH: SOCIAL HALL, CR: CLASSROOMS, PO: PARISH OFFICE, LO: LITURGY OFF.

Monday, November 2

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-105
6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102
7:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, LO

Tuesday, November 3

8:00 am - Mass, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-106
5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH
6:15 pm - Faith Formation, CH
7:00 pm - CYO, SH
7:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH

Wednesday, November 4

8:00 am - MASS, CH

1:00 pm - Individual User, SH
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR#102-106
6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
6:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH
7:30 pm - Grief Support, CR #102
7:30 pm - Christmas Choir, CR #106

Thursday, November 5

8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR#102-106
6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH
6:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH
7:30 pm - Grief Support, CH
7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CR #104
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Friday, November 6 - FIRST FRIDAY

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

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
6:00 pm - Grief Support, CH
7:00 pm - Baptism Class, SH
7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102
7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, November 7

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

9:00 am - RCIA, CR #103
9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105
10:00 am - Couples for Christ, CR #102
10:30 am - SPRED, CR #106
12:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, SH
6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104
7:30 pm - Grief Ministry

Sunday, November 8

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

9:00 am—Faith Formation Bake Sale, Patio
1:00 pm - Confirmation, CR #103
1:30 pm - Anniversary, CH
1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106
7:30 pm—Grief Ministry, CH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

MASS INTENTIONS

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October 31, 2009 - November 7, 2009

Saturday, October 31

5:00 pm + Abelardo Santos

Sunday, November 1

8:00 am + Dec.Mem.—Legion of Mary

10:00 am + Felimon Pineda

12:00 pm + For the People

6:00 pm + Dec.Mem.—Legion of Mary

Monday, November 2

8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 3

8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 4

8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 5

8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Friday, November 6

8:00 am + All Souls Novena

7:30 pm + All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 7

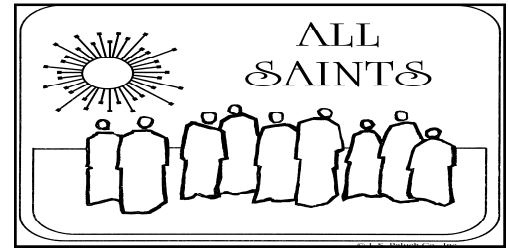
8:00 am + All Souls Novena

5:00 pm + All Souls Novena

All Saints November 1, 2009

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1



My dear friends in Christ,

During the last weeks, I have been asked by many people about what's going in the world: the earthquakes in Tonga and in Indonesia, the storms and the flooding in the Philippines that destroyed many lives and changed the landscape of many towns and cities. What I said is that "we are part of the natural order of things and these are forces that are part of nature, part of God's creation."

We will never understand why these things would happen to places that are already experiencing overwhelming difficulties and challenges. Why bad things happen to poor people? How do we see these things through the eyes of faith?

This is the time when we need to reflect on our lives!

Not only that natural disasters are happening, human made disasters are happening as well in all parts of the world: the violence in Iraq, in Afghanistan, and in Pakistan and not to forget the one in the Holy Land and the sad reality of hunger and famine in Darfur, people unwilling to let go and groups continue to be divided. These are the events of history that are affecting our emotions and changing our path to peace and happiness. I think that our life needs a lot of reassessment! Our heart needs conversion! Our society needs conversion!

Perhaps one of the great thinkers and one of the most influential figures in the Catholic faith is St. Augustine. Yet before his conversion, Augustine's life was filled with unhappy memories. His personal life was stormy. In fact his own mother, St. Monica, prayed for his conversion. God heard her prayers.

One day he sat down and began to think about his life. Suddenly he broke into tears and began to cry out to God. He let go of the darkness of life and opened his heart to the beauty of God's light and love. **Finally, he put on the Lord Jesus Christ. He was clothed with new life and spirit!**

This remarkable conversion of heart that St. Augustine experienced is the same kind of conversion we need today.

Where are we now?

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us a year ago in Rome, "**Nations that at one time were rich with vocations are now losing their identity, under the deleterious and destructive influence of a certain modern culture.** There are those who have decided that **God is dead.**" We have lost our ability to give and to forgive.

We as society have really lost our sense of the divine. We have become so secularized that, at one point, someone declared that "**religion is expensive!**" This kind of reaction is a reflection of a society that is losing its ground on what is meaningful. But for a society to be converted, one has to have a personal conversion of the heart. Our world, our society must be seen as a "**city of God.**" Our life must be a reflection of the gospel. And the gospel, the Word of God, must find its way into the hearts of the people. God is alive, he is here, and he is in us!

Many of us have experienced in some way or another **ways** in which we disconnect ourselves from living a life with God. Sometimes, even when our last name is Christian, we don't really act like it. **We have put fences around our heart which isolate us from doing what it means to be a Christian.** Because of this, we have become miserable and discontent. I could not imagine anyone living a life without any relationship with God and with Jesus. Pope John Paul II reminded us (the priests) on Holy Thursday, two years before he died, **that without an authentic relationship with Jesus, our life will have no meaning. This statement is true to everybody.**

We must not succumb to the temptations of secularization and materialism that have already destroyed our sense of meaning and dignity. We must not succumb to irrationality and hatred. These destructive forms must be overcome and be put in the "trash can" for good. When this continues, there is no question that we will find ourselves "**alone and our society confused and divided**" as Pope Benedict said.

I believe that in order for us to experience the beauty of God's presence, we need to look into our heart and see the areas that make our relationship with God and our neighbors so dark and difficult and **dead!**

There is so much darkness and so much conflict that weigh down in people's heart. But no matter what, **we must not allow ourselves and find ourselves in the midst of human poverty and weakness. Rather we must continue to trust in the presence of God, who is alive and living in our hearts. God is not dead!**

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey



Saint Anne Youth Ministry Announcement!!

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, November 2nd to learn about “**Día de los Muertos: A Celebration of Life.**” Participants will learn about a Hispanic celebration called *Día de los Muertos* (which translates to ‘Day of the Dead’). They will learn the value behind this traditional Hispanic celebration of life and death and partake in it through ritual and prayer experience. All Youth Ministry students are asked to bring a picture of a deceased family member or a symbol that represents that person. Our meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2009-2010

A reminder to all Confirmation students attending the November 7 Youth Rally at St. Bede’s: bring your **permission slip**, make sure you are dropped off by **8:30 a.m.** and **BRING A BAG LUNCH!**

Brown Bag Craft Project

Confirmation students are invited to a “**brown bag project party**” on Sunday, November 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Classroom 103. If you’d like to come and join other Confirmation students working on their Confirmation retreat Brown Bag project...bring your arts and crafts and bags and more...and bring a snack to share!!!

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

If you would like to attend the November 7th High School Catholic Youth Rally please sign up now! You may do so by calling or emailing the Youth Ministry Office (471-7766 ext. 22 or stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net) 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!

NOVEMBER NOVENA

The St. Anne Grief Support Ministry invites everyone to a novena in memory of our departed loved ones from November 5 until November 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Families who want to lead the novena for a particular day may call the Rectory at 471-7766. A memorial mass to be presided by Fr. Geoffrey Baraan will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by refreshments at the social hall. Please call Lee Ramos at 207-1409 if you have questions.

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION

We are Forgiven – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation are reflecting on the story of the prodigal son and the forgiving father. Each time we pray the Our Father we are reminded of God’s forgiving love and our call, as children of God, to share that forgiving love with others. *How do we, as a parish, welcome people unconditionally with a heart filled with joy?*

November Virtues: Thankfulness is being grateful to God, not only for the things we have but also for the people in our lives. *I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise of God while I live...Psalm 104:33.*

Important REMINDER to Parents: For the safety of our students, please **do not park** in the red zone area near the church before, during and after Faith Formation class sessions. Parents and guardians will help ensure the safety of our students by dropping off and picking up children at the classroom throughout the school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

MONTHLY CATECHIST ENRICHMENT

Last month PRUDENCE...this month: TEMPERANCE!

Joseph had a roller coaster life. He was lavished, praised, exalted and honored at times. At other points in his career he experienced slavery, a prison sentence and loneliness. No matter what circumstances he experienced, he remained prudent (“sensible, sound judgment in practical matters”). After numerous ups and downs, he ultimately became the #2 man in all of Egypt where he had great influence and responsibility overseeing the food supply in preparation for seven years of famine. Because Joseph was prudent, Egypt was prepared for this potentially devastating situation.

Before we become too impressed with our own accomplishments, we would be wise to remember that without God we can never achieve anything of lasting significance. Joseph models this quality so well. No matter what’s happened around him, his eyes were focused on God. We can see that being prudent has benefits both now and for all eternity.

All catechists (Faith Formation, Confirmation, RCIA, SPRED, Baptism and Liturgy) are invited to the November 7 gathering at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom #103. The presentation and sharing is scheduled to go from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

FRIST FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 6, 2009

Please join the Divine Mercy Apostolate in praying Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 7:00 P.M. followed by 7:30 P.M. mass with the Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction after the mass. Please spend time with Jesus at least 1 (one) hour in silent recognition of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Sunday November 1, 2009

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, October 25, 2009	\$14,057.70
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 942.30)
Maryknoll	\$6,588.50

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, October 25, 2009	
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 961.00)

OUTSTANDING LOAN \$296,491.47

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.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Jasmine Lacandazon:	Helped with the baby & setting the table.
Kaycee Bundang:	Gave \$1.00
Clarize Alegado:	Cleaned my room.
Paul JB Rosas:	Helped my parents.
Abigail Banks:	Helped my Mom cook.
Kyle:	Gave brother my school lunch.
Rommel:	Made breakfast for my family.
Cherra Alagon:	Washed dishes & gave \$1.00.
Christopher Agtani:	Helped fold clothes & put them away.
Jeremy Zamora:	Gave \$1.00
Elijah De la Rosa:	Gave \$1.00
Mikayla Gonzaga:	Helped fixing the yard.
Daniel Choy:	I pray everyday.
Stepe K Bertulfo:	Gave \$10.00
Carla Joaquin:	Helped wash dishes.
Angelica Calalo:	Gave \$1.00
Timothy Ilustre:	Threw away trash.
Mikail Alejandro:	Take care of my turtles.
John D Ascano:	I prayed the rosary.
Hannahlyn Oblea:	Helped decorate for Halloween.

ST. ANNE'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

(Serving the needs of the poor in our community.)

For emergency resources for food and shelter
call 211.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food (please no clothing) to make Thanksgiving Baskets for the homeless and low income families in the community. Please bring your donations and place them in the barrels at the entrances in the Church. If you know a family who would need a Thanksgiving Basket, please call the parish office, 471-7766, and leave the families' name and phone number.

Catholic Cemeteries Masses

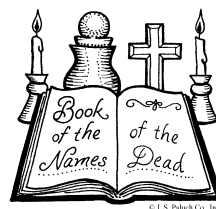
November 2 or November 7, 11:00 am

All Diocesan Cemeteries. In remembrance of our loved ones, come celebrate God's presence in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass of All Souls Day on November 2 at each of the Diocesan Cemeteries.

A Memorial Mass will also be held on November 7 at each of the Diocesan Cemeteries. Following Mass will be the Dia de los Muertos celebration with music and refreshments.

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
Helen Cabiles	Finance Council Chairperson
Linda Canlas	Pastoral Council Facilitator



During the month of November we will be praying for the souls of the dead. The *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be available for all parishioners to write down the names of your deceased family and friends.

SVDP (St. Vincent de Paul) is serving a free "Thanksgiving Dinner" for needy families on Saturday 11-7-2009 from 12:00noon till 3:00pm. Open to all -low income- community poor, homeless & needy families.

CCD students "Care- Angels" project is also helping with donation of canned foods. **For those of you who want to help...**we are still in need of potluck volunteers for "cooked" food and deserts for our thanksgiving table. You may drop off food at the church social hall on 11-7 before noon. Someone will be there to help you.

CCDBake Sale

Cupcakes, brownies, fudge,
cakes and donuts.....

Sounds yummy?

Come enjoy a treat and help our "kababayans" in
the Philippines who are in need, as a result of the
recent typhoon& flood.

Date: 11/08/2009

Time:

Before & after the
8:00am -10:00am &
12:00noon mass

Sponsored by:
8th Graders

School of Faith Formation
Middle School
St. Anne Catholic Parish

Where??

Front entrance of the church
& the back patio of the church.

