

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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November 22, 2009
Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, November 23

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

9:00 am - Art & Environment, CR #104

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Environment, CR #104

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

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

7:30 pm - Finance Council, CR #102

Wednesday, November 25

8:00 am - MASS, CH

9:00 am - Environment, CR #104

7:30 pm - Welcoming Comm., CR #103

7:30 pm - Christmas Choir, CR #106

Thursday, November 26 - **THANKSGIVING**

10:00 am - Mass, CH

Friday, November 27

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Saturday, November 28

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

10:00 am - Wedding, CH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #10

Sunday, November 29

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

9:00 am - Faith Formation, SH

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

4:30 pm - Children's Choir, CH

2:00 pm - Baptism, CH

5:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS (10:00 am)
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BREAD AND WINE
TO BE BLESSED DURING THE THANKSGIVING
MASS.**

(THERE IS NO 8:00 AM MASS)

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AND
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalms — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25;

1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2;

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MASS INTENTIONS

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November 21, 2009 - November 28, 2009

Saturday, November 21

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - M/M Reynaldo Poblete

40th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, November 22

8:00 am + For the People

10:00 am + Venus Cortez

12:00 pm + Carmelita Gonzales

6:00 pm + Marcial & Clarita Fulgado

Monday, November 23

8:00 am + Nestor Sanga, Jr.

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am + Petra Samudio (DA)

Wednesday, November 25

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Norma Timbang

Thursday, November 26 - THANKSGIVING

10:00 am + Vincent & Mary Nguyen

Friday, November 27

8:00 am + Geronimo & Aquilino Domingo

Saturday, November 28

8:00 am + Luke & Marie Arevalo

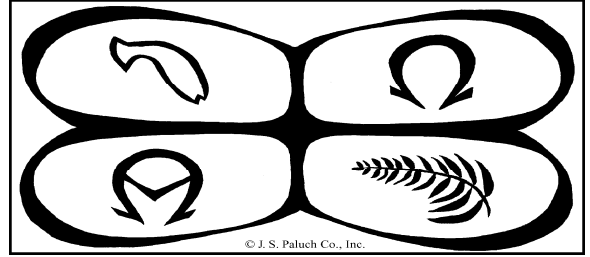
5:00 pm + Petra Samudio (Birth Anniversary)



**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 22, 2009**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.

— Revelation 1:5



My dear friends in Christ,

VIVA CRISTO REY!

This is the Sunday before our new liturgical year of Advent and before Thanksgiving Day. During the season of Advent, the church asks us to reflect on our life and ***to spend our time actively doing some “serious housecleaning of our own closet (the heart) so that we can make room for Christ when he comes to us at Christmas.*** On Thanksgiving Day we gather as a nation to give thanks to God for his many blessings. ***I would like to share this story with you that hopefully help us capture the spirit of thanksgiving.***

A man was being chased by a ferocious tiger. He ran until he came to a sheer cliff. As the tiger came bearing down on him, he grabbed a rope hanging over the cliff and climbed down out of the tiger’s reach. The man looked up and saw the tiger looking at him, waiting to devour him. Then he looked down below the cliff. There was a deadly drop to the rocks of over five hundred feet. Then he looked up and saw two mice beginning to chew the rope. What should he do? The tiger above, the rocks below, and the rope about to break! Just then he saw a bright red strawberry growing out of the side of the cliff. He stretched out his hand, plucked the strawberry and popped it into his mouth. The juices of the strawberry were so sweet that as he ate he couldn’t contain himself. “Delicious! That’s the best strawberry I ever tasted!”

Had the man been preoccupied with the tiger (the past) or preoccupied with the rocks below (the future), he would never have enjoyed the strawberry, which we could call the “gift of the present.”

Our Christian faith tells us that everything that we have comes from God. Are we thankful for his many blessings? Or because with our situation right now, we cannot see these blessings around us! We are so overwhelmed by the darkness of so many people losing their jobs and their homes that--- ***it is so hard to give thanks when these are happening in our lives.*** Perhaps we need to reflect on all these things and why these are presented to us unfairly.

It has been very difficult during the last months. I believe that life did not intend to be like this. But it happened!

Considering these unbelievable experiences in the human spirit, do we still find some gratitude in our heart? Do we find meaning in all these things? Are we always thankful for everything that we have? ***The dominant response I believe would be ---no! Human nature reveals to us that we complain more than we give thanks.*** But I know many will share with me that we need to be a people of gratitude. It is in thanksgiving that we acknowledge that God is the source of everything.

I give thanks to God for everything. For the pain and suffering, for the joys and happiness of life, I give thanks to God! I give thanks to God for the many familiar things that we experience everyday---the glory of the sunset, the birds singing in the sky and the many people that I meet and see every day. For the smiling land of our state and for all the beauty and grandeur, I give thanks to God! For the freedom and for the men and women of the armed forces, I give thanks to God! ***I give thanks to God for this community. Even when we are pounded by the challenges of life, you remained a nourishing part of the body of Christ.*** I thank you for your understanding and patience. I thank you for your dedication and faithfulness. In thanks and solemn praise we raise our hearts to God.

Take this moment, this day to thank God for what we have, and not grumble for what we don’t have. Thank God for the moon and the stars in the sky. Thank God for the birds in the air. Thank God for the sunset, the flowers around your surroundings. ***Thank God for this community. It is not perfect but nevertheless you have a community of faith.*** But most of all thank God ***for the gift of the Son of Man, the Messiah for giving us the greatest view of the kingdom.***

It is always nice to give thanks. George Bernard Shaw was asked by a woman, ***“What denomination are you?” And he said, “I am an atheist, Madam, and I thank God every single day for it.” God is good! Give thanks to him always!***

On behalf of Fr. Lolo Rick, the Staff, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council, I would like to thank you and to greet you all----**HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!**

Your grateful servant,

Fr. Geoffrey



Saint Anne Youth Ministry Announcement!!

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, November 23rd for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Celebration! All Youth Ministry & Confirmation students are welcome...please follow this guide: last names beginning with A-F drinks, G-L appetizer/side dish, M-R main dish (no pizza), S-Z dessert.

If you would like to donate a warm winter coat, hat, gloves (IN GOOD CONDITION) or a package of NEW WARM ATHLETIC socks to be donated to the St. Anthony Foundation, please bring them on Monday! Thank You!

Confirmation 2009-2010

Confirmation candidates will meet on Sunday, November 22nd at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Just a reminder as well: all candidate brown bag projects are due at this class!!

CONGRATULATIONS ST ANNE YOUTH!!

In today's bulletin you will see pictures of the November 7th Youth Rally, as well as in the next Catholic Voice. St. Anne's Parish has every right to be very proud of the young people from St. Anne's who attended and participated in the entire day (and what a long day it was!). Our Confirmation candidates and Confirmation staff and the Emmaus Peer Ministry group took the lead the entire day of promoting full, active and ALIVE participation for the workshops, liturgy and concert. I heard so many compliments about the St. Anne Youth I wanted to pass it onto the parish as well as the young people themselves. The Young Church of Today is quite alive at St. Anne's!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Basketball sign ups are coming soon! Registration forms will be posted on the St. Anne website after December 1st. Priority registration for girls basketball will be open to St. Anne CCD students and parishioners beginning December 8th. Open registration will then begin on January 12th. Please note that there will be no "drop offs" for registration forms. All forms need to be turned in with all documentation and payment attached to be considered complete. Forms can be submitted on December 8 and December 15th from 6:15-7:30 at the Alvarado Middle School gym. For more information on Girls Basketball registration, please contact Tracie Noriega (tracie_noriega@yahoo.com).

FAITH FORMATION

**THANKSGIVING BREAK
NOVEMBER 23 – 26 NO CLASSES
SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION IS CLOSED.
CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.
A BLESSED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

A Heartfelt THANK YOU...

To all our students and catechists for their time and talent in helping the St. Vincent De Paul by decorating Thanksgiving boxes and for their generosity on our Parish November Canned Food Drive.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Rommel Cablay:	Cleaned bed for family.
Timothy Ilustre:	Gave \$2.00
Faith Centeno:	Did not lie to Mom. Gave \$1.00
Emily Ignacio:	Gave .75cents
Paul Rosas:	Helped fold the clothes.
Mara Alagon:	Gave \$.50, folded my cousins clothes.
Adriana Tovar:	Gave \$1.00.
Tyler Cruz:	Cleaned my toys up.
Brian Erfe:	Gave \$1.50
Lana Magnaye:	Gave \$5.00.
Matthew Morano:	Helped Dad wash his car.
Jonah Lontor:	Gave \$1.00.
Jaden Bautista:	Made my bed, gave \$.75cents

8TH Grade Balikbayan "Care" Boxes

Thanks to the 8th Graders, class of Aileen Pagtakan, Ernest Capalla, & Jun Castro because of their efforts the classes were able to fill up 5-balikbayan boxes of canned foods and sent it to the Philippines for the victims of the flood and typhoon. Great job kids. Many will benefit from your generosity.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Monday:	Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
Tuesday:	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; Eid al-Adha (Muslim feast of the sacrifice of Ishmael) celebrated this week

Sunday November 22, 2009

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, November 15, 2009	\$10,960.57
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,039.43)

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, November 15, 2009	\$ 783.00
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 173.53)

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.

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

Blessing of Exterior Christmas Lights

On Saturday, November 28, 2009 after the 5:00 PM mass, all parishioners are invited to attend the blessing of the exterior Christmas lights by Fr. Geoffrey Baraan and/or Rico Monton.

THANK YOU FROM CRS...

The Catholic Relief Services wish to thank St. Anne's for their generous donation of \$5,752.00 to the SE Asia/Pacific Rim Earthquake Emergency.

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.

THANK YOU!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone that helped with the Thanksgiving Baskets distribution on Saturday, November 21st. They would also like to thank all the generous parishioners for the food and monetary donations. God Bless You All!

Help Needed.....

The St. Vincent de Paul is in need of one (1) twin bed, one (1) queen size be frame, dressers, and one (1) kitchen table with chairs. If you can help, please call the parish office @471-7766 and leave your name and phone number.

USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Offered to low income families on the 3rd Saturday of every month in classroom #106, 9 -11 am. Easy to sign up, just bring proof of residency (i.e. PG&E or phone bill). Next distribution is November 21.

St Anne Volunteers Needed to help at the SVDP Dinning Room

Saturday, December 5th and Sunday December 6th, St Anne SVDP and volunteers-parishioners will car pool from our church parking lot to drive up to **SVDP Dinning Room** in Oakland, 675 23rd St Oakland. We will leave at 9am...and return around 1:30pm **to St Anne's. Volunteers are** needed to join our cheerful helpers to prepare, serve, and clean up at the SVDP dinning room, Saturday 12/5 & Sunday 12/6. Students can receive "community service hours".

No experience necessary. Just a little kindness & joyfulness.... rewards are heavenly.

HOLY FAMILY MEMORIAL GARDEN

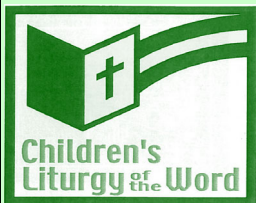
As the Body of Christ, all parishioners, families, relatives and friends are encouraged to take the opportunity to dedicate their loved ones living or deceased to the Holy Family. Registration forms will be distributed at the end of masses. Contact person for questions, please call Jane Relopez, (510) 487 - 0417 or send an e-mail: jrelopez@sbcglobal.net

HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Everyone is invited to the Hawaiian Christmas Concert on Friday, December 11, 7:00 pm in the Church. Admission is free. Try something new, come, join us and enjoy a warm Hawaiian Island Christmas Holiday!



YOUTH RALLY AT ST. BEDE PARISH, HAYWARD, NOVEMBER 7, 2009



Purpose: An invitation to young children, grades 1 through 5, to understand the Gospel passage and make it relevant to their lives and experiences; and participate in the Eucharistic celebration at their level.

When: Every Sunday mass beginning First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2009 to June 27, 2010

Mass Times: 10:00AM, 12:00PM, & 6:00PM

What to expect: After the opening prayers (before the first reading starts) the presider will ask the children to come forward. A designated catechists and banner bearer will lead the children to the **social hall** and there, they will hear the Gospel reading which will be explained in the language that they can understand. After the prayers of the faithful, the children will be lead back to the church and participate through the rest of the liturgy. Please understand that they are not missing any part of the mass.

Parents: **If you want your children to participate, please come to church on time. It is important that the children know where their parents are seated in church when they come back from the Children's Liturgy.**