

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**November 29, 2009**



Blessing of the **Advent Wreath** signifies the beginning of Advent.

One of the strongest symbols of Advent is an evergreen wreath holding four candles. The circular wreath is a sign of God's loving care, which has no ending. The evergreen branches suggest the faithfulness of God, which is always alive and fresh. During the first week of Advent, a single candle is lighted during daily liturgy. Two candles are lighted during the second week, then three and finally four. In this way the light gradually increases as we move toward the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world. According to tradition, three candles are purple, while the candle for the third Sunday is a bright rose color. It is meant to lift our spirits, just as the liturgy for the day tells us too rejoice.

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

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

## **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: CLASSROOMS, PO: PARISH OFFICE, LO: LITURGY OFF.

Monday, December 30

**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  
6:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH  
7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102  
7:30 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #102

Tuesday, December 1

**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  
7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CH#105  
7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH  
7:30 pm - Pastoral Council, LO

Wednesday, December 2

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, 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, December 3

**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  
6:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH  
7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH  
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106  
8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #10

Friday, December 4

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

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, December 5

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

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105  
9:00 am - RCIA, CR #103  
9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106  
10:00 am - CAPS, SH  
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH  
6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 6

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

8:00 am - RCIA, CR #105  
9:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH  
1:00 pm - St. Anne Seniors, CR #103  
1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106  
4:00 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## MASS INTENTIONS

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November 28, 2009 - December 5, 2009

Saturday, November 28

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - M/M Reynaldo Poblete  
40th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, November 29

8:00 am + Sewyoun Yeung  
10:00 am + For the People  
12:00 pm + John & Marciana Manabat  
6:00 pm + Frolin Yamani

Monday, November 30

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Daisy Bernardo

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am + Luisito Bautista (Birth Ann.)

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am + Aurea Poblete

Thursday, December 3

8:00 am + Cecilia Labampa

Friday, December 4

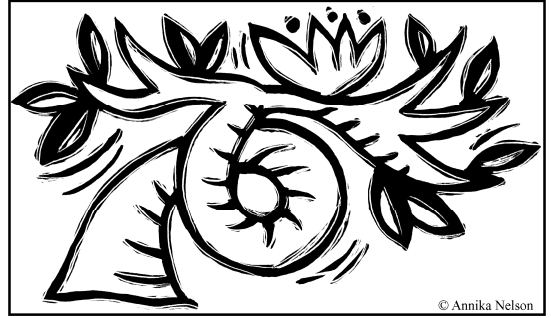
8:00 am + Leonardo & Esperanza  
7:30 pm + Ricardo Dorotheo, Jr.

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am + Esperanza Mosquera  
5:00 pm + Emily Noia Alexander

# First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.  
— *Jeremiah 33:15*

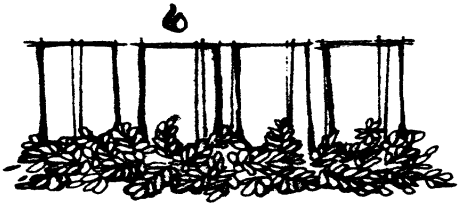


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## ACTIVE WAITING

As this new liturgical year unfolds, today's readings are most appropriate, for they root us in what it means to live authentically as Christians. The Gospel, with its frightening predictions of the end times, invites the hearer to "be vigilant at all times" (Luke 21:36). This kind of vigilance is not at all passive for the Christian. Instead, it is a kind of active waiting. And what should we be doing while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? The second reading gives us the answer: "abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Today is all about promises made and fulfilled. May this Advent season root us all firmly in a stance of active waiting for the Lord, who brings justice and peace.

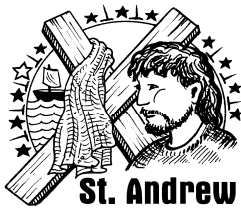
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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. Andrew  
Tuesday: World AIDS Day  
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier  
Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday  
Saturday: First Saturday



**St. Andrew**

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**St. Francis Xavier**

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## CATECHIST ENRICHMENT

### *Temperance, The Art of Holding Balance*

Temperance, also known as moderation or self-control, is a virtue that enables us to control our bodily desires, to channel properly all our passions, our desires for good and godly purposes, for the dignity of the body and all created things.

According to St Paul, no one part of the body can be allowed to overwhelm or dominate the others, for this would violate the integrity of the whole. The problem of obsessive desires is that it inflates one part of us, causes damage or injury, and destroys our inner harmony and order.

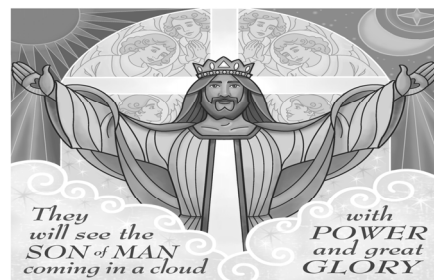
St Thomas Aquinas definition of Temperance is the "serenity of the spirit." True serenity of spirit flows from inner order alone which is the fruit of selfless self-preservation. It requires us to pay attention to our inner condition, our interior life, just as we are responsible for the health of our own bodies by choosing the right food & the amount of food we eat and doing exercises. We are responsible for conserving and protecting our own inner order.

In the writings of St Gregory the Great – "When the mind, divided and torn, is drawn into so many and such weighty matters, when can it return to it self, so as to recollect itself? St. Gregory viewed the highest kind of Christian life to be a combination of prayer and action.

This virtue requires of each person a "humility of the body" and a "humility of the heart." with regards to the gifts which God has given to us by having a spirit of sacrifice, detachment from earthly things and giving good examples.

All catechists (Faith Formation, Confirmation, RCIA, SPRED, Baptism and Liturgy) are invited to the December 5 enrichment at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 103.

Topic: *Fortitude, the Art of Courageous Continuing*



*They will see the SON of MAN coming in a cloud with POWER and great GLORY*

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### St. Anne Youth Ministry Retreat

There will be a meeting for all Youth Ministry students who are scheduled to attend the December 4-6 Winter Retreat at the Diocesan Youth Retreat Center at Lafayette. Parents are required to attend this meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom 106.

### **DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**

Please join in Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction at St. Anne every 1st Friday of the month immediately following the 7:30 pm Mass until 12:00 midnight. Please spend time with Jesus at least 1 (one) hour in silent recognition of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

“The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

John Paul II  
“Dominicae Cenae”

### **Hawaiian Holiday**

***Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say, on a bright Hawaiian Christmas day...***

To honor Hawaii’s newly canonized saint, Saint Father Damien de Veuster of Molokai, you are all invited to a Hawaiian Holiday Christmas Concert sponsored by St. Anne’s Aloha Ke Akua Choir and the Northern California Kaleponi Strings Ukulele Group. This concert will be held at St. Anne on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm. Spiritual as well as contemporary Hawaiian Christmas music, dances, and prayer will be performed. There will be a surprise for the keikis. Boys and girls come and bring your parents, aunties and uncles, grandmas and grandpas for a special tropical treat. Admission is free. Try something new, come, join us and enjoy a warm Hawaiian Island Christmas Holiday.

### **GREATNESS**

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

—Anonymous

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### FIRST COMMUNION

*We are Peacemakers* - As our young children preparing for Reconciliation continue to reflect this week on God’s gift of peace, let us take an honest look at our own shortcomings and unloving choices that we sometimes make. Through prayers, thoughtful reflection on places in our lives where we may be in need of reconciliation, and by talking to each other honestly and gently about ways we hope to change, we are blessed and bring God’s blessings to others....we share in the peace of Christ....striving to live as peacemakers and making a difference in our home, school, workplace and community. **REMINDER:** All Faith Formation classes resume Monday, November 30.

### **CHILDREN’S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

- Juliana Gonzales:** Helped my friend tie her shoes.
- Ryan Noriega:** Helped clean my room.
- Marjorie:** Played with my sister.
- Kathleen Pansacola:** Gave \$1.00.
- John Flores:** Helped my friend.
- Ivan Redondo:** Helped clean the table.
- Janelle Figueroa:** Helped parents clean.
- Megan Caren:** Set computer up for brother.
- Laney Fong:** Shared my lemonade with my brother
- Cherra Alagon:** Helped watch my baby cousins at a party.
- Janelle Dilig:** Cheered for others at Junior camp.
- Noah Baldonsano:** Helped clean up my grandpa’ house.
- Karalyn McGovern:** Helped my Mom clean out my brother’s room.
- Aaliyah:** Gave \$5.00
- Alex Alipio-Jocson;** I put away my clothes.

### **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).

Sunday November 29, 2009

## FINANCE CORNER

### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, November 22, 2009	\$12,516.90
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2, 483.10)

### Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, November 22, 2009	
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 961.53)

**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

## THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

## 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.**

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food (please no clothing) to make Christmas Baskets for the homeless and low income families in the community to be distributed Saturday, December 19. 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.

## ADVENT GIVING TREE



Please take a gift tag from the Advent Trees at the church entrances, and purchase an appropriate gift. Attach the gift tag to the wrapped gift and place them in the gift barrels at the church entrances by Wednesday, December 16. Experience the joy of giving this Holiday Season.

## 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 December 19.

## St Anne Volunteers Needed to help at the SVDP Dining 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 Dining 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 dining room, Saturday 12/5 & Sunday 12/6. Students can receive "community service hours".

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

## Help Needed.....

Clients of 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 and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul group will call you back. Thank you!

## RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The RCIA program is well on its way. This year we have about 23 candidates, 10 of them for baptism and 13 for the full initiation at the Easter Vigil. The program is coordinated by the liturgist, *Rico Monton, Linda Canlas & Dennis La Flam*; team leaders and catechist, *Debbie Nunes, Marilu Radcliff, Jerry Williams, Elmer Guzman, Lou Castro, Ted & Mercy Del Rosario, Joey Al-biera, Cora Penos*.

The groups meets Tuesday in room 106. If any one is interested in joining the program or helping out in the ministry for next year, please call the Rectory office after 4:00pm and leave your name and number. One of the members of the ministry will call you.



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