

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2009



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## 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, December 7

**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

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

7:30 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, LO

Tuesday, December 8

**8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:30 pm - Mass, CH**

3:30 pm - Children's Choir, CH

5:00 pm - Mass, CH

7:30 pm - Mass, CH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

7:30 pm - RCIA, SH

Wednesday, December 9

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

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:30 pm - Festival Committee, CR #105

7:30 pm - Christmas Choir, CR #106

Thursday, December 10

**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, December 11

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

10:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CH

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

7:00 pm - Ukulele Concert, SH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, December 12

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

9:00 am - Our Lady of Guadalupe, SH

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

7:00 pm - Individual User, SH

Sunday, December 13

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

9:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH

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

5:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,  
10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or any  
readings from the Common of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 5, 2009 - December 12, 2009

Saturday, December 5

5:00 pm + Emily Noia Alexander

Sunday, December 6

8:00 am + Antonio & Eugenia Gonzalez

10:00 am + Nilda Ravara

12:00 pm + For the People

6:00 pm + Jaime & Aurora Magsombol (25th-Wed. Ann.)

Monday, December 7

8:00 am + Matilde Franco

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 am + Danny Ignacio

5:00 pm + Angelo De La Cruz

7:30 pm + John Agraviador

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Reynaldo Poblete (70th Birthday)

Thursday, December 10

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Lorenzo & Thelma Regner

Friday, December 11

8:00 am + Jaime Meneses

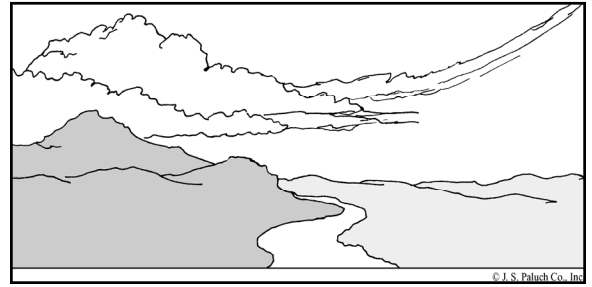
Saturday, December 12

8:00 am + Restituta Libiran

5:00 pm + James Thompson

## Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2009

God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low.  
— *Baruch 5:7*



*My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,*

*Last Sunday was the beginning of the new LITURGICAL YEAR OF ADVENT!* The word “advent” comes from a Latin word---*adventus* – used for the coming of the emperor when visiting a town or a region of his empire. Advent season then is a time of waiting and preparation. *In the gospel today* we heard a voice of one crying out in the desert reminding the people: *“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

*The GIRM or the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar state* that the Advent season has twofold character: *it is a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered, and it is a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await for Christ’s Second Coming at the of time.*

*We know* that Advent is not an easy season to celebrate. This time of joyful expectation is easily overshadowed by Christmas preparations. *That’s why we need to make a conscious effort to make this season of waiting a productive one.* We know that when we put our mind on it, *it can really make a difference in our celebration of the feast of the coming of the Son of Man, the Messiah at Christmas.* In our waiting, we must find a way to reflect on the importance of this feast.

*There are two kinds of waiting.* There is the passive waiting and there is the active waiting. *Passive waiting* is when we simply wait for the time to pass, for the weather to change, for the ride to come, for the semester to be over so we can have a break. We wait for letters and phone calls from our families and friends. *Active waiting* is when we become active participants. *This is what the Church wants us to do.* It means that we need to do a lot of soul searching and change. *It is about changing our attitude and doing something in our lives.* One way of doing it is to take a moment each day before Christmas to see where we are in our relationship with our family, neighbors and friends. *Preparing our heart is most critical in our celebration of the feast of the coming of the Messiah. Our heart must be ready.*

*With this,* I must do something to make it happen. *What are some of my behaviors that I need to change that are reasons for hurts and pains in my life.* Is there a lot of hatred in my heart? Is there a lot of resentment in my heart? Is there a lot of arrogance in my heart? *Pride and envy? Are these the ones that continue to fill our hearts?* If these are the ones, then we need to do something about them! These things have no place in the spirit of the season of Advent. *The child Jesus deserves a better place. We need to start our own housecleaning now so that he will have a room in our hearts and life.*

I remember talking to a husband who was about to become a father. He told me that the experience of anticipation of him becoming a father had changed him completely. He said that because of this, he was inspired to change. He promised to stop gambling, smoking, and drinking irresponsibly. He promised to become the best husband and father.

*When I heard* this from him, I was also inspired to share this with all of you. *This is the meaning of the feast of Advent! It is about being inspired to change in an anticipation for the coming of the Holy Child.*

*I hope that we won’t ignore this very critical moment of our preparation.* As I said before, it is so easy to lose focus and be caught up in the external preparations of the feasts. *This is not a time for arrogance and stubbornness. This is a time of humility and openness. And certainly, this is a time for prayer.* Our waiting and preparation may call us to spend extra time in prayer. Do not lose sight of this reality! It is the internal preparation that is important. The words of the psalmist remind us that *“no one who waits for him is ever put to shame.”*

*May God bless you all!* May you be filled with joy and peace during this Advent season. *At the end it is not about the presents but it is about the presence....that is--- the presence of Christ.*

*Your servant In Christ,  
Fr. Geoffrey*



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# FAITH FORMATION

## Saint Anne Youth Ministry Announcement!!

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: "Advent Part 2: Keep Up The Good Work!" Monday, December 14 will be the last Youth Ministry meeting of the 2009 year...all high school Youth Ministry students and Confirmation candidates will be invited to the Advent Potluck celebration...directions and instructions to follow next week!!

## Confirmation 2009-2010

Confirmation candidates are reminded that we will meet today, December 6 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be the Confirmation Retreat candidate and parent meeting...at least one parent from each family must attend this meeting.

## 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.

## CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL

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).

December Virtues: Service is helping people in need, even if it means interrupting our activities. God gave us talents to use and share with other people. Serve one another with the gifts each of you received.....1 Peter 4:10. Happiness is a state of being glad or content. Joy comes out of knowing God's love for us. Let God's love in your heart and show it to others. The commandment that ends with a promise is: Honor your father and mother so that you may live a happy life.....Ephesians 6:2-3

**As we look forward to Christmas, everyone is invited to:**

## The Christmas Star

## Annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT and MUSIC

Friday, December 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Church

A collaboration of pageantry and music to be presented by St. Anne School of Faith Formation and St. Anne Music Ministry of the Young Adults, Youth, and Children's Choirs.



## CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

- Ryan Camacho:** Did all my homework.
- Joe Davis III:** Cleaned the shoe shelf & gave \$1.00
- Alyssa Barientos:** Helped Mom decorate the Christmas tree.
- Samantha Concepcion:** Helped my kinder buddy read.
- John Paul Mayupo:** Gave \$1.00.
- Joan Benasa:** Being good to my friends and family.
- Tyler Cruz:** Cleaned up my toys.
- Brian Elfe:** Helped my papa water the plants.
- Adriana Tovar:** Gave \$1.00.
- Jared Bautista:** I organized my toys.
- Jared Oki:** I read a story to my niece Ava.
- Hannah Garzota:** I want to thank God for my good grades.
- Eric Osorio:** Gave \$1.00
- Christopher Agtane:** Helped Mom fix the clothes helped Auntie make banana bread.
- Alex Alipio-Jocson;** I put away my clothes.

Sunday, December 6, 2009

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, November 29, 2009	\$11,714.00
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,286.00)
Stewardship-St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,302.00

#### Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, November 29, 2009	\$ 205.00
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 756.53)

**OUTSTANDING LOAN \$296,491.47**

### 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

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is Tuesday, Dec. 8. There will be 3 Masses: 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is Saturday, December 12. Mass is at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, followed by Reception in the Parish Hall, with Mariachi Band Music.

### Walk for Life

The Sixth Annual Walk for Life West Coast will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 in San Francisco. The Knights of Columbus need able-bodied persons that can walk the 2.5 miles to serve as peacekeepers making sure that the Walkers maintain good conduct and do not engage protesters verbally. Please call Al Visitation, 489-3342 or Chris Pagtakhan, 471-2424.

### 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 Christmas 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.

### Help Needed.....

Clients of the St. Vincent de Paul are in need of one (1) twin bed, one (1) queen size bed 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!

### NEW YEAR'S EVE 2009

Union City Celebrates 50 Years, Thursday, December 31 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Union City.

**6:30 - 8:00 pm:** Cocktails & Hors d'Ouerves, Ballroom Dance Lessons.

**8:00 - 9:00 pm:** Dinner & Dessert

**9:00 pm - 12:00 am:** Entertainment (Ballroom Dance Exhibition, Music by Synthesis & More Surprises).

**12:00 am -** New Year's Celebration.

Tickets: \$50.00 per person

Contact: [www.UnionCity50.com](http://www.UnionCity50.com) or 510-675-5490.

*Memorial Mass, for the recently deceased was held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, at 10:00am. Families were invited to participate in remembering and honoring their love ones.*



The Filipino Group of St. Anne celebrated their 30th Anniversary with a Mass presided by Fr. Alexander Snyder, pastor at the time the group was organized. The celebration was held on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

