

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 13, 2009**

***“Gaudete Sunday”***



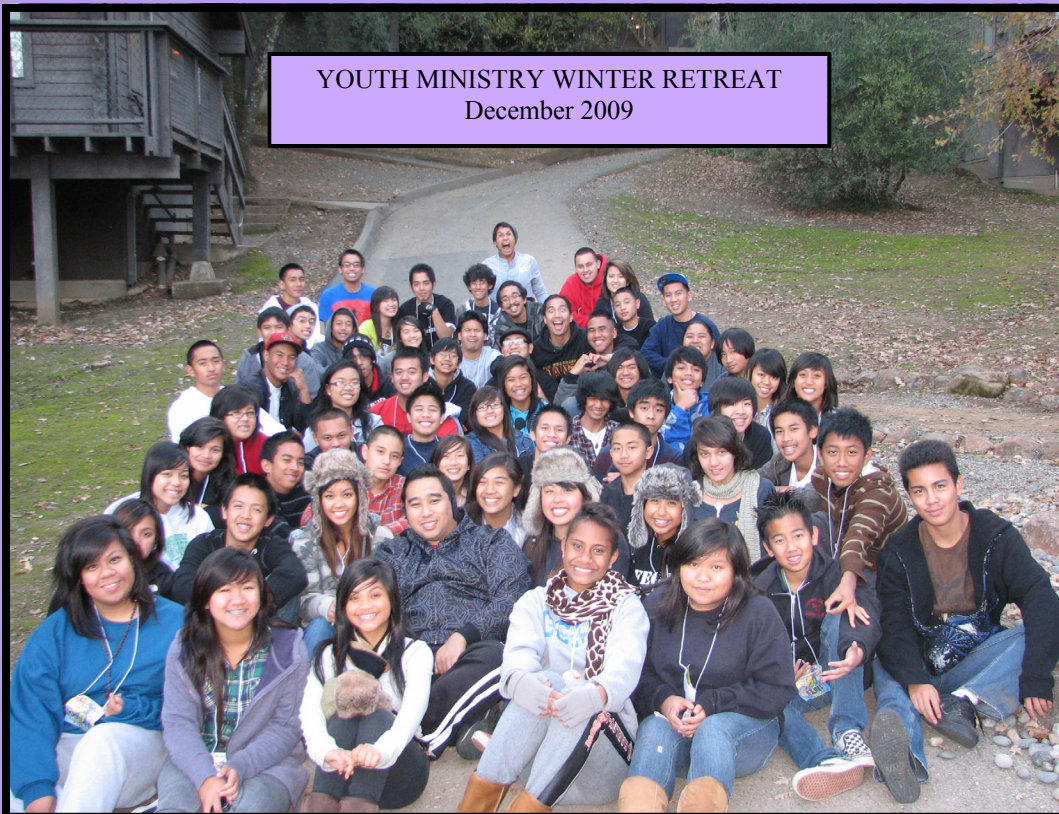
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**YOUTH MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT**

**December 2009**



### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, December 14 - **8:00 am - Mass, CH**

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

9:00 am - Funeral, CH

5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, December 15 - **8:00 am - Mass, CH**

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #105

Wednesday, December 16 - **5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH**

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102

7:30 pm - Christmas Choir, CR #106

8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #105

Thursday, December 17 - **5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH**

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH & SH

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Finance Council, CR #102

7:30 pm - Choir, CR #103

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:45 pm - Order of Servites, SH

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

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Friday, December 18 - **5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH**

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #104 & 106

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, December 19 - **5:30 & 8:00 am, 5:00 pm - Mass**

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #102

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #103, 104, 106

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

10:00 am - Wedding Anniversary, CH

12:00 pm - Memorial Mass, CH

3:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 20 - **5:30, 8:00, 10:00 am, 12 & 6 pm - MASS, CH**

9:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH

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

1:30 pm - Lay Carmelites, CH #104

2:00 pm - Baptism, CH

5:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalm** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45

### MASS INTENTIONS

December 12, 2009 - December 19, 2009

Saturday, December 12

5:00 pm + James Thompson

Sunday, December 13

8:00 am + Lucia Riego De Rios

10:00 am + Dante Arcos

12:00 pm + Romero Panaguiton

6:00 pm + For the People

Monday, December 14

8:00 am + Estelita Laureta

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 am + Jun Bernales

Wednesday, December 16

5:30 am Dawn Mass

8:00 am Luke & Marie Arevalo

Thursday, December 17

5:30 am Dawn Mass

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Jun & Lily Tecson  
Wedding Anniversary

Friday, December 18

5:30 am Dawn Mass

8:00 am + Pasuala Paelmo

Saturday, December 19

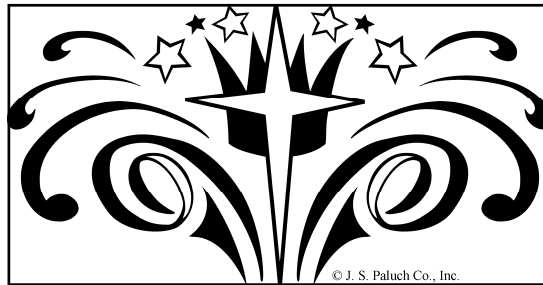
5:30 am Dawn Mass

8:00 am + Leonila Zafra

5:00 pm + For the People

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2009  
With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.**

**—Isaiah 12:3**



My dear friends in Christ,

We just entered the Third Sunday of Advent and we are almost there and I pray that we are still together in our preparations and journey.

As I said before it is easy to lose sight of what is important especially when we are overwhelmed with the external realities of Christmas. I hope that you will try to slow down and find time to pray. We don't want regret at the end! We all know that in front of our journey there will be challenges and temptations to confuse us and take us away from what is really important and meaningful. And there will be spiritual emptiness if we are not very careful!

May spiritual growth that you will find in your preparation experience and **deepened faith** be yours as we travel the inner road to Bethlehem.

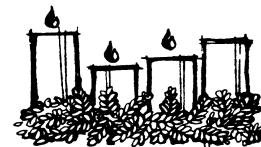
The world is such a wonderful place. We are created to have joy and peace in our hearts. And we know that from the beginning of time God has always done what is good for us so that we can experience this joy and this peace. He gave us the greatest gift of his love, his son our Lord Jesus Christ. In him and through him, we find hope and meaning. I would like to share this with you from Gregory F. Augustine Pierce:

"In each of our lives, there has been at least one special present that transcends its immediate value and even the intent of the giver. It may have been great or small, modest or invaluable, expected or not. But it was a gift that was more than it seemed, a gift that had another gift lying just beneath its surface, a gift that we never forgot because it revealed to us the essence of Christmas---the divine presence that permeates the world."

May the Joy of the Preparation bring you Hope and Peace

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey



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### FLOWER DONATIONS

The Art & Environment Committee is accepting **potted white poinsettias** and monetary donations for Christmas flower arrangements. Please bring your monetary donations to the parish office, Mon-Fri., 9 am to 7 pm. Please deliver potted white poinsettias Dec. 21-23rd. Thank you!



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### BULLETIN ARTICLES

Articles for the December 26 & 27 bulletin need to be submitted to the parish office by Friday, December 18, 12:00 noon.

Articles for the January 2 & 3 bulletin need to be submitted to the parish office by Wednesday, December 23, 12:00 noon. Thank you!

### ORDER OF THE SERVITES

The monthly meeting for the Order of the Servites will be held on Thursday, December 17, 7:45 pm in the parish hall (NOT IN CLASSROOM #103).

### 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.



**Saint Anne Youth Ministry Announcement!!**

The annual St. Anne Youth Ministry Christmas Potluck celebration is next week, Monday December 14th!! Please follow the guide below for what to bring:

- A-F DRINKS
- G-L APPETIZER/SIDE DISH
- M-R MAIN DISH (no pizza's)
- S-Z DESSERT

All YOUTH MINISTRY, CONFIRMATION and EMMAUS students are invited to attend. We will show the slideshows from each retreat, eat great food, play and pray! Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

**Confirmation 2009-2010**

Please pray for the Confirmation candidates and staff who are on their annual Confirmation retreat this weekend...all 118 of them!! We'll have a group picture of them up next week.

**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)**

**December 14**

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools; and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Avila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul, through The Ascent of Mount Carmel, to his Spiritual Canticle and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."

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REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



**FAITH FORMATION**

**First Communion - REMINDER:**

All FC Candidates & at least one Parent must attend:

**CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday, Dec 15 – 4:45p-6:00p - Church

Class of Ester & Mila, Luisa, Melinda & Ria, Nilda, Lee & Mary Jane

Tuesday, Dec 15 – 6:15p-7:30p - Church

Class of Vangie & Samantha, Virgie, Lou & Georgia, Joanna & Belinda

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS**

All Participants must attend Rehearsals.

Monday, December 14 - 6:00p-7:30p - Church

Wednesday, December 16 - 6:00p-7:30p - Church

Thursday, December 17 - 6:00p-8:00p - Church

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**

- Joan Benasa:** Helped my friend feel better.
- 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 13, 2009

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday, December 6, 2009 | \$12,762.00   |
| Budget                   | \$15,000.00   |
| Over (Under)             | (\$ 2,238.00) |

#### Building Loan Pledge:

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Sunday, November 29, 2009 | \$ 876.00  |
| Budget                    | \$ 961.53  |
| Over (Under)              | (\$ 85.53) |

**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              |

### MASS SCHEDULE

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|---------------|--|
| Weekdays      | 8:00 am                                |
| Saturdays     | 8:00 am;<br>5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)       |
| Sundays       | 8:00 and 10:00 am 12:00<br>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'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!

### 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.

### IN JESUS

In Jesus all broken lines unite. In Jesus, all scattered sounds are gathered in harmony.

—Phillips Brooks

