

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 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 Holy Days	3:30 pm –Confessions 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 21

**5:30 am - Dawn Mass, CH**

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

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

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

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

Tuesday, December 22

**5:30 am - Dawn Mass, CH**

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

Wednesday, December 23

**5:30 pm - Dawn Mass, CH**

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

7:30 pm - Christmas Choir, CR #106

Thursday, December 24 - **Christmas Eve**

**5:30 am - Dawn Mass, CH**

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

2:30 pm - Children's Choir, CH

5:00 pm - Family Mass, CH

8:00 pm - Mass

9:30 pm - Christmas Choir, CR #106

12:00 am - Midnight Mass, CH

Friday, December 25 - **Christmas Day**

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

**10:00 am - Mass, CH**

**12:00 pm - Mass, CH**

Saturday, December 26

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

4:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 27

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

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

7:30 pm - *EMMAUS*, SH



### FLOWER DONATIONS

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

### HOLY FAMILY MEMORIAL

Everyone is invited to the dedication of the Holy Family Memorial on Sunday, December 27th after the 12:00 pm Mass. Bishop Emeritus John Cummins will also be joining the St. Anne community for our dedication.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128 or Ps 84; Col 3:12-20 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

### MASS INTENTIONS

December 19, 2009 - December 26, 2009

Saturday, December 19

5:00 pm + For the People

Sunday, December 20

5:30 am Dawn Mass

8:00 am + Frolilan Del Rosario

10:00 am + Erlinda Orencia

12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Jason Cachola

6:00 pm + Reginald Castanares

Monday, December 21

5:30 am Dawn Mass

8:00 am + Juliana Tayco

Tuesday, December 22

5:30 am Dawn Mass

8:00 am + Joakim Nhat Nguyen

Wednesday, December 23

5:30 am Dawn Mass

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Jesus Carpio

Thursday, December 24

5:30 am Dawn Mass

5:00 pm

8:00 pm

12 midnight

Friday, December 25

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

Saturday, December 26

8:00 am + Carolina Lorenzana

5:00 pm + Cristina Ochoa



## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2009

O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted.  
— Psalm 80:15–16



*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

**This is it!**

*This is now the last Sunday of Advent and this coming Friday we gather to celebrate the feast of Christmas. Are we still together? I think that this should be the question that we need to ask ourselves.*

*The Mass today prepares for the Christmas celebration.* His coming is about new hope and new life. In the First Reading from the Micah, we are reminded of great things to come in the Messiah. The starting point will happen in the little village of Bethlehem and not in the great center of Israel. The one from there, the one who is to come will **“stand and feed his flock with the power and strength of the Lord, our God.”** And the new generations will live secure, for from then on, his “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth and he shall be our peace.”

*The first glimpse of his coming was experienced by Elizabeth and the infant in her womb* when Mary, the one chosen by God, came to visit her. *Elizabeth was filled with joy* and she proclaimed, **“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”** And at the sound of Mary’s voice, the infant experienced the presence of Jesus. **He leaped for joy.**

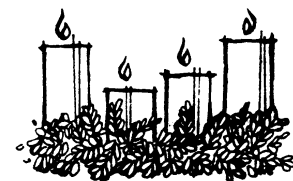
*Today in the womb of Mary,* the Savior has already touched our very soul and heart. His birth is now imminent. **He is coming!** Are we ready to welcome him and leap for joy? The promise of God is now being fulfilled. It is the fulfillment of God’s love. **In Christ, the blind will see, the lame will walk, the deaf will hear, and the prisoners are freed from the bondage of darkness.** It is by the “total submission of Jesus to the will of the Father that the fulfillment of the promise becomes possible.”

*In the Gospel today,* we are presented with the humility of Mary and her Son, even before his birth in the town of Bethlehem. It is they who went to visit and not they who were visited. He came to serve and not to be served. **This is certainly a sign and a beginning of God’s great plan to bring salvation and wholeness to the world.** God’s own Son, Jesus the Christ, has come to live among us as a human being. So we must look forward for his coming with joy and anticipation. The prophet Baruch reminded us two Sundays ago, **“Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever; wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the miter that displays the glory of the eternal name.”** In him every **“lofty mountain will be made low and the age-old depths and gorges will be filled to level ground.”** **It is a moment of new joy, peace, life and spirit!**

**May your Advent preparations bring you to that moment of fulfillment and celebration!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

*In Christ’s peace,  
Fr. Geoffrey*



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25.



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### Saint Anne Youth Ministry Announcement!!

After a busy month of December...we have had our LAST meeting of 2009. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2010!! Have a wonderful, holy and blessed Christmas!

Confirmation 2009-2010

The Confirmation candidates and staff had a great retreat on the weekend of December 11-13. We are now on break until our next class, scheduled for January 10, 2010!

### **CYO BASKETBALL**

Registration for Girls Basketball have begun and is now open to CCD students, parishioners, and community members. Registration nights are as follows: January 5th and January 12th, 2010, 6:15 -7:30 pm, at Alvarado Middle School gym. Packets need to be complete and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. All forms can be downloaded from the Saint Anne website:

[www.saintannecatholic.org](http://www.saintannecatholic.org)

St. Anne CYO Basketball is also a hosting a fundamentals basketball camp for the Winter on January 16, 2010. The camp is open to all boys and girls in grades 2-5. For more information on girls registration or the Winter Basketball camp, please contact Girls Basketball Coordinator, Tracie Noriega at [tracie\\_noriega@yahoo.com](mailto:tracie_noriega@yahoo.com).



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### **BULLETIN ARTICLES**

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

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK  
DECEMBER 21 - 31, 2009  
NO CLASSES – SCHOOL IS  
CLOSED.**

**CLASSES RESUME MONDAY,  
JANUARY 4, 2010**

***WE WISH EVERYONE A BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
2010 !!***

### **REMINDER**

Rehearsal for all participants of the Family Christmas Mass (Dec.24, 2009 5:00pm) will be on Monday, Dec.21, 6:00pm, Church.

This is a short rehearsal so please be on time. Parents who were assigned to participate must also be present.

### **CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

<b>Juan Palomino:</b>	Took care of my sister.
<b>Sophia Vergeire:</b>	Listening to my parents.
<b>Jeff Bungcayao:</b>	Helped Auntie cook.
<b>Farah Villanueva:</b>	Helped Dad water the plants.
<b>Caitlin Codilla:</b>	Gave \$2.00.
<b>Nico Aguinaldo:</b>	Cleaned my room.
<b>Lana:</b>	Gave \$3.00.
<b>Kaycee Bandang:</b>	Gave \$1.00.
<b>Marinelle Timbang:</b>	Gave \$2.00.
<b>Janelli:</b>	Helped my dog stop scratching my door.
<b>Emily Ignacio:</b>	Gave .33 cents.
<b>Lyssabeth Lorico:</b>	Helped bring the bags into the house.
<b>Ivan Redondo:</b>	I gave \$30.00 up even though it was a present for groceries.
<b>Rachel Ocampo:</b>	Helped get the clothes from the laundry.
<b>Ivan Liongson:</b>	Gave \$1.00.
<b>Tyler Cruz:</b>	I helped my brother clean up our toys & gave \$1.00.

Sunday, December 19, 2009

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 13, 2009	\$11,544.02
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,455.98)
Immaculate Conception	\$3,189.00
Building Loan Pledge:	
Sunday, December 13, 2009	\$
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 961.53)
<b>OUTSTANDING LOAN</b>	<b>\$296,491.47</b>

### 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

### 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.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Wednesday:	St. John of Kanty
Thursday:	The Vigil of Christmas
Friday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Saturday:	St. Stephen; First day of Kwanzaa



### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### CHRISTMAS EVE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:30 AM - DAWN MASS  
(THERE WILL BE NO 8:00 AM MASS)  
5:00 PM - FAMILY MASS

8:00 PM - MASS  
12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS  
CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25

8:00 AND 10:00 AM  
12:00 PM  
(THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 PM MASS)



### NEW YEAR'S EVE 2009

Tickets are still available for the *Union City Celebrates 50 Years New Year's Eve Party*, 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.

### 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.**

### 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.

Please join in Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction at St. Anne Church every 1st Friday of the month immediately following the 7:30 P.M. mass followed by adoration until 10:00 P.M, spend time with Jesus at least 1 (one) hour in silent recognition of Jesus, who is truly present in the Eucharist.



# Christmas Offering



**Today the fourth candle of Advent is lit... the candle of “LOVE” which reminds us of the greatest gift that God has giving us.**

Christmas trees are decorated, new outfits are bought, presents are wrapped and food is being prepared for the celebration of Christmas dinner.

Are we really prepared for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ? How have we prepared ourselves spiritually? Have we reconciled ourselves with God? Have we helped someone in need? Did we contribute to the needs of the church or did we just give our leftovers? Have we been kind to others? Did we think of ourselves only and have not been sensitive to other's feeling. Did we show respect to others? Do we do things so that we will get the credit & attention?

What is your gift to Jesus this year? What are your Christmas offerings to our Savior? Have you followed the example of God's loving Son by being obedient to his commandments and thankful for his good graces?

***It is not too late yet. There is time to give back to God for his many blessings. Don't wait. The time is here. Prepare your offering.***

**“Do a good deed in the name of Jesus and for the glory of God.”**