

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

The Holy Family  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 27, 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 28

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

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

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

Tuesday, December 29

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

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

7:30 pm -

Wednesday, December 30

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

7:30 pm - Welcoming Committee, CH #105

Thursday, December 31 - **New Year's Eve**

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

Friday, January 1 - **New Year's Day**

**(NO 8:00 am Mass)**

**10:00 am - MASS**

Saturday, January 2

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

1:00 am - Individual User, SH

Sunday, January 3

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

8:00 am - BLOOD DRIVE, CR #103

### FIND THE HERO IN YOU....

#### BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Anne Parish

Sunday, January 3, 2010

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Classroom 103

Please contact the Parish Office at 510-471-7766 or go online to [www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com), Click on 'Donate Blood' and enter Sponsor Code: StAnneParish To schedule your life saving appointment! Every 3 seconds someone needs blood & One donation can save 3 lives!

Each Donor will receive a \$50.00 Certificate towards any regularly scheduled Brunch or Dinner-Cruise for Two aboard Hornblower Cruises & Events And will also receive a Free MovieTicket!

**HOLY FAMILY MEMORIAL BLESSING  
THE HOLY FAMILY MEMORIAL BLESSING  
HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL  
LATE JANUARY. THE STATUE HAS  
BEEN DELAYED IN SHIPPING.**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

**Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

**Gospel** — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Mt 2:1-12

### MASS INTENTIONS

December 26, 2009 - January 2, 2010

Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm + Cristina Ochoco

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am + John Agraviador

10:00 am + Rosalina Cabardo

12:00 pm Spe.Int.- Katrina Carpio

6:00 pm + For the People

Monday, December 28

8:00 am + Derek Christian

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 am + Angelo De la Cruz

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 am + Angelo De la Cruz

Thursday, December 31

8:00 am + Bruno Solomon

Friday, January 1- **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**(NO 8:00 AM MASS)**

10:00 AM Spe. Int. - Yanos Family

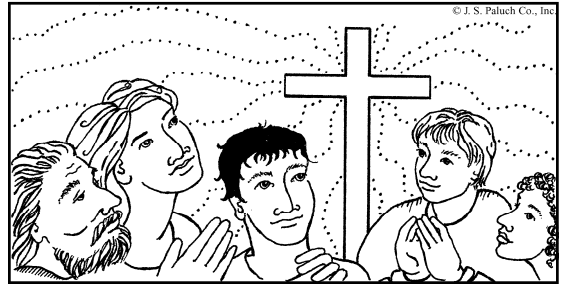
Saturday, January 2

8:00 am + Roy Renato Yap

5:00 pm + Angelo De La Cruz

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2009

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
— 1 John 3:2a



*My dear friends in Christ,*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

***It is Christmas!*** God's promise of salvation has been fulfilled! **In Jesus, the Messiah**, the world has been renewed with new spirit and new life. **There is hope, peace, love, and joy!**

***Today we carry this spirit*** as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This is an important feast to remind us of our union with God. In Christ, we have become united with God. And because of this we are also holy. **Perhaps this is the meaning of holiness. It is our union with God.**

**The Holy Family is God's gift to humanity.** They are model Christian family life. It is about their love for each other ***modeled in the love of God.*** It is a love that involves sacrifice, understanding, service, joy and forgiveness. These are values that are very important and critical. To celebrate this feast, the Church obviously wants to emphasize the importance of the human family. ***She wants to emphasize the importance of relationship that we have been ignoring as society. The individualistic tendencies of our society*** have resulted in the breakdown and declined of our family values. ***Society changed because we have changed as family. But there is HOPE because against the dark picture of our society stands the bright light of the Holy Family.***

***But what is a family as we understand it today?*** We often hear the word or term: DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY. But Look! Who is not? The Holy Family? We know that Mary got pregnant mysteriously. When Joseph learned about this, he was about to leave her quietly. And in the gospel today we have an account of Jesus causing tension and worries for Joseph and Mary for staying in the temple to preach without telling them. **This gospel reading is to help us understand that the HOLY FAMILY is a very HUMAN FAMILY.**

***The goal of this celebration*** is to remind us that Christian happiness, love, and peace are blessings given by our God through the cooperation of good will built by family members. But this celebration also reminds us that like any family, all of us share in the many challenges and aspects of being human.

***The family of Nazareth*** became a model of all Christians because even in the face of their struggles and difficulties, they remained steadfast in their faith. We know that they moved from one to another place and at one point, they were rejected. In spite of their own experience of struggles and difficulties, they stayed faithfully to the end. In other words, they struggled but they remained a FAMILY.

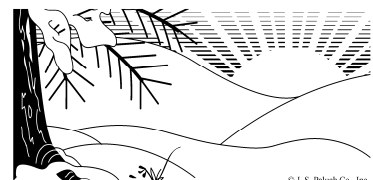
***We are called to build a Holy Family. The new Catechism states: "The Christian family constitutes a domestic church. For it is a community of faith, hope and charity."*** The most visible of all these things is when we have mutual respect and care for each other. ***When there is a loving relationship between parents and children, then we are part of this experience.*** We are called to this profound human respect and Godly wisdom within the family. ***The author from the wisdom of Sirach echoes this sentiment: the need of the children to care for their elderly parents, not to be abusive but considerate.***

***We are celebrating today the kind of intimacy*** that brings people together in unity, love and respect. ***The core of family does not lie on the structure but on the love of God rooted in Jesus Christ.*** The love in which all qualities of compassion, kindness, patience, forgiveness and love evolve. ***We must strive to imitate the HOLY FAMILY to the best of our ability through a life of compassion and love.***

***On behalf of Fr. Rick "Lolo," Deacons Ben and Carlos, the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, I would like to greet you all with a blessing of peace and love!***

**JOY TO THE WORLD! May God bless you all!**

***With joyful spirit,  
Fr. Geoffrey***





**MASS IS AT 10:00 AM  
(NO 8:00 AM MASS)  
PARISH OFFICE  
CLOSED**



**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).

**Married Couples: What makes us both truly human and truly like God?**

It is Love, the love of a married couple, which is unselfish, undying, and wholly directed to the good of others. It is love that unites us in an unbreakable bond of fidelity and fellowship with others. Jesus loved his own until the very end of his passion and death on the cross (John 13:1). Experience a WWME weekend, in Pleasanton the weekend of **February 19 - 21** and discover God's meaning more fully. For more information, call Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to <http://www.rekindleyourmarriage.org>.

**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 !!***

**CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

- Jared Vancil:** Helped get the paper.
- Eman Monge:** I did good in school & gave \$10.00
- Feliza:** Gave \$1.00.
- Alex Alipio Jocson:** Made a hat for someone.
- Abigail Banks:** Spent time with a friend.
- Lana:** Gave \$3.00.
- John Mayupao:** Gave \$1.00.
- Timothy Ilustre:** Cleaned the tables & the living
- Victoria T.:** Gave a gift to someone.
- Teo:** Helped clean house & decorate the tree.
- Brady Lim:** Helped my friend getup after he fell.
- Antoine Redondo:** Clean my toys and wash my mom's car.
- Davin Tojino:** Throw trash out.
- Juan Diego:** Helped carry bags of food.
- Alana Sese:** Joined school choir.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday:** The Holy Innocents
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Becket
- Thursday:** St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Friday:** Octave of Christmas; New Year's Day;  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday
- Saturday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

Sunday, December 27 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)

**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

### Now that we are Catholic...

January 9, 2010, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

St. Edward Parish Hall

St. Edward Parish in Newark proudly presents Catholic Evangelist Tim Staples. We will begin with Mass at 9:00 am in the main Church followed by a coffee and donut breakfast. Cost is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. (Your guest may or may not be your spouse, so bring a friend and get a discount!) Lunch will also be provided. This event is open to all and space is limited. Call Frank/Vanessa @ 510-791-6436.

*Now That We are Catholic*

*The Eucharist - God's Extravagant Love Revealed*

*Mary, the Mother of God - What's the fuss about?*

*Catholics and the Culture War.*

### 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.

### Help Needed.....

Clients of the St. Vincent de Paul are 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!

### 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.

### 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.

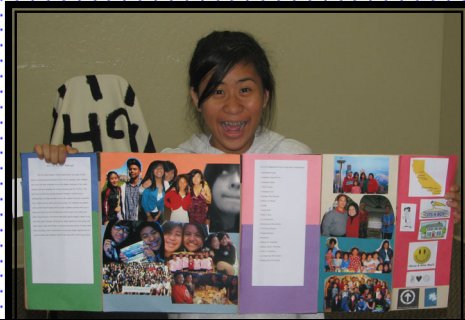
### SPEAK WELL

Speak well of people and you will never need to whisper.

—Anonymous



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 St. Anne Confirmation Retreat December 2009  
Catechists and Candidates - Jim Soltau, Coordinator

