

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

Feast of Our Lady Of Lourdes, Feb. 17



Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
February 07, 2010

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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, February 8

**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

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Tuesday, February 9

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

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

7:30 pm - RCIA, SH

Wednesday, February 10

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

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

6:00 pm - SPRED Formation, SH

7:30 pm - Festival, CR #103

Thursday, February 11

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

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

6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Friday, February 12

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

1:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

2:00 pm - Wedding, CH

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

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, February 13

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

11:00 am - Individual User, SH

4:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatic's, CR #104

Sunday, February 14

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

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

9:30 am - Faith Formation, SH

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #102

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

3:30 pm - Confirmation, SH, CR #102-106

5:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

**Psalm** — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it

(1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

**Gospel** — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

## MASS INTENTIONS

February 6, 2010 - February 13, 2010

### Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm + Noli Dayleg

### Sunday, February 7

8:00 am + Souls of the victims of the Liberation of Manila

10:00 am + Marie Pomaray

12:00 pm + For the People

6:00 pm + Eduardo Evangelista

### Monday, February 8

8:00 am + Leonida Capacia

### Tuesday, February 9

8:00 am + Mario & Dominga Ramos

### Wednesday, February 10

8:00 am + Lorenzo & Martha Nguyen

### Thursday, February 11

8:00 am + Jose Franco

### Friday, February 12

8:00 am + David Furnal

### Saturday, February 13

8:00 am + Cynthia Viegas

5:00 pm + Ana Fagundes de Sousa

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 7, 2010**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.

— Psalm 138:1



*My dear friends in Christ,*

**Today is Super Bowl Sunday** and I hope and pray that you will have a Super Sunday in the faith community. **Since we are Catholics I will be rooting for our good SAINTS. GO SAINTS!**

**Give thanks and praise to our God for his marvelous deeds.**

**After many months of no rain**, we have finally experienced a beautiful blessing from God for the last few weeks. The Fathers of the church have always said that “rain is a sign of God’s faithfulness and blessing.”

**When we think about it we felt like in the desert, dry, helpless and empty without rain. We wonder if our God has abandoned us.** For me this experience however of having no rain put me in an anticipatory mood, excited for God’s grace to happen. I have prepared myself in prayer so that I can celebrate the joy of this moment. This is the promise of our faith journey. In our desert experience, when there is helplessness and doubt and challenge, our God offers us abundance. The question for us is this: how did you spend your time during this moment of challenge? Did you spend your time listening to God?

**Two Wednesdays from now is Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent begins.** During this time of the year, **the church asks us to go into the “desert experience” and spend a “moment with God.”** This is a providential opportunity for fostering the spiritual detachment from riches necessary if we are to open ourselves to God, who is the goal of our lives. Our experience during the last months has made me more aware of the importance of “letting go and emptying ourselves” to the “quietness of the desert” so that we can hear God’s whisper in our heart. In our journey to this place of emptiness, there will be struggle and doubt at times---- but at the end there will be the experience of joy and meaning.

During this time of the year, many will be travelling to Holy Land for a “desert” experience. This would be an opportunity for many to see the holy places mentioned in the Bible. It is always exciting and life-giving to be there.

**We don’t need to go to the Holy Land for a ‘desert experience,’** but it is something that all of us can create when we begin to leave our controlled and comfortable environment and enter a place of emptiness and need. There, in a barren and isolated landscape, we experience a kind of desolation. However it is in this lifeless wilderness, cut off from the comfort of everyday life that we find God himself. With its emphasis on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we can go into the desert, just as Abraham, Moses, and Jesus did, to experience a deeper intimacy with God. **This experience of feeling driven toward God is what Lent is all about.**

**One good character of Lent is the emphasis on ALMSGIVING or CHARITY.** In last week’s gospel, when Jesus returned to his native place on a Sabbath, he was met with uncharitable reaction from his town mates. This was very insulting for Jesus and we know how difficult that is for anyone to be in that situation.

**But how do we respond to this kind of reaction?** I think the best way always is to respond with charity and with love. **That is the Christian attitude.** And all of our lives we have been taught to always react not with hatred but always with love. **St. Paul’s says that “to be happy, one must love.”**

**So what is the concrete way in which I have acted in love?** In our Christian understanding, love is not a passive word, but an active word. **LOVE IS WORK! As Paul says, love is not selfish but love is giving and sharing!”**

**Next week we have the Bishop’s Appeal.** We are asked to respond in love to the needs of our community and of our diocese. **Our Bishop’s Appeal is to fund and to serve different ministries and programs in our diocese. It is an avenue through which every Catholic can gather in faith to support the many important ministries in the diocese: education ministries, Youth and Family, Parish Support, Spiritual and Clergy Support, Lay Leadership Training and Diocesan Services.** One poet says, “No man is an island!” **Our contribution to the Bishop’s Appeal is one concrete way of acting in love. Love is central to being an authentic Christian. You and I were created to be unique reflections of God’s love and of his presence.**

**I would like to thank you in advance in the name of our bishop for your love and support to the Bishop’s Appeal.** We can make a difference. John of the Cross once said, “In the end we shall be judged on love.”

**On this Super Bowl Sunday, think about making touchdowns for the Bishop’s Appeal and win for our youth and our children. Thank you!**

Always,  
Fr. Geoffrey

# YOUTH NEWS

## Saint Anne Youth Ministry Announcement!!

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our topic will be: "ALWAYS...NEVER...SHOULD...EXPLORING OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND OTHERS IN LIGHT OF VALENTINE'S DAY."

## "SOUPER" Bowl is Here!

We know the Colts and Saints are in the game...how about YOU!???

St. Anne Youth Ministry will once again be participating in the 'Souper' Bowl of Caring project after all the Masses this weekend. More than 20 years ago the project started ...St. Anne's Youth Ministry has been participating in the 'Souper' bowl project for 7 years, and in that time the Parish has donated \$10,997.00 to St. Anthony's Foundation.

This year we'd like to challenge all congregations to participate in the 'Souper' Bowl at one of the levels listed below.

**Touchdown Level \$6, Field Goal Level \$3, Extra Point Level \$1**

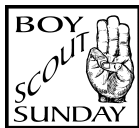
Last year St. Anne's donated \$2728.00...this year we are hoping to reach the \$3000.00 mark, but we can only do it with your help!!

## LA Youth Day Fundraiser----THANK YOU!

Due to a lot of hard work and the parishioners of St. Anne's generosity, the Youth Ministry group attending the March 18 LA Youth Rally raised over \$2500.00. That amount will help a great deal in lowering the cost for their participation....THANK YOU!!

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scout Sunday;  
Boy Scouts of America  
100th Anniversary
- Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani;  
St. Josephine Bakhita
- Wednesday: St. Scholastica
- Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes;  
World Day of the Sick
- Friday: Lincoln's Birthday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



# FAITH FORMATION

**February Virtues:** *Forgiveness* is to pardon or excuse. Forgiving means we let go of our right to punish. We decide to offer love rather than hurt others even though they may have hurt us. Forgiveness frees us to love more deeply. *Humility* is accepting praise and defeat, doing good without expecting reward. Humility helps to keep our own disordered sense of self by thinking of others and not just yourself.

## FIRST COMMUNION

*We Listen* – This week the young people of our parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. *How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of Love to transform our hearts and our minds—our very lives?*

## **CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

- Iverson Jaochico:** Helping take care of Grandma. I love her.
- Moira Duya:** I cleaned the whole house.
- Paulene Garcia:** Helped my little sister with homework.
- Ethan Oblea:** Helped walk the dogs.
- Juan Palomino:** Helped my parents with the yard work.
- Paolo Pedroso:** I cleaned my room.
- Leanne Gelido:** Gave \$1.15.
- Illoisa Lombojon:** Cheered my friend when she was sad & gave \$1.00.
- Manny /Victoria Fuentes:** Gave \$1.00
- Kaycee Bundang:** Gave \$1.00.
- Alana Sese:** Gave \$2.00.
- Teo:** Cleaned up my toys.
- Ramon Sochayseng:** Helped in school
- Caitlin Sochayseng:** Cleaned my room after a party.
- Charlize Silvestre:** Helped my brother find his toys.
- Tim Ilustre:** Gave \$2.00

## **ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17TH.**

**PLEASE RETURN THE PALMS FROM LAST YEAR'S PALM SUNDAY BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14. THE LITURGY COMMITTEE WILL THEN BURN THE PALMS AND USE THE ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY.**



## **WHERE GOD IS**

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is, all is well.

—Anonymous

Sunday, February 7, 2010

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, January 31, 2010	\$13,337.19
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 1,662.81)

#### Building Loan Pledge:

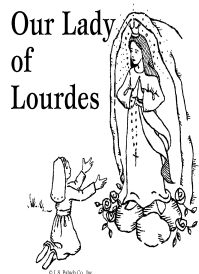
Sunday, January 17, 2010	\$
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 961.53)

**OUTSTANDING LOAN \$296,491.47**

Again, we thank Ms. Helen Everitt and her family for their gift to us, the Memorial Gardens (The Holy Family and St. Anne.

### 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



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On February 11, there will be a Blessing of the Sick after the 8:00 am Mass followed by a breakfast potluck reception at the parish hall. The Novena is still going on until February 10. Let us all celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

### "SATURDAY NIGHT WITH JESUS"

Charismatic Healing Mass

Saturday, Feb. 20, 7:30 – 10:00 PM St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 4001 Stoneridge Pleasanton 94566. Presented as an introduction to the charismatic experience for Catholics. Bring a friend and come to receive blessings. Sponsored by: St. Elizabeth Seton Prayer Grp. and Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office. Info: 925-828-6644 or E-mail: ccro@lafpd.com

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

(Serving the needs of the poor in our community.)

For emergency resources for food and shelter call 211.

The 211 is a free, non-emergency, confidential, 3-digit phone number and service that provides easy access to housing information, and critical health and human services. 211 operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you can email to:

[www.211alamedacounty.org](http://www.211alamedacounty.org)

### 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 January 16.

### FAMILY FURNITURE PROJECT

Due to increasing calls from families in need of beds, tables/chairs, dressers, etc., the St. Vincent de Paul group will begin "buying" used or new furniture from the main SVDP facility in Oakland at reasonable prices. Donations toward this special needs project are greatly needed, appreciated and tax deductible. Please consider donating, checks can be made out to St. Vincent de Paul with a memo "Family Furniture Project" and dropped off at the parish office.

### The Virtue of Humility

"How much larger your life would be if your self could become smaller in it." (G. K. Chesterton)

The virtue of Humility is defined as the quality by which a person, given his strengths and shortcomings, willingly submits to God and to others, for God's sake.

The practice of humility is to be neither too "high" nor too "low" in our self-estimate of ourselves. It is our honest acknowledgment of the gifts that God has provided to us and to others so that we may achieve our call as sons and daughters of God to love and serve God and each other.

Humility allows us to see ourselves clearly and realistically so that we are neither tricked into self-inflation (pride or vainglory) nor self-hatred (dejection), but that we put ourselves in the proper order of things in our relationship with God and others.

Humility is the "art of honest self-appraisal," in discerning our strengths, weaknesses, gifts, and shortcomings in the light of truth. Our challenge is to honestly appraise ourselves to see who we truly are and where we truly belong in God's order.

*Join us for Dinner served to you by our Catechists!*

# *Light my Valentine*

a CCD fundraising event

Help our Catechists become better teachers for our Faith Formation Children  
by supporting their attendance at the LA Educational Congress this year!



*For just \$15 per person  
you can enjoy*

*Excellent food!*

*Incredible Entertainment!*

*Two LIVE bands!*

*Photo booth!*

*Saturday, 13 February 2010*

*6:30 pm*

*St Anne's Social Hall*

*For more information, call the CCD office*

*510 471 7766 ext 20 or 21*