

St. Anne Catholic Parish



**First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2010**

32223 Cabello St., Union City, CA 94587

(510) 471-7766 ♦ (510) 487-6540 (fax)

<http://www.saintannecatholic.org> ♦ stanne@sbcglobal.net (email)

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 22

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

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

6:00 pm - Pastor Council Sub Committee, LO

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

7:30 pm - Schola Cantorum Choir, CR #106

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am, 12:00, 5:00 & 7:30 PM – MASS, CH

6:00 pm - SPRED Formation, SH

7:30 pm - Grief Support Ministry, CR #102

7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105

Thursday, February 25

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 - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Friday, February 26

8:00 am - Mass, CH

7:30 pm - Lenten Soup, SH

Saturday, February 27

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #102

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

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

10:00 am - Individual User, CH

5:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, SH

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

6:30 pm - Individual User, CH

Sunday, February 28

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

2:00 pm - Lay Carmelites, CR, #104

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27;

Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1];

Lk 9:28b-36

MASS INTENTIONS

February 20, 2010—February 27, 2010

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm + Anna Velasco

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am + Petronia Briones

10:00 am + Edward Hocke

12:00 pm + J.R. Lahip (Birth Ann.)

6:00 pm + For the People

Monday, February 22

8:00 am + Talita Fernandes

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am + Felicidad Edoria

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am + Jesus Recto

Thursday, February 25

8:00 am + M/M Joakim Duong

Friday, February 26

8:00 am + Xavier Sare-Becerra

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am Spe.Int.- Birthdays

Elmer & Edna Rosal

5:00 pm + Bill Doyle

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2010

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*



My dear friends in Christ,

And so we have begun our Lenten journey: From TEMPTATION TO TRANSFORMATION!

In the history of the Church, the season of Lent has always been one of the key periods of the Church year. In fact we are reminded of its powerful meaning in our Opening Prayer for this weekend: "***Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection and teach us to reflect it in our lives.***"

This is what today's Gospel is about. This is what Lent means as a time of reflection and a time of re-evaluating the quality and direction of our lives. ***It is a time for reconsidering our priorities both as Christians and human beings.*** It is a time to re-affirm our conviction of the equal dignity of every single human person.

In the temptation account from the gospel of Luke, we hear, "***Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.***" One wonders why Jesus was driven by the Spirit to the desert. We can look at this way by going back to ***Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist***. After his baptism, a solemn voice was heard from the heavens: "***You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.***"

It is important to note that Jesus' baptism was not simply a ritual. It meant that he had ***to recognize his own identity and mission.*** It meant then that being led out into the desert was a preparation for the great task for humankind. ***During his 40 days in the wilderness, in the desert***, Jesus was subjected to harsh circumstances and conflict: ***to obey God's commandments or to succumb to Satan's disobedience. At the end, Jesus emerged victorious.*** Yet we know that the prince of temptation will continue to challenge Jesus. In the final sentence of the gospel today, it says, "The devil left him to return at the appointed time." The battle with evil was not over for Jesus. It will occur again and again at various stages in his life, right up to and especially at those last hours in the garden and on the Cross.

For us, too, the battle against darkness never stops. The selfishness, the greed, the anger and hostility, the jealousy and resentment, above all the desire to have rather than to share, to control rather than to serve will be with us. Temptations will always be there in front of us to stop us from experiencing the grace of transformation in the redeeming act of love on the CROSS.

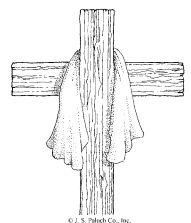
As I said at the beginning of this reflection, the season of Lent is an occasion for us to discern and to reflect on the choices we have to make in this life. When we are led by the Spirit into our wilderness and decide, ***would I follow God's will or follow the temptations of Satan?***

Yes my friends! We are in this together! There will be challenges and struggles. And we know that it is in our time of weakness when temptations are greater. ***That's why it is so important not to fall away from the group so that together we can face our struggles and our temptations.*** In times of his temptations, Jesus turned to our God for strength and peace. ***Remember our God will not desert us in the desert.***

NO to Satan and YES to God!

Let us together pray for strength and wisdom so that together we can come ***to the beauty of Easter joy.***

***In Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey***



YOUTH NEWS

Saint Anne Youth Ministry Announcement!!

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. to begin our Lenten Journey! The theme of our meeting will be:

Lent: Use the Music!

Music stays in your mind. That's why this Lent offers a little traveling music for our Lenten journey. The musical themes you're certain to be hearing (whatever kind you prefer) offer a connection to the stories of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Listen for these themes in your favorite music and look for them in your life. Week One: Feel the Pain.

Youth Ministry Lenten Days to Remember:

Wednesday, March 10 Deanery Reconciliation Service (YM and Confirmation Classes) 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne's

Friday, March 12: Lenten Soup & Bread & Stations of The Cross 6:00 p.m.

AN INVITATION AND CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

As mandated by the Oakland Diocesan Pastoral Plan, parishioners are invited and called to prayerfully consider to become members of the Stewardship Committee in the parish. The Stewardship Committee's primary functions are: An open heart and willingness to give one's gift of time towards ongoing adult faith formation; Plan, develop strategies and implement short term and long term Stewardship faith formation// enrichment for parishioners; Develop and implement action plan(s) for parishioners' discipleship responses; Write and publish a Stewardship Newsletter and annual Stewardship report for parishioners. For more info, contact Jane Relopez, at 510-487-0417 or jrelopez@SBCglobal.net.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
 Monday: The Chair of St. Peter;
 Washington's Birthday
 Tuesday: St. Polycarp
 Friday: Abstinence

CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.

—Pope St. Gregory the Great

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION

Topic: Eucharist - Celebrating Our Community

We Remember – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on what Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. The Eucharistic prayer is the Church's great prayer of thanksgiving. At the Eucharist through the power of the Holy Spirit we join with the living Christ to give praise and glory to the Father. *How are we as a parish gathering to remember and celebrate Jesus?*

RE M I N D E R

09-10 FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS

One parent/adult family member must attend at least one gathering. Gathering is held at the same time of FC student's class session.

EUCHARIST PARENT GATHERING

Tuesday, Feb. 23 - 4:45 pm or 6:15 pm - HALL

 * 6th Grade Annual Retreat *
 * Wednesday Feb. 24,2010 *
 * 5:00-7:30 PM *
 * Social Hall *
 * All 6th graders are required to attend this *
 * Retreat in lieu of this week's class. *
 * Please go directly to the social hall *
 * for gathering prayers. *
 * Parents: Please pick-up the students in church *
 * at 7:30pm after the retreat. *

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Faith Centeno:	Gave \$5.00
Mannix Gayac:	Helped take care of my brother
Paul John Rosas:	Helped clean the house
John Flores:	Gave .25cents.
Alejandro Elias:	Gave \$3.00.
Alysson Romo:	Gave \$1.00.
Alex Jocson:	Spent time with my family on my 10th birthday
Nico Aguinaldo:	Cleaned my room.
Ivan Jay Redondo:	Cleaned house after my birthday.
Teo Inciong:	Helped Mom make dinner.
Molly Banks:	I went on hike with my Grandma.
Kiana Wiesnoski:	Did laundry and gave \$1.00.
Emily Ignacio:	Gave my sister a bath & gave \$1.00
Anjoe Mateo:	Gave \$1.00
Lawrence Adug:	Helped washed the car.

Sunday, February 21, 2010

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, February 14, 2010	\$10,796.91
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,203.09)
Stewardship - St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,257.87

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, February 14, 2010	\$ 1,288.00
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 326.47)

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS OF LENT

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER, 6:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH TAIZE MUSIC, 7:30 PM

The Religious Gift Shop at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont is open Sundays from 8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. We sell statues, rosaries, medals, First Communion, Confirmation gifts, seasonal religious gifts and more. We also carry Fair Trade Coffees, teas, cocoas and chocolates. We'll gladly gift wrap at no extra charge. Come by for a complimentary cup of Fair Trade coffee and meet us. Credit cards accepted.

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marillac

YOUR INVITED!

The Knights of Columbus of the Tri-City Area will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** for all interested in joining our organization.

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference!

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith and family life; it is also about the opportunity to protect your family through our fraternal benefits program. Come see just what we are all about and take the first steps to enhance your personal life by attending our open house on Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Brother Dion Dangzalan, 408-323-8013, dion@dangzalan-koc.org or Brother Peter Petit, 510-755-4960.

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

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 March 20.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:00 AM

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

Principal Celebrant - Bishop Salvatore Cordileone

During the Mass honoring Our Lady of Lourdes, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. All those in the diocese who suffer from a serious acute or chronic illness and their caregivers, are invited. The sick should plan to arrive at the Cathedral by 10:30 am in order to assure access to seats set aside for those who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Sick. Parking, including handicapped spaces, will be available free of charge in the Cathedral's underground garage for the first 200 cars arriving.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11, 2010

