

St. Anne Catholic Parish

Lent is about

**Second Sunday of
Lent
February 28, 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: CLASSROOMS, PO: PARISH OFFICE, LO: LITURGY OFF.

Monday, March 1

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
10:00 am - Individual User, SH
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-105
6:00 pm - Pastor Council Sub Committee, LO
6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
6:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #106
7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102
8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 am - Mass, CH

4:00 pm - Individual User, SH
4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, CH
7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH
7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102
7:30 pm - Liturgy, CR #102,
7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105
7:30 pm - Schola Cantorum Choir, CR #106

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 am - MASS, CH

6:00 pm - SPRED Formation, YM office
6:00 pm - CYO, SH
7:30 pm - Grief Support Ministry, CR #102
7:30 pm - Individual User, CH

Thursday, March 4

8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR#102-106, CH
6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH
7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH
7:30 pm - Individual User, SH
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105
8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Friday, March 5

8:00 am - Mass, CH

6:00 pm - Lenten Soup, SH
7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

Saturday, March 6

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

9:00 am - RCIA, CR #103
9:00 am - Faith Formation, SH, CR #102 & 104
9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105
10:30 am - SPRED, CR #106
6:15 pm - Charismatic's, CR #104
6:30 pm - Reception, SH

Sunday, March 7

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
4:00 pm - Couples for Christ, CR, #105
5:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land." (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

MASS INTENTIONS

February 27, 2010 - March 6, 2010

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm + Bill Doyle

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am + Fred Ledesma
10:00 am + Eleuterio Tecson (Birth Ann.)
12:00 pm + For the People
6:00 pm + Natividad Abad

Monday, March 1

8:00 am + Rochelle Cruz

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 am + Eleuterio Tecson

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 am + Arsenio & Maxima Tecson

Thursday, March 4

8:00 am + Sylvia De La Rosa

Friday, March 5

8:00 am + Eduardo Evangelista
7:30 pm + Cenon Lansangan

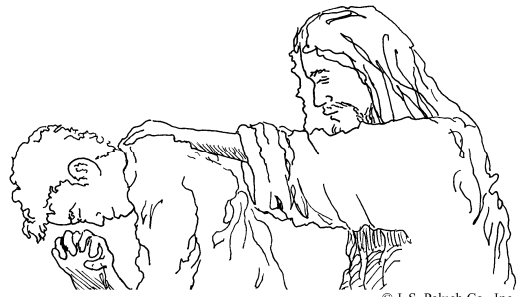
Saturday, March 6

8:00 am + Tansoy & Angela Jaugan
5:00 pm + Roberto Maganito

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2010

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1



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My dear friends in Christ,

Our Lenten journey continues: from TEMPTATION TO TRANSFORMATION!

Next Saturday, March 6, is a historical moment for our faith community. After the 5pm Mass, our two memorial gardens, the Holy Family and the St. Anne's, will be dedicated and blessed by Bishop John S. Cummins, our BISHOP EMERITUS. I am praying for a dry day and a wonderful night so that all of us can gather to be part of this WOW MOMENT in the life of our community. I encourage you to be here and to celebrate with us. This is the day that the Lord has made! Rejoice and be glad! I believe you know this already.

I want to see you all here with great appreciation and gratitude. Again I would like to thank the members our Finance Council headed by Ms. Helen Cabiles for their guidance and the Facilities Committee headed by Mr. Peter Petit for their dedication and hard work. **Job well done! I would like also to thank the family of Ms. Helen Everitt** for their support and patience during the construction of these two memorial gardens in which Ms. Helen Everitt's name and life will forever be honored. **We appreciate her gift of \$100,000.00.**

There is no question that the transfiguration of Jesus from the gospel of Luke was a wonderful moment for Peter, James, and John. It was a moment in their life they will never forget. As Jesus was praying, **his face changed in appearance** and his clothing became dazzling white. Soon they were joined by two men, Moses and Elijah, who were great figures of the Old Testament. **In that moment of transfiguration, the three disciples saw firsthand the glory of Jesus in which God's love was revealed. Jesus was changed completely and overwhelmed by his Father's love.** For Peter, James, and John, **it was a "WOW" moment!** It was a moment of peace and serenity. I am sure they were saying, "Let us stay here!" In fact Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good to be here! Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!" **This was a great temptation for the three friends.** They didn't want to go anywhere. **The mountain top experience was just too great to ignore.**

In our life, there will be many wow moments that all of us will experience and **we don't want to let go of them.** Just like Peter, James, and John, **we face the temptation of remaining in our mountain top experiences, in our many transfiguration moments. But we should have the courage to go down from our mountain top experiences and face the realities of suffering and death, to experience the real happiness guaranteed by the sacrifice and the joy of the cross.**

Our Eucharistic celebration is a mountain top experience, a transfiguration moment. Every time we participate in this celebration, we have a glimpse of God's glory and his love. **Our tendency is to stay here and don't want to go anywhere.** We have found our comfort zone here! **My friends, our Christian journey is to go beyond our comfort zone and take that moment of transfiguration to the ends of the earth. Yes, it is nice to be here! But we know that our Christian journey doesn't end here in our Eucharistic celebration, it begins here. We must go with him to the cross** to find true joy and fulfillment in our journey. **One way of doing this is to embrace one of the three characters to holiness: almsgiving.** Love of God is expressed by our love of neighbors. Have we become a source of joy for those we meet? **Love as an action word means sharing our time, talents, and treasures with others. At the end,** Peter, James and John went down from the mountain top with Jesus to Jerusalem. **At first,** they wanted to experience the peace and glory of Easter **without taking the winding road to the cross.**

I pray that we will have the strength to fight the many TEMPTATIONS along the way so that together we can celebrate that moment of TRANSFORMATION in the glory of Jesus' death and resurrection!

*In Christ's love and peace,
Fr. Geoffrey*



YOUTH NEWS

Saint Anne Youth Ministry Announcement!!

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. to continue our Lenten Journey! The theme of our meeting will be: **“Leave the Past in Ashes: Return to God.”** Christians often find themselves in different seasons in their personal relationship with God. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 says: *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted ...”* There are times to rejoice in Christ’s resurrection, but there are also times that the Christians recognize how they have hurt others and been hurt by others. This session uses the symbol of ashes to demonstrate a season of forgiving and being forgiven.

Confirmation Sponsor Day

Saint Anne Confirmation candidates are reminded that we have a learning session today with all sponsors and candidates! Please meet in the Hall at 3:30 p.m. SHARP! Mass will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry & Confirmation 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.

Divine Mercy Apostolate

Please join in Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction at St. Anne every 1st Friday of the month immediately following the 7:30 pm Mass until 12:00 midnight. Please spend time with Jesus at least 1 (one) hour in silent recognition of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

FAITH FORMATION

REMINDER

As part of the Lenten journey to prepare us for the joy of Easter, our Lord invites us to *“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”*. A reminder to all students who have already received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist to prepare and attend:

LENT RECONCILIATION for Grades 3 - 8

Monday, March 1,

Wednesday, March 3

Thursday, March 4

Reconciliation will be held in Church during class sessions.

FIRST COMMUNION

We Celebrate – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on Jesus’ presence with us in the Eucharist. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. *How are we as a parish living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?*

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 * 8th Grade Annual Retreat *
 * Saturday March 6,,2010 *
 * 9:00-6:00 PM *
 * Social Hall *
 * All 8th graders are required to attend *
 * Please go directly to the social hall *
 * for gathering prayers. *
 * Parents: Please pick-up the students in *
 * church after the 6:00pm mass *
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God’s Touchdown

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Process is like Super Bowl Sunday we enjoyed this year. To move the ball to the next yard line, the players (these are the RCIA students preparing to become Catholics or who will complete the Sacraments of Initiation), experienced some tough struggles, but with skill and determination, working always with the coaching staff (RCIA Coordinators and Facilitators), they succeed. Sometimes, a time out to evaluate what went wrong was important, so that adjustments for improvement could be made.

The RCIA Players and Coaches have done that moving forward from September of last year. And now, we are excited because we are on the 20 yard line. And on April 3rd, at the Easter Vigil, there will be a big Touch Down.

We have ten young men and women will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and another ten people, who are already baptized, will be receiving the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. This is truly God at work in our world today.

For all St. Anne’s parishioners, the conversion of these twenty young men and women deciding 100% to be Catholics, affects our own conversion; this is an invitation for us to answer the challenge of what it really means to be a Catholic today!

There are special rituals within Mass these coming weeks called Scrutinies. These rituals are meant to complete the conversion of those in the RCIA preparing for “Touch Down.” They explain what it means to deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and carry out their decision to love God above all. Just like football, this time, they must hold on to their faith, no interception is allowed, so that a touch down is secured.

Rico Monton, Liturgy Coordinator

Sunday, February 28, 2010

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, February 21, 2010	\$11,614.75
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,385.25)
Ash Wednesday	\$5,384.50

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, January 17, 2010	\$
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

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.

COLORS of LENT

Before the onset of the Lenten season, the church color of Green is used to symbolize the renewal of vegetation and generally of living things and the promise of new life.

What a drastic change of colors and mood as we move from the green promise of new life to purple and black which symbolize suffering and darkness. However, the dryness and darkness of the Lenten season bring us the promise of rebirth and newness and therefore, lots of greens and yellows. We come to a full circle of colors from green to green—the full circle reminding me of Jesus' eternal love for us, like a circle --never ending.

The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple, red violet or dark violet. Purple colors symbolize pain, suffering, and therefore mourning and penitence. These colors symbolize the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so it anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Red Violet or Violet is also a symbol for pain and suffering, and is used as an alternate color for the Season of Lent.

Gray is used for Ash Wednesday or for special days of fasting and prayer. Gray is the color of ashes, and therefore a biblical symbol of mourning and repentance. Gray is used for the rest of the church environment along with other drab or dry colors like brown to symbolize gloom and sadness over the impending crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, the sanctuary colors of Good Friday and Holy Saturday are black, the only days of the Church Year that black is used. It symbolizes the darkness brought into the world by sin. It also symbolizes death, not only the death of Jesus but the death of the whole world under the burden of sin. In this sense, it also represents the hopelessness and the endings that come as human beings try to make their own way in the world without God. Black is used to cover other sanctuary symbols or to drape the sanctuary cross on Good Friday. A more accurate name is probably 'dark' Friday given we're remembering and seeking to identify as much as possible with the suffering and death of Jesus. Black is always replaced by white before sunrise of Easter Sunday.

When in mourning for people we love, we traditionally wear black, the color of sadness. Who is the greatest for whom we mourn during this Lenten season? It is Jesus, who died on the cross for our salvation. Along with my acts of prayer, penitence, and almsgiving, I use colors to symbolize my grief and mourning for this Holy death by wearing purple, gray, or black.

Len Magers
Member, Liturgy Committee

"Thank you"

To all who supported our Faith Formation
 " Light My Valentine " Dinner Dance.

Thank you, thank you , thank you!

We are ever so grateful to so many who helped make this a success. Because of your generosity with your time, talent and treasure we are able to help send 15 catechist to the LA Educational Congress. We raised \$2,800 for the convention. There, they will learn new, improved and fun ways to teach our children. They will also have the opportunity to grow spiritually as they participate in the various workshops and lectures.

- **We're Back & True Blue Live Band
 - **Legion of Mary— Ramon Dizon & Cora Paiso (donated food & performed)
 - **CCD Catechists & families who did the serving, decorating, entertained and/or donated food
 - **Husband of Catechist who work at the kitchen tirelessly, John Kelsey, Dennis Nunes, Fidel Moises, Rick Dorotheo
 - **Benz Stewart & Family—donated the smoked chicken
 - **Veronica Garzota & family –donated fried chicken
 - **Elen Demingoy & Family—Donated Spaghetti
 - **Steps, Styles & limelight, Johnny Veloso's Dance Company
 - **Kelsey Family—Entertainment & service
 - **Sybil & Sharisse Paule– entertainment
 - **Bebe Yap—Chowmein
 - ** Debbie Nunes—Donated spaghetti
 - **Virginia Ruizzorilla, Beth Florendo –donated veggie pasta
 - **Dina Lazatin—Donated Lasagna
 - **Lorenzana Family—spaghetti
 - **Zella Yanos—Table centerpieces & dessert
 - ** Deborah Hansana & Clarissa Rojas—Cupcakes for the kids
 - **Lily Manaye—Donated garlic bread
 - ** Kathy Leung "New Luk Yuen Restaurant"-money donation
 - **Mr & Mrs Nick Torres—Money donation
 - ** Lylah Balaoro - Use the table linens
- If we have omitted a name or two, please forgive us, it was not intentional.

These are the catechist who are going to the LA Educational Congress; Helen Rojas, Christine Suarez, Vangie Marques Jessica Torres, Debbie Nunes, Melinda Dorotheo, Ma. Tess Gatan, Jane Relopez, Sybil Paule, Meding Abaya, Libby Abaya, Ester Claudio, (not in the picture, Ted Del Rosario, Stacet Sarmiento, Ernest Capalla, Nikki Benz)



"We're Back & True Blue" Live Band
 They really rocked it. Everyone was dancing.



"Our Father" a prayer



Debut of the "DC's" Dancing Catechists



Yeh! A winner!



Fr. Geoffrey with guests