

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

**Third Sunday of  
Lent  
March 7, 2010**

## *PARISH MISSION...*

*"We, the people of St. Anne will . . .*

- seek unity in our diverse community*
  - establish a living Church where people practice their faith*
  - develop a compassionate communal leadership.*
- . . . To foster and preserve solidarity among God's people."*

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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 8

**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, March 9

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

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

7:30 pm - Liturgy, CR #103

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

#### Wednesday, March 10

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

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

6:00 pm - SPRED Formation, SH

7:00 pm - Youth Reconciliation Liturgy, CH

7:30 pm - Festival, CR #103

#### Thursday, March 11

**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 - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #103

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CR #105

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

#### Friday, March 12

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

5:00 Legion of Mary, CR #103

6:00 pm - Lenten Soup, SH

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

#### Saturday, March 13

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

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

12:30 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103

1:00 pm - Memorial Mass, CH

1:00 pm - Faith Based Committee, CR #106

4:00 pm - CYO, SH

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

#### Sunday, March 14

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

8:00 am - Flu Clinic, CR #103 & 104

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

3:00 pm - Confirmation, CR #102-106, SH

5:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### MASS INTENTIONS

March 6, 2010 - March 13, 2010

#### Saturday, March 6

5:00 pm + Roberto Maganito

#### Sunday, March 7

8:00 am + For the People

10:00 am + Haidee Hidalgo

12:00 pm + Eulalio Dizon

6:00 pm + Nicanor Dizon

#### Monday, March 8

8:00 am + Maria Cua

#### Tuesday, March 9

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Consuelo Tecson

#### Wednesday, March 10

8:00 am + Emily Noia Alexander

#### Thursday, March 11

8:00 am + Milagros Arro

#### Friday, March 12

8:00 am + Noberto Jovero, Sr.

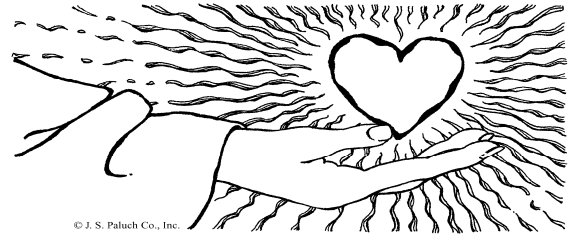
#### Saturday, March 13

8:00 am + Benjamin Camat

5:00 pm + Primitiva Canasa & Cecil Velaguez

# Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2010

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
— Psalm 103:8



*My dear friends in Christ,*

**OUR LENTEN THEME: a journey from TEMPTATION TO TRANSFORMATION!**

**By the time you read this**, our two Memorial Gardens, the St. Anne and the Holy Family, have been blessed and dedicated by Bishop John Cummins, our very loving and caring former bishop. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

As we continue on with our Lenten journey, I would like to get your attention to this disturbing reality that still continues to exist in our practice of faith: **LEAVING THE CHURCH EARLY! *One of our bad habits as CATHOLICS!***

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Jesus said, **"The last shall be first and the first shall be last."** I believe that many of us have misunderstood this gospel passage. I said this because of this great observation by many of us that **"many who come last are the first ones to leave."** **And the ones who come to church early are the last ones to leave.**

### **WHY DO WE LEAVE THE CHURCH EARLY?**

I always wonder about this. **Many would leave right after they have received communion.** Some would leave while the announcement is being communicated. And some leave right after the first note of the music is played. This bad habit is very disturbing and requires serious attention and reflection. It is a reality in our faith experience that is very painful to see. There is a great disregard in the importance and meaning of our celebration and our faith. **When I see someone leave from the communion line out to the parking lot---- that is very disturbing! Something I cannot ignore! I wouldn't be doing my job as your pastor** if I remain quiet about it. **You know that I have reminded everybody about this problem many times and it seems that it continues to be met with stubbornness and uncaring attitude. Do we leave the church early because we have fulfilled our obligation? And we can tell everybody that we have been to church!**

### **WHY CAN'T WE STAY?**

When we decide to come to church, plan to be here. Let me ask this question: **when you go to a movie, do you plan to see only half of the movie or three fourth of the movie?** So coming late and leaving early is not something that we do when we go see a movie. We want to be there early and----**we want to stay** until the movie is finished. **Yet we take our coming to Mass for granted. How much time are we losing when we stay? A minute? Two minutes? When we stay, we don't lose anything. WE GAIN a lifetime of many blessings.**

**We spend two hours in a movie house and perhaps many hours in the shopping mall. But we cannot spend time with God in his holy place. We complain when the Mass goes over an hour. Is this how we give thanks to God?**

### **THE MANY REASONS WHY WE NEED TO STAY FOR THE WHOLE CELEBRATION!**

**Our Eucharistic celebration is not just another celebration.** It is a celebration of our faith and our life and what God has done for us. It is about our God, who is faithful, revealing **his love to us in the WORD, in the BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST, and in the celebrating community.** Because of this understanding, when I come to the celebration, **I do not come as an individual person but I come to become part of the BODY OF CHRIST.** Then **I have a responsibility to be one and united with the celebrating faith community** with all MY SOUL, with all MY BEING and with all MY HEART. **When we can't be on time and cannot stay until the presider(priest)is totally out of the church, then our participation is not "full and complete."** **I know that some of us really have a good excuse. Some of us don't have!**

**I know that many of us will be tempted to ignore this. We just don't care! But when we care, we will be rewarded! And we will be transformed! Don't allow the prince of darkness to take you away from the joy and meaning of our celebration. God bless you all!**

*The one who cares and your servant in Christ,*

**Fr. Geoffrey**



# YOUTH NEWS

## ST. ANNE YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

All St. Anne Youth Ministry students and Confirmation candidates are asked to attend the Deanery Reconciliation service this Wednesday, March 10 at St. Anne Church. The theme of our service will be "A Call to Reconciliation." We will be joined by the Youth Ministry and Confirmation programs of Our Lady of the Rosary and Corpus Christi. Please arrive no later than 6:45 pm. The service will conclude at 9:00 pm.

### St. Anne Youth Ministry

There is NO Youth Ministry meeting on Monday, March 8 due to the Reconciliation service on Wednesday. All Youth Ministry students should attend...please read the announcement above for information.



### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE UNBORN

The Knights of Columbus are having an International Day for the Unborn on Thursday, March 25. There will be a Mass at 6:00 pm followed by the rosary at the Memorial for the Unborn. Everyone is invited to join us.

### 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](mailto:dion@dangzalan-koc.org) or Brother Peter Petit, 510-755-4960.

# FAITH FORMATION

## FIRST COMMUNION

*We Live* – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on the First Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Reborn of the Holy Spirit, all the baptized have been called and empowered to live as true witnesses of Christ and to spread the faith by word and deed. *How are we as a parish living as disciples and followers of Jesus?*

**OUR MARCH VIRTUES:** *Consistency is a fundamental principle of our behavior to love others as you love yourself. Mercy is knowing that God is loving & kind, always patient & merciful, and will not punish when we ask Him to save and forgive us.*

**REMINDER** to all CCD catechists, students and their families to attend the Lenten Soup & Bread at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall and the Stations of the Cross for Young Children at 7:30 pm in the Church on Friday, March 12.

## FAITH FORMATION STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

### What are you doing special for Lent?

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| <b>Nicole del Rosario:</b>      | Spend less time on the computer                      |
| <b>Marisa:</b>                  | I will give up TV for Lent                           |
| <b>Alyssa Romo</b>              | I will watch 2 1/4 hrs. only of TV                   |
| <b>Kayla:</b>                   | I will give some of my toys to those who are in need |
| <b>Jovy Moya:</b>               | I will do my chores at home                          |
| <b>Farah Villanueva:</b>        | I will give up junk food and candy                   |
| <b>Ralph:</b>                   | I plan to write to my family members                 |
| <b>Clairisse Castillo-Abad:</b> | I will do my priorities first, do my homework etc.   |
| <b>Joan:</b>                    | I will give up \$1.00 for the poor                   |

### *Widowed, Separated, Divorced*

**The Beginning Experience Weekend is designed to be a time of closure on the past and renewed hope for the future. Those who come should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair which usually follow the loss of a loved one. They should be at a point of wanting a new beginning and ready to work to make that desire a reality. Weekends will be held Friday through Sunday: April 16 – 18, 2010**

**For information/application, contact:**

**Cathy: (408) 263-3718, Helen: (415) 388-9651**

**Email: [SJBeginExp@aol.com](mailto:SJBeginExp@aol.com)**

**Our local organization is under the guidance of the San Jose Diocese and serves the counties of Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz.**

Sunday, March 7, 2010

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, February 21, 2010	\$13,029.65
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 1,970.65)

#### Building Loan Pledge:

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

**OUTSTANDING LOAN \$296,491.47**

### ST. ANNE PASTORAL STAFF

<b>Fr. Geoffrey Baraan</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
<b>Fr. Richard Boyle, OSM</b>	<b>Parochial Vicar</b>
<b>Benigno Calub</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
<b>Carlos Rabuy</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
<b>Jim Soltau</b>	<b>Youth Ministry Coordinator</b>
<b>Rico Monton</b>	<b>Liturgy &amp; Music Coordinator</b>
<b>Helen Rojas</b>	<b>Children's Faith Formation Coordinator</b>
<b>Christine Suarez</b>	<b>Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator</b>
<b>Sydney Gargan</b>	<b>Office Administrator</b>
<b>Zella Yanos</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Helen Cabiles</b>	<b>Finance Council Chairperson</b>
<b>Linda Canlas</b>	<b>Pastoral Council Facilitator</b>

### St Anne Chapter - St Vincent De Paul Society

Dedicated to helping with the needs of those less fortunate. Donations of time, talent, treasure, food, clothing, furniture etc are greatly appreciated. Join us at any of these March events:

Monday, March 1 - Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 106

Sunday, March 7 - Veterans Hospital visit, we meet in St Anne's Parking lot at 9:30 am and car pool up to the hospital.

Sunday, March 14 - Veterans Hospital visit, we meet in St Anne's Parking lot at 9:30 am and car pool up to the hospital.

Monday, March 15, - Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 106

Saturday, March 20 - USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Classroom 106, 9:00 am

Sunday, March 21 - Veterans Hospital visit, we meet in St Anne's Parking lot at 9:30 am to car pool

Sunday, March 28 - Veterans Hospital visit, we meet in St Anne's Parking lot at 9:30 am to car pool

More information or concerns, please contact Rose-ann Cotter, Viinbur@aol.com or 510- 471- 6545.

### Divine Mercy Sunday is April 11

#### SAVE THIS DATE!!

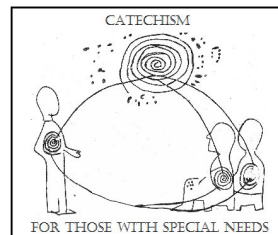
The gift of your presence and that of your family and friends is requested to celebrate and partake of the this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday" April 11 at St. Anne Church (12:00 noon mass), followed by a reception at the Parish Hall.

### Called to SPRED

by Inez Albores

Chicago: the year was 1960. In the Archdiocesan Office there was a folder full of requests from parents in a file drawer. They were letters to the Cardinal pleading for a means of religious development for their children with developmental disabilities.

At the time, Fr. James McCarthy was responsible for providing days of recollection for students throughout the Archdiocese. By divine providence, "Father Jim" found the letters and shortly thereafter received the go-ahead to look into what resources might be developed so that persons with developmental disabilities could experience



belonging in the Church. Before long Fr. Jim was joined by Sr. Mary Therese Harrington, S.H. Together they began examining the catechetical materials currently used in the United States, Europe and Canada. Again, divine intervention led Sister Mary Therese to discover the works of Fr. Eucharist Paulhus from Sherbrook, Canada and Fr. Jean Mesny from Lyons, France regarding the educability and catechesis of the developmentally disabled. From 1964 to 1968 with the help of Frs. Eucharist and Jean, the team adopted a method of catechesis that used symbols and drew from the individual's experiences called **Method Vivre**; vivre a French term meaning *lived*. Method Vivre is a symbolic progression that connects a basic lived experience to a sacred, liturgical experience with the help of gestures and song. The symbolism is not taught but is evoked in phases, moving the individual from one experience to the other. Finally, in 1968, a pilot SPRED center with an environment resembling the spirit of a chapel was established. Coinciding with the second Vatican Council and the International Catechetical Study Weeks, a period of renewal sparked the field of Catechesis which the conference in Medellin describes as "...the means by which any section of society interprets its own situation and expresses it in the light of the Gospel." Driven by the same cry Jesus heard from the handicapped of Judea and Samaria 2,000 years ago, SPRED continued to grow. Twenty years after Fr. Jim's discovery of the fateful letters, SPRED was established in the Diocese of Oakland under the leadership of Sr. Aurora Pérez, SHF. SPRED's roots reached St. Anne's Parish a over the course of 10 years and today, St. Anne's Parish has a thriving SPRED center servicing two age groups: children from ages 11-16 and adults over the age of 22.

**On behalf of the SPRED community, we invite you to experience a unique SPRED Liturgy on Sunday, March 21st at the 10 o'clock mass. We hope to see you there!**

**Thank you !**  
*In Memory of*  
**Helen Everitt**



Through the generosity of this parishioner and her family, the newly constructed *“Holy Family Memorial Garden”* and the *“St. Anne Prayer Garden”* are now complete.

**Dedication and Blessing by**  
**Most Rev. John Cummins, Bishop Emeritus**  
**Saturday, March 6, 2010**

