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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.



**First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 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."*

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2010

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This Sunday we begin our new LITURGICAL YEAR OF ADVENT! The word "advent" comes from a Latin word---adventus – used for the coming of the emperor when visiting a town or a region of his empire.

Advent season then is a time of waiting and preparation. In the gospel today from Matthew we heard Jesus say, " Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The GIRM or the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar state that the Advent season has twofold character: first, it is a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and second, it is a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await for Christ's Second Coming at the of time.

We know that Advent is not an easy season to celebrate. This time of joyful expectation is easily overshadowed by Christmas preparations. That's why we need to make a conscious effort to make this season of waiting a productive one. We know that when we put our mind on it, it can really make a difference in our celebration of the feast of the coming of the Son of Man, the Messiah at Christmas. In our waiting, we must find a way to reflect on the importance of this feast.

There are two kinds of waiting. There is the passive waiting and there is the active waiting. Passive waiting is when we simply wait for the time to pass, for the weather to change, for the ride to come, for the semester to be over so we can have a break. We wait for letters and phone calls from our families and friends. Active waiting is when we become active participants. This is what the Church wants us to do. It means that we need to do a lot of soul searching and change. It is about changing our attitude and doing something in our lives. One way of doing it is to take a moment each day before Christmas to see where we are in our relationship with our family, neighbors and friends. Preparing our heart is most critical in our celebration of the feast of the coming of the Messiah. Our heart must be ready.

With this, I must do something to make it happen. What are some of my behaviors that I need to change that are reasons for hurts and pains in my life. Is there a lot of hatred in my heart? Is there a lot of resentment in my heart? Is there a lot of arrogance in my heart? Pride and envy? Are these the ones that continue to fill our hearts? If these are the ones, then we need to do something about them! These things have no place in the spirit of the season of Advent. The child Jesus deserves a better place. We need to start our own housecleaning now so that he will have a room in our hearts and life.

I remember talking to a husband who was about to become a father. He told me that the experience of anticipation of him becoming a father had changed him completely. He said that because of this, he was inspired to change. He promised to stop gambling, smoking, and drinking irresponsibly. He promised to become the best husband and father.

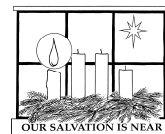
When I heard this from him, I was also inspired to share this with all of you. This is the meaning of the feast of Advent! It is about being inspired to change for the coming of the Holy Child.

I hope that we won't ignore this very critical moment of our preparation. As I said before, it is so easy to lose focus and be caught up in the external preparations of the feasts. This is not a time for arrogance and stubbornness. This is a time of humility and openness. And certainly, this is a time for prayer. Our waiting and preparation may call us to spend extra time in prayer. Do not lose sight of this reality! It is the internal preparation that is important. The words of the psalmist remind us that "no one who waits for him is ever put to shame."

May God bless you all! May you be filled with joy and peace during this Advent season. During this time of preparation we are invited "to reflect, to rediscover and to recreate the joy of Christ in the world!" St. Paul says in the second reading today, " You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand."

Your servant In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Andrew
 Wednesday: World AIDS Day
 Thursday: Hanukkah begins at sunset
 Friday: St. Francis Xavier; First Friday
 Saturday: St. John of Damascus;
 First Saturday



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).
Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP.....

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION BARRELS ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCES. THE GROUP IS COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE POOR OF OUR COMMUNITY.PLEASE DROP OFF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO BE USED FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS.

SEASON OF ADVENT

During the Season of Advent we have a Candle Lighting Ritual at the start of each Mass. We invite families, if you are interested to light the Advent Candle, to please sign up ahead of time. Please let Collins know or simply call the office during the week.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 27, 2010 - December 4, 2010

Saturday, November 27
 5:00 pm + For the People
Sunday, November 8
 8:00 am + Eunice Patterson
 10:00 am + Arturo Santos, Sr.
 12:00 pm + Hilario Ramos
 6:00 pm + Librada Orillaza
Monday, November 9
 8:00 am + Luke & Maria Arevalo (Birth Ann.)
Tuesday, November 30
 8:00 am Spe.Int.– Daisy Bernardo
Wednesday, December 1
 8:00 am + Luisito Bautista
Thursday, December 2
 8:00 am + Lourdes Salmingo
Friday, December 3 - FIRST FRIDAY
 8:00 am + Mary Rinh Nguyen
 7:30 pm + Toma Nguyen
Saturday, December
 8:00 am + Anne Dinh
 5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Henry & Elaine Batalla

YOUTH NEWS

St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our gathering will be: Are You Ready? It's Coming!

Preparing for Advent. Together we will examine and expand their understanding of the season of Advent and how to prepare for it.

Youth Ministry Retreat—December 2010

Next weekend, December 3-5 is the Winter Youth Ministry retreat. Please remember the students and staff in your prayers this week!!

Confirmation Candidate/Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Confirmation candidates and at least one parent on Sunday, December 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the upcoming Confirmation retreat on December 10-12.

Los Angeles Youth Day Trip

The \$86.00 deposit for anyone wishing to attend the Los Angeles Youth Day is due by Wednesday, December 1. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if you have any questions.

FEAST OF FAITH

What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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FAITH FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION

For 131 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. Reconciliation - As our young children preparing for Reconciliation continue to reflect this week on God's gift of peace, let us take an honest look at our own shortcomings and unloving choices that we sometimes make. Through prayers, thoughtful reflection on places in our lives where we may be in need of reconciliation, and by talking to each other honestly and gently about ways we hope to change, we are blessed and bring God's blessings to others....we share in the peace of Christ....striving to live as peacemakers and making a difference in our home, school, workplace and community.

REMINDER: All Faith Formation classes resume Monday, November 29.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

Oliver:	Gave \$1.00
Beneia Cardoza:	Gave \$.61¢
Marissa Panopio:	I washed the dishes.
Mitchell Consul:	I cleaned up the house.
Francesca Garcia:	Gave \$1.15.
Earl:	Gave \$.40¢
Nathaniel:	Helped my sister take a bath.
Melanie Cuadras:	Helping at the school carnival.
Caitlin Sochauseng:	Helped my little brother with his homework.
Jordan Ravanera:	Helped my brother take a shower.
Marivic Ventigan:	Gave \$1.00.



Sunday, November 28, 2010

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, October 31, 2010 \$11,636.24

Budget \$15,000.00

Over (Under) (\$ 3,363.76)

Stewardship-St. Vincent \$ 1,293.00

Golf Tournament \$ 4,478.33

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, Oct. 23, 2010 \$ 0.00

Budget \$ 961.53

Over (Under) \$ (961.53)

OUTSTANDING LOAN(7/9/10) \$226,140.93

INTEREST PAID (7/9/10) \$ 478.85

BIDS FOR CHURCH FLOOR

The Facilities Committee will be taking bids for the renovation of the Church floors. Looking for contractors (must be licensed and have liability insurance) that can removal old carpet & vinyl floor, clean & prep concrete floor, dye concrete, seal & polish floor. Deadline is Monday, December 13. Call the parish office and leave a message for the Facilities Committee.

Black & White Ball

December 31, 2010

6:30 pm

Tickets: \$50.00



Come celebrate with us the new year with the Black & White Gala on December 31 from 6:30pm to 1pm. See how our parish hall is transformed to a very elegant venue for this formal dinner-dance event. Good food, great company. Music by Elements of Time Band. Tickets are available at the Parish office. Payments must be received on or before December 7. You may send your payments to the Parish office or to Claro Gonzales of the Knight of Columbus. Contact Helen Cabiles for more information.

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

CH:CHURCH, SH: SOCIAL HALL, CR: CLASS-ROOMS, PO: PARISH OFFICE, LR: LITURGY ROOM

Monday, November 29

8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:30 pm - Mass, CH

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

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Tuesday, November 30

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

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

Wednesday, December 1

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR#106

Thursday, December 2

8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 3 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am & 7:30 pm - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - First Friday Mass

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, December 4

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

9:30 am - Faith Formation, CH

9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, SH

6:00 pm - Individual User, SH

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

Sunday, December 5

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

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #104

1:30 pm - St. Anne Seniors, CH

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

2:00 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #102

4:00 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105

Youth Rally 2010



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