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**Second Sunday of
Advent
December 5, 2010**

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.

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*

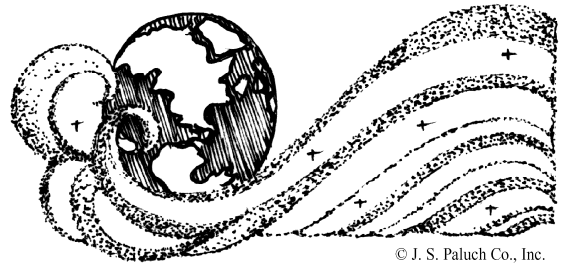
... to foster and preserve

Solidarity among God's people."

Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2010

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

— *Isaiah 11:9*



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My dear friends in Christ,

This weekend (Second Sunday of Advent) you have heard me talk about our plans for the church flooring. There will be a lot of discomfort and challenge as we continue to improve the physical aspect of our worship environment. I know that you have been waiting for this for a long time. I know and I believe that all of us will exercise patience and understanding during the time of work and improvement. As I said two weeks ago that we hope to start the work in the second week of January next year and the timeline to finish the project is two or three weeks. When I get more information from the contractor doing the project I will definitely inform you. I would like to thank the members of the Facilities Committee, the Finance Council, the Environment and Arts Committee and the Pastoral Council and Staff for their input and guidance. But most of all I would like to thank you, the good people of this community, for your dedication and understanding during this time.

This is the Second Sunday of Advent and we know that we have still a long ways to go in our journey and preparation. In the gospel today John the Baptist preaching in the desert of Judea challenges us to “repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand!”

As I said before it is easy to lose sight of what is important especially when we are overwhelmed with the external realities of Christmas. I hope that you will try to slow down and find time to pray. We don't want to regret at the end! We all know that in front of our journey there will be challenges and temptations to confuse us and take us away from what is really important and meaningful. And there will be spiritual emptiness if we are not very careful!

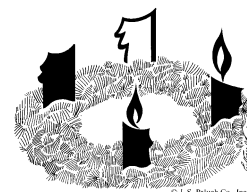
May spiritual growth that you will find in your preparation experience and deepened faith be yours as we travel the inner road to Bethlehem.

The world is such a wonderful place. We are created to have joy and peace in our hearts. And we know that from the beginning of time God has always done what is good for us so that we can experience this joy and this peace. He gave us the greatest gift of his love, his son our Lord Jesus Christ. In him and through him, we find hope and meaning. I would like to share this with you from Gregory F. Augustine Pierce:

“In each of our lives, there has been at least one special present that transcends its immediate value and even the intent of the giver. It may have been great or small, modest or invaluable, expected or not. But it was a gift that was more than it seemed, a gift that had another gift lying just beneath its surface, a gift that we never forgot because it revealed to us the essence of Christmas----the divine presence that permeates the world.”

St. Paul in the second reading today gives us a blessing with these beautiful words, “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Your humble servant,
Fr. Geoffrey



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WELCOME

TO THE ADVENT PRAYER JOURNEY

The goal of the *Advent Prayer Journey* is to provide you with a quiet space to reflect on Christmas and its meaning. It is our hope that you will take something out of this into your daily lives. The prayer journey consists of seven stations which will be put into place gradually, one or two for each week. This should bring a sense of anticipation as we wait and prepare for Christmas. At each station there are visual images, words to ponder, and prayerful activities to help you deepen your faith experience.

Inward Journey: - letting go / shedding

Station 1 – Beginning the Journey – expectations and hopes.

Station 2 – Recognizing the burdens we are carrying and letting them go.

Station 3 – The people sharing our journey

The Centre: - time with God

Take time to just be with God - relax in His presence – draw on His strength.

Outward Journey: - taking that encounter back into the world

Station 4 - Taking His light with us on our journey and out into the world.

Station 5–Being aware of His love for us and taking it with us.

Station 6- Leaving this quiet space and returning to the world with hope.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Nicholas
Tuesday: St. Ambrose; Islamic New Year 1432;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Juan Diego
Friday: International Human Rights Day
Saturday: St. Damasus I

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS

December 4, 2010 - December 11, 2010

Saturday, December 4

5:00 pm + Spe.Int. - Henry & Elaine Batalla

Sunday, December 5

8:00 am + For the People
10:00 am + Xertes San Juan
12:00 pm + Antonio & Eugenia Gonzales
6:00 pm + Dec. Mem. - Nguyen Family

Monday, December 6

8:00 am + Luzonica Pesigan (Birth Ann.)

Tuesday, December 7

8:00 am + Matilde Franco

Wednesday, December 8

8:00 am + Danny Ignacio
5:00 pm + Concepcion Darunday
7:30 pm + Elmer Saga

Thursday, December 9

8:00 am + Eustaquio Cagaanan

Friday, December 10

8:00 am + Felix Lantin

Saturday, December 11

8:00 am + Natividad Abad
5:00 pm + Valeriano Conde

Immaculate



Conception

YOUTH NEWS

St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, December 6 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—Week Two. Together we will examine and expand our understanding of the season of Advent and how to prepare for it.

Next Monday, December 13 will be the last Youth Ministry meeting for 2010. ALL Youth Ministry and Confirmation candidates are invited to a potluck celebration at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Instructions for the potluck will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

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.

Confirmation Retreat—December 2010

Next weekend, December 10-12 is the Confirmation retreat. Please remember the candidates and staff in your prayers this week!!

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.



REMINDER....
SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, December 5
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
PARISH HALL

LIFE ELDER CARE

A very necessary service, part of LIFE ELDER CARE, called VIP rides is in desperate need of volunteers who can take Seniors to the Doctor, have lab work done, or do errands. How fortunate you are that you can do this all on your own!! Would you have 2 hours once a week, or 2 hours every other week (or whatever your schedule permits) to help us out. Please call Barbara Proctor @510-574-2094 for more information.

THE NEED IS GREAT

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION

For 131 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes.

REMINDER:

All FC Candidates & at least one Parent must attend:
CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Dec 7 – 5:30pm to 7:00pm - CHURCH

4:45pm FC Class - Ester, Luisa & Annie, Melinda & Gwen- Fred & Mila

6:15pm FC Class – Nilda, Erlinda, Vangie & Samantha, Lou & Georgia

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

Dorothie Placheta: I helped my cousins clean up their bedroom.

Bryce Fong: I cleaned my room at night.

Isabelle Bacagiannis: I baked cookies for all my teachers & gave \$1.00.

Marissa Panopio: Cleaned my house without being told.

Nico Gloria: helped my Papa clean the house while Mama was gone.

Marco Murillo: Gave \$.60¢, & I was good to my Mom.

Irene Ascano: Gave \$.25¢.

Jaden Fernandez: Gave \$2.00.

Joe Davis: Cleaned house & gave \$1.00.

Vina Villegas: Helped my mom with the groceries.

Earl: Gave \$.36¢.

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.

ALSO, THIS YEAR WE WILL BE GIVING GIFT CARDS/CERTIFICATES INSTEAD OF CLOTHES OR TOYS. PLEASE PICK UP AN ANGLE FROM THE GIVING TREE, BUY A GIFT CARD/CERTIFICATE FROM OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS AND DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Any family wishing to deliver a Christmas Box to a needy family, call the office 510-471—7766 and leave your name & number.

Sunday, December 5, 2010

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, November 28, 2010	\$12,069.91
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,930.09)
Thanksgiving	\$ 4,323.45

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010	\$ 805.00
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	\$ (156.53)

OUTSTANDING LOAN(11/10/10) **\$218,749.29**

INTEREST PAID (11/10/10) **\$ 2,608.36**

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.

SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi is a nine day novena to our Blessed Mother and it begins on Thursday, December 16 at 5:30 am. We need your help to continue this tradition in our parish and you can help by becoming a Sponsor. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule area, you can ask any of the Simbang Gabi Reps after Masses, or pick up at form at the parish office.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

CH:CHURCH, SH: SOCIAL HALL, CR: CLASSROOMS, PO: PARISH OFFICE, LR: LITURGY ROOM

Monday, December 6,

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

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

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

7:30 pm - New Year's Dance Comm., CR #104

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Tuesday, December 7

8:00 am - Mass, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:00 pm - Peregrine Healing Mass, CH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

Wednesday, December 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:30 pm - Young Adults, CR #105

Thursday, December 9

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 - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 10

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

3:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

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

7:00 pm - Baptismal Class, SH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, December 11

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

8:00 am - Catechist Formation, CR #103

9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

10:00 am - Wedding, CH

11:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

2:00 pm - Wedding, CH

6:00 pm - Individual User, SH

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

Sunday, December 11

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

7:30 am - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

11:00 am - Individual User, CR #104

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #104

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

2:00 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #105

St. Anne School of Faith Formation

2010 STEWARDSHIP RECYCLE CHALLENGE

This school year the CCD students were given a **Stewardship Challenge** of collecting aluminum cans, plastic recyclables, and glass bottles. The purpose of the challenge is to help them learn to practice "Stewardship" and help take care of our environment, which is a gift from God.

In addition, the proceeds of the recycling will help some of our catechist go to the **LA Educational Congress**. The Congress provides workshops and sessions to enhance their teaching ability and spirituality. *Ultimately*, our children benefit from what they have experienced at the congress.

The result of the challenge was definitely overwhelming. A lot of the kids and parents got involved and what a delight, when we see bags and bags of recyclables being brought in.

Thanks to Jane Relopez and Jessica Torres for coordinating the challenge and the diligence in keeping tabs of the results.

But mostly we thank the.....

*Kids for all their efforts
the parents for their involvement in helping teach our
children to be good stewards of God's gift.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:

Top 3 Students: Will each receive a gift & certificate

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| 1. Patrick O'Sullivan | 510 recycles |
| 2. Kissiah Aquino | 341 recycles |
| 3. Chantelle Nunez | 243 recycles |

Top Class: Will get a class Pizza Party & a certificate

Class of Jessica Torres 880 recycles

WE STILL HAVE THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.