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**Third Sunday of
Advent
December 12, 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."

Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2010

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing, crowned with
everlasting joy.

— *Isaiah 35:10a*



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My friends in Christ,

First of all I would like to thank you for a great beginning. Last weekend we were able to collect almost eight thousand dollars for our flooring. I thank you for opening your heart and for your wonderful generosity. For this I rejoice with grateful heart!

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we stop and we reflect on what God has done for us. We are asked to “**rejoice in the Lord always!**” Why? Because “**the Lord is near!**”

The Opening Prayer asks that we, “**who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.**”

In the First Reading we hear how excited the prophet is: “**Let the wilderness and dry lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom...let it rejoice and sing for joy.**”

And the reason for all this? I think it is very clear---- the Savior is coming and with this, **they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. He is coming to save you!**”

In the gospel today, when the disciples of John asked Jesus, are you the one who is to come, Jesus said to them, tell John that

“the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.”

**Indeed my friends, the Messiah has come! Rejoice! Rejoice!
My God bless you all! Continue on with the journey! Don't get off the bus!**



*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Geoffrey*

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

SIMBANG GABI - Thursday, December 16 to Friday, December 24, 5:30 AM.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Tuesday, December 21, from 7:30PM. As we continue our Advent Journey, together let us embrace and celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be available for individual Confession.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24, 5:00, 8:00pm, 12:00 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25, 8:00 & 10:00am, 12:00 noon

THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 PM MASS



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.

DECEMBER 26 BULLETIN....

ANY ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER 26 BULLETIN ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 12 NOON

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Basketball sign ups are coming soon! Registration forms will be posted on the St. Anne website after December 13th. Priority registration for girls basketball will be open to St. Anne CCD students and parishioners beginning January 4th. Please note that there will be no "drop offs" for registration forms. All forms need to be turned in with all documentation and payment attached to be considered complete. Forms can be submitted on January 4th and January 6th from 6:15-7:30 at the Alvarado Middle School gym. After these dates, registration will be open on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information on Girls Basketball registration, please contact Tracie Noriega (tracie_noriega@yahoo.com) or view the St. Anne website: www.saintannecatholic.org

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: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24



MASS INTENTIONS

December 11, 2010 - December 18, 2010

Saturday, December 11

5:00 pm + Valeriano Conde

Sunday, December 12

8:00 am + Eunice Patterson

10:00 am + Arturo Santos, Sr.

12:00 pm + Hilario Ramos

6:00 pm + For the People

Monday, December 13

8:00 am + Luke & Maria Arevalo (Birth Ann.)

Tuesday, December 14

8:00 am Spe.Int.– Daisy Bernardo

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 am + Luisito Bautista

Thursday, December 16

5:30 am Simbang Gabi Novena

8:00 am + Lourdes Salmingo

Friday, December 17

5:30 am Simbang Gabi Novena

8:00 am + Mary Rinh Nguyen

7:30 pm + Toma Nguyen

Saturday, December 18

5:30 am Simbang Gabi Novena

8:00 am Anne Dinh

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

YOUTH NEWS

St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry students and Confirmation candidates will meet on Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. for the annual Advent pot luck celebration! Youth Ministry & Confirmation students with last names beginning with A-M please bring a main dish... letters N-Z bring an appetizer. Slide shows from both retreats will be shown!!

Confirmation Retreat—December 2010

The Confirmation candidates and staff are attending their annual retreat this weekend at Mission Springs Christian Conference Center...please remember them in your prayers.

Los Angeles Youth Day Trip

The \$86.00 deposit for anyone wishing to attend the Los Angeles Youth Day is due by Monday, December 13. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if you have any questions.

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.

UPCOMING CYO BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES

Day	Time	Team	Location	Home	Visitor
12/12	12:00	6N	Chabot	SA	SJ2
	1:15	6A	Moreau-Main	SA	OLR
	2:30	5A	Moreau-Main	OLG	SA
	3:45	5N	Moreau-Main	SJ	SA
	2:30	8A	Holy Spirit	HS	SA
	3:45	7N	Holy Spirit	HS1	SA
12/18	9:00	3A	Cesar Chavez	SA	SE
	3:15	3N	Cesar Chavez	CC	SA
	11:30	5A	Moreau-Garin	SA	SE
	12:45	5N	Moreau-Garin	SA	OLR
	5:45	4A	Moreau-Garin	SA	HS
	12:45	6A	Newark Junior	SE	SA

Come support your Saint Anne CYO boys basketball teams! There is no admission fee! Directions to the gym locations, the complete boys basketball season, scores and current standings can be found on our league website:<http://mvalbbcyo.leaguecentral.info/> Please contact Ron Tria @triarfps@sbcglobal.net with any questions. GO MAVERICKS!

WATCHING AND WAITING

In his love Christ has filled us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes at the end of time
he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

—Adapted from the second Preface for Advent, *Roman Missal*

FAITH FORMATION

St. Anne School of Faith Formation "2010 Christmas Presentation" Friday, Dec. 17 at 7:00pm in Church

Come and enjoy an evening of music and dance presented by our CCD children.

Final (Dress) Rehearsal is next Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 at 6:00-8:00pm in Church

We will have snacks for the kids.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

Gabriel Pangilinan:	Gave \$1.00
Sheren Aquino:	Gave \$.50¢
Gabriel Ilustre:	Gave \$1.00
Hannahlyn Oblea	Helped make the Christmas village.
Mitchelle Consul;	Gave \$2.00
Lawrence Panopio:	Cleaned-up after the dogs.
Andrew Choy:	Gave \$1.00
Aaliyah Ramirez:	Gave \$.26¢
Josiah Dela Rosa:	Helped at my cousin's birth day party.
Raisa:	Gave \$.26¢
Lorea Jane Placheta;	Gave \$.25¢
Marjorie Tibbs:	Helped get baby wipes and diapers for Mom.
Ina:	I helped my friend at school.
Dorothie:	Gave \$1.00
Araina C. Siddiq:	Gave \$1.00
Andren:	Gave \$1.00 & have been practicing honesty.

WE NEED YOUR HELP..... 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 12, 2010

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 5, 2010 \$12,907.00

Budget \$15,000.00

Over (Under) (\$ 2,093.00)

CHURCH FLOOR \$ 7,969.50

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, December 5, 2010 \$ 0.00

Budget \$ 961.53

Over (Under) \$ (961.53)

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

INTEREST PAID (12/3/10) **\$ 1,071.97**

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. You may send your payments to the Parish office or to Claro Gonzales of the Knight of Columbus. Contact Helen Cabiles for more information.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, December 13

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 Committee, CR #104

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Tuesday, December 14

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

5:30 pm - Faith Formation Rehearsal, CH

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CH

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

5:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

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

7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR#105

Thursday, December 16

5:30 Novena and 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 17

5:30 Novena and 8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:00 pm - Christmas Presentation, CH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

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

Saturday, December 18

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #104

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #103 & 106

9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

3:30 am - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

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

6:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, SH

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

Sunday, December 19

5:30 Novena, 8:00, 10:00 am, 12 & 6 pm - MASS, CH

9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #103

1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #105, 106

2:00 pm - Baptism, CH

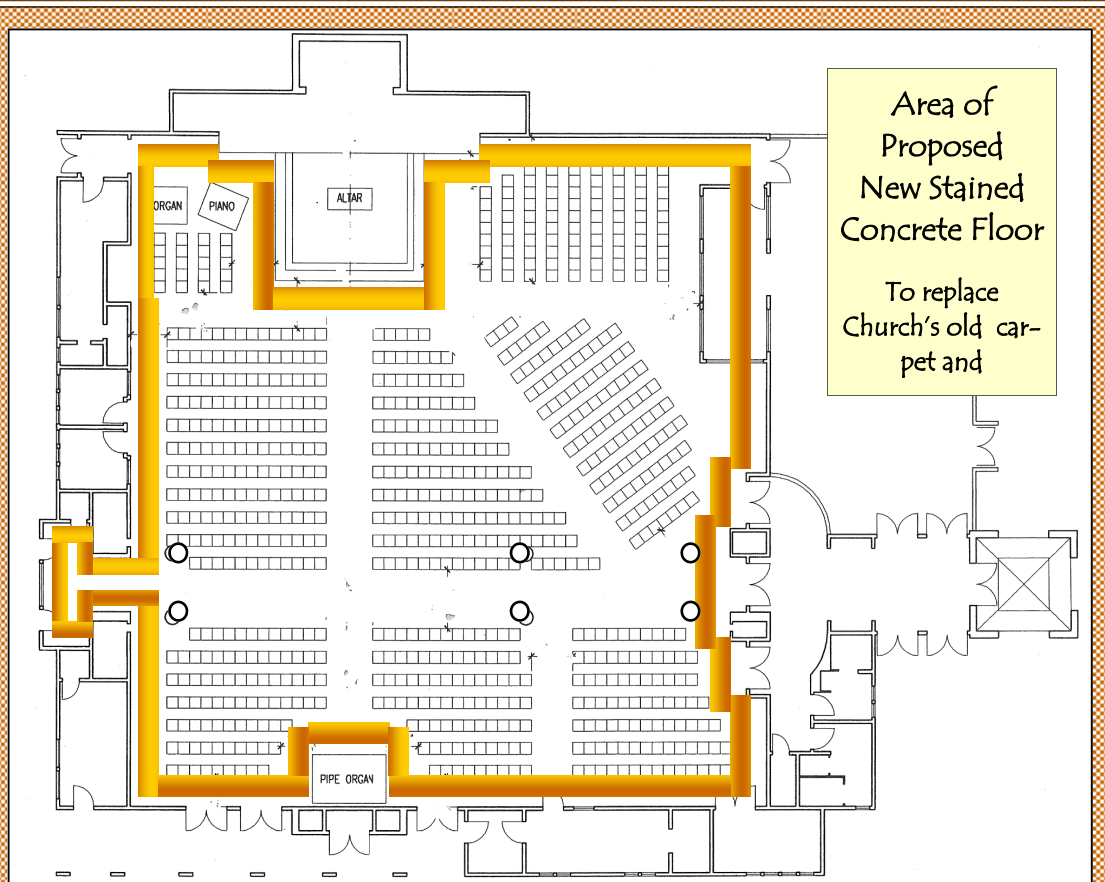
2:00 pm - Lay Carmelites, CR #105

Pastor's Appeal to St. Anne Parish Community

A plan has been put together to replace the Church's old carpet and vinyl tiles. The proposed new flooring will be stained concrete. Bids for the project will be accepted through December 13, 2010.

In order to accomplish this floor renovation project, we need everyone's assistance. First, we need to raise funds. We cannot start the project without the full amount for the project. Second, we need volunteers to help with moving the chairs to and from the church as well as other tasks to help defray costs. Third, we need your patience and understanding. More details on a tentative plan below.

Let's all work together to make this happen...



Here's a TENTATIVE PLAN during the Church floor renovation (2-3 week period—January 2011):

- After the Sunday 6:00 pm Mass, chairs will be moved from the church to the Social Hall and classrooms. **Volunteers are needed.**
- Weekday 8:00 am morning Mass (Monday to Saturday) & funeral mass will be held at the Old St. Anne's Church on the corner of Smith and Watkins Streets.
- Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass will be held at the Social Hall. After Mass, chairs will be moved from the Social Hall and classrooms to the church. **Volunteers are needed.**
- Sunday Masses will be held in the Church8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 6:00 pm and the 1:30 pm Indonesian/Polish Masses. ***St. Anne , pray for us during this time of renovating our Sacred Space***