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ADVENT

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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010

PARISH MISSION . . .

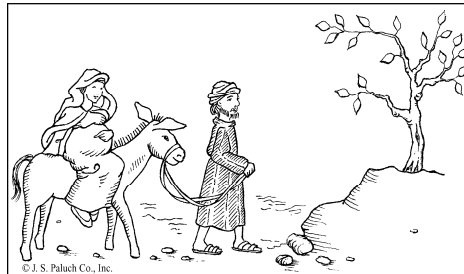
"We, the people of St. Anne will . . .

- 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."*

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2010

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23



My dear friends in Christ,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We are now in our last Sunday of Advent before the feast of the coming of the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. **Are you still with us in our journey?**

In my homily last Sunday I shared with you an experience that saddened me greatly. That experience happened when I was at Target. I greeted someone, "**Merry Christmas!**" That someone responded by saying, "**Happy Holidays, Father!**" This made me realize that somehow we have lost the true meaning of Christmas. During the last three decades we have become a society so immersed in the secularism of this event that the religious aspect of this celebration has become secondary. **The focus now is about making profit and not what prophets proclaimed.** They proclaimed a new dawn in the kingdom by the coming of the Messiah. **The prophet Isaiah said that on the day of salvation, God will make the blind see, the cripple walk, the mute talk, the deaf hear and those who are in darkness will see light. In Christ the dead shall be raised.** So Christmas is really about the messenger of hope and peace. **It is about Jesus Christ who came to tell us about the kingdom of God.** It is a place where God's **love is revealed and experienced!** It is about our salvation! **So the last time I checked, Christmas is about the GIFT, Jesus Christ! In the mystery of Incarnation, God became like the creatures he loves in Christ.**

My friends, we cannot remove Christ from this celebration, from Christmas! If we removed Christ from Christmas, then we will have only Mas. Means Many Are Sad (Mas). I don't think we want this to happen that way. **When we are separated from Christ, there will be a lot of sadness.**

The mystery of the Incarnation is a great moment for humanity. In Jesus, he becomes a child wrapped in swaddling clothes. In his love, he chooses to experience what it is to be human. **In the Prologue** of the Gospel of the John, we read, **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."**

The Word, who is God for all eternity, chooses to become flesh and to dwell among us. **Flesh evokes not only humanity but also weakness and mortality. It connotes being human and mortal rather than being divine.**

Throughout human history, in various times and in many different ways, God reveals himself to the people of Israel through signs and wonders. **He reveals himself in power and transcendence.** But in time, God reveals himself in weakness: he becomes human. He accepts the limitations of human nature and the risk of hostility and rejection. **But at the end, God gave our mortal nature an immortal value.**

I hope that we spend time reflecting on the wonder and the beauty of this mystery. How about getting a little bit crazy! After all, God did! God became human to share his divine life with us. Don't you think that's pretty crazy? **He is so crazy in love with us.** In Jesus his love is revealed.

In a world that has been struggling with many challenges, we need Christ to be in our hearts. He is our hope in times of despair, our strength in times of difficulties, our peace in times of troubles, and our light in times of darkness.

On behalf of the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, the Facilities Committee, I would like to wish you all PEACE and JOY this Christmas.

It is not Happy Holidays but it is---MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*In Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey*



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.

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 EVENING MASS



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

December 18, 2010 - December 25, 2010

Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm Spe.Int.-Verner & Teresita Siasoco

Sunday, December 19

8:00 am + Joakim Nhat Nguyen

10:00 am + Rolsalina Cabardo

12:00 pm + For the People

6:00 pm + Carlos Pantig

Monday, December 20

8:00 am + Philip & Prudencia Filomena

Tuesday, December 21

8:00 am + Juliana Tayco

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 am + Cynthia Rabuy

Thursday, December 23

8:00 am + Lodee Cuevas

Friday, December 24

8:00 am + For the People

5:00

8:00

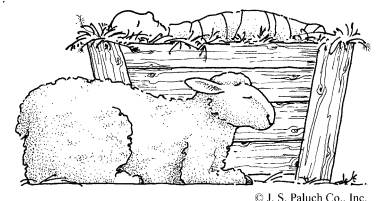
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Saturday, December 25

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm



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YOUTH NEWS

St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will not meet again until 2011...enjoy the holidays of Christmas and spend some much needed time with family and friends! Our tentative meeting date is Monday, January 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

UPCOMING CYO BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES

Day	Time	Team	Location	Home	Visitor
12/19	3:15	6N	Newark Jr	SE	SA
	3:45	4N	C Chavez	HS1	SA
	3:45	7N	Moreau-Main	HS2	SA
	12:00	8N	Chabot	OLR1	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!

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

GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

—Anonymous

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

—Charles Dickens

FAITH FORMATION

Christmas Break—No School
Dec. 18, 2010 - - - Jan.1, 2011

Merry Christmas
And
A Happy New Year
to everyone.



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CCD School resume January 3,2011

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

Alana Sese:	Gave \$1.00 & helped my sister with Wii.
Daryl Villamor:	Cleaned my room.
Caitlin:	Gave \$.50¢.
Marjorie & MaryJoe:	Gave \$1.00.
Neil Tongson:	Gave \$1.00.
Tyrell Duya:	Helped my cousin with spelling homework.
Teo Inciong:	Gave \$1.00.
Marvic Ventigan:	Gave \$1.00.
Brandon Hansan:	Helped take care of Mommy while sick.
Ethan Tamayo:	Lead prayers before eating.
Abigail Banks:	Made a birthday cake for a friend.

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

Sunday, December 19, 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**

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice

Thursday: St. John of Kanty

Friday: The Vigil of Christmas

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Save the date.....

December 31, 2010, 6:30 pm

St. Anne's First

Black & White Ball!

Tickets: \$50.00



Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, December 20

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi Novena, CH

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #106

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102

8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Tuesday, December 21

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi Novena, CH

8:00 am - Mass, CH

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #105

7:30 pm - Reconciliation Service, CH

Wednesday, December 22

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi Novena, CH

8:00 am - MASS, CH

12:00 pm - Rehearsal, CH

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

Thursday, December 23

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi Novena, CH

8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:45 pm - Order of Servites, CR #103

Friday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi Novena, CH

8:00 am, 5:00, 7:30 pm, 12:00 Midnight - Mass, CH



Saturday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm - Mass, CH



Sunday, December 26

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

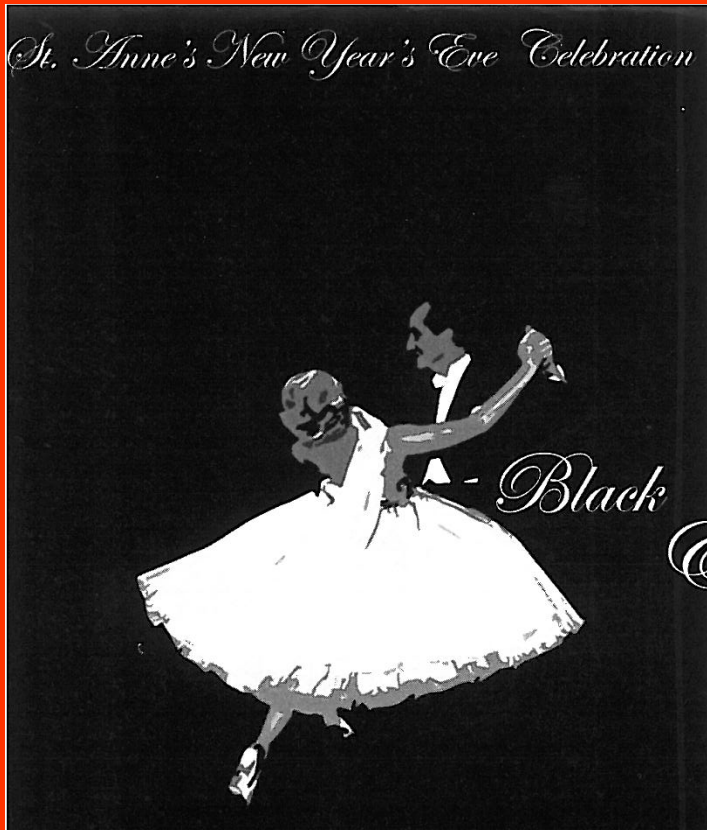
9:00 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #103

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

St. Anne's New Year's Eve Celebration

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Black



White Ball

*Father Geoffrey Baraan
cordially invites you to St. Anne's
first Black & White Ball!*

When
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December 31, 2010, 6:30 PM

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Black and White Formal Attire

Where

\$50.00 - Admit One
Tickets are available at the Parish office