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Feast of the Epiphany
January 2, 2011

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

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."*

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 2, 2011

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense and myrrh..”

— Matthew 2:11b



My dear friends in Christ,

I wrote this article as my message for the Feast of the Holy Family. But because of a very crazy schedule during Christmas, I didn't make the deadline. Happy Feast of Epiphany! This feast reminds us of God's manifestation of love and hope. The savior has come! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This year has been a great journey for us. We have become a real family of reconciliation and hope. I have seen the great transformation that has taken place in our community. We couldn't ask for a better gift from God.

So many things happened this year in terms of the landscape of our community. The physical landscape has changed tremendously. The doors are new and our sidewalks are safer now after some upgrading. Our surroundings have improved. The trees have been cut and branches were trim to give us a better view of the horizon and the horizon having a better view of St. Anne's. *Of course we have started our journey towards upgrading our flooring. I thank you for being part of the journey.* Finally we have chosen a contractor to do the job. *Spiritually* I have seen so many who were not at peace with each other found their way to the reconciliation table and forgiveness.

Starting next month, in January, our friends from the Polish Community and the Indonesian Community will be joining us. This will be the place of their worship and activities. *We welcome them with joy and with love! The old St. Anne, which has been their home for many years, will be shutdown effectively on the December 31.* I am sure you have read this in our Catholic Voice, our diocesan newspaper two weeks ago. We will be busier and more crowded probably but because *we are a FAMILY, we have opened our door to them.*

It is Christmas! God's promise of salvation has been fulfilled! *In Jesus, the Messiah, the world has been renewed with new spirit and new life. There is hope, peace, love, and joy!*

Today we carry this spirit as we celebrate today the feast of the Holy Family. This is an important feast to remind us of our union with God. In Christ, we have become united with God. And because of this we are also holy. *Perhaps this is the meaning of holiness. It is our union with God.*

The Holy Family is God's gift to humanity. They are model Christian family life. It is about their love for each other *modeled in the love of God. It is a love that involves sacrifice, understanding, service, joy and forgiveness.* These are values that are very important and critical. To celebrate this feast, the Church obviously wants to emphasize the importance of the human family. *She wants to emphasize the importance of relationship that we have been ignoring as society. The individualistic tendencies of our society* have resulted in the breakdown and declined of our family values. *Society changed because we have changed as family. But there is HOPE because against the dark picture of our society stands the bright light of the Holy Family.*

The goal of this celebration is to remind us that Christian happiness, love, and peace are blessings given by our God through the cooperation of good will built by family members. But this celebration also reminds us that like any family, all of us share in the many challenges and aspects of being human.

The family of Nazareth became a model of all Christians because even in the face of their struggles and difficulties, they remained steadfast in their faith. We know that they moved from one to another place and at one point, they were rejected. *In spite of their own experience of struggles and difficulties, they stayed faithfully to the end. In other words, they struggled but they remained a FAMILY.*

We are called to build a Holy Family. The new Catechism states: "The Christian family constitutes a domestic church. For it is a community of faith, hope and charity." The most visible of all these things is when we have mutual respect and care for each other. *When there is a loving relationship between parents and children, then we are part of this experience.* We are called to this profound human respect and Godly wisdom within the family. *The author from the wisdom of Sirach echoes this sentiment: the need of the children to care for their elderly parents, not to be abusive but considerate.*

We are celebrating today the kind of intimacy that brings people together in unity, love and respect. *The core of family does not lie on the structure but on the love of God rooted in Jesus Christ.* The love in which all qualities of compassion, kindness, patience, forgiveness and love evolve. *We must strive to imitate the HOLY FAMILY to the best of our ability through a life of compassion and love.*

On behalf of the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, the Facilities Committee, Deacons Ben and Carlos, Fr. Mel and I would like to greet you all with a blessing of peace and love!

With joyful spirit,

Fr. Geoffrey

A very good year for us! JOY TO THE WORLD!

May God bless you all!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wednesday: St. John Neumann
Thursday: Blessed André Bessette
Friday: St. Raymond of Peñafort;
First Friday;
Julian Calendar Christmas



FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



MASS INTENTIONS

January 1, 2011—January 8, 2011

Saturday, January 1

10:00 am Spe. Int. - Yanos Family
12:00 pm Spe. Int. - Tony Ho

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am For the People
10:00 am + Roy Renato Yap
12:00 pm + Angelina Duya
6:00 pm Apolonia & Pelagio Aranda

Monday, January 3

8:00 am + Myrtle Brown

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 am + Diamante Ochoco

Wednesday, January 5

8:00 am + Angelo Dela Cruz (Birth Ann.)

Thursday, January 6

8:00 am + Renato Aquino

Friday, January 7- FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am + Mateo & Umbelina Arboleda
7:30 pm + Guillerma Pasco

Saturday, January 8

8:00 am Spe. Int. - Riolita Alfaro
5:00 pm + Ramona Timbang

YOUTH NEWS

St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our gathering will be: "Our Own Emmaus Journey." In this session, participants explore the Emmaus story from Scripture as a way to recognize the activity of God in their lives and reflect on how they can be a better friend to those that need help on the journey of life.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

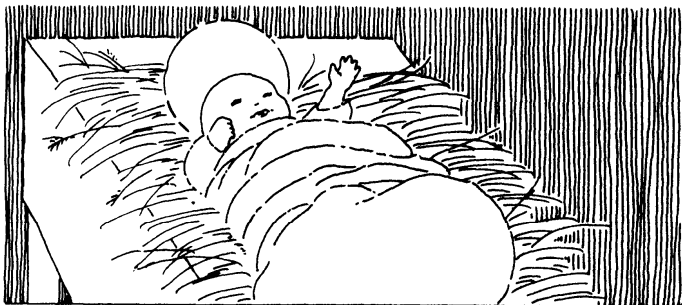
Girls Basketball sign ups are coming soon! Registration forms are on the St. Anne website. Priority registration for girls basketball will be open to St. Anne CCD students and parishioners beginning January 4th. Please note that there will be no "drop offs" for registration forms. All forms need to be 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

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



CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST

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FAITH FORMATION

REMINDER

**CCD Classes resume this week,
January 3-4-5-6**

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

- Cassandra:** Gave \$1.00
Alex Alipio-Jocson: I made a bread animal pet for someone for Christmas.
Marissa Panopio: Did the laundry.
Aaron Nicanor: Helped Mom with the Christmas tree.
Daniel Choy: Gave \$.30¢
Berna Legados; Gave \$ 1.00.
Reana Perilla: Gave \$1.00.
Haylee Sunga: gave \$1.00.
Francesca: Played with my sister.
Christopher Agtane: Washed dishes.
Antoine Jake: Helped decorate the Christmas tree.
Aliyah Ramirez: Helped my baby brother take a shower.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all the kind hearts our compassionate parish community for a gracious Christmas donation of foods and gifts for the poor and less fortunate. We had 64 families for Christmas Food Baskets and several families with many children. They enjoyed Christmas Dinner and gifts thanks to the people of St. Anne Parish. God Bless you for being so caring.

EXTRA SPECIAL HELP NEEDED.....

A father and his 16 year old had been living in motels until just before Christmas and they were able to move into an apartment. They have no home furnishing of any kind. We would like to ask the parish community to help us help this family furnish their little apartment. They need items for their bedrooms, bathroom, living room and kitchen. Please look around you home, do you have any extra items you can share? It would be a blessing to this family who has nothing, but just happy to have a place to call home. Contact Roseann @417-6545 or RoseannCotter@aol.com. You can also leave a message at the parish office, 471-7766.

Sunday, January 2, 2011

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 19, 2010	\$11,500.77
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,499.23)
Stewardship Priest Ret. Fund	\$ 1,278.00
Building Loan Pledge:	
Sunday, Dec. 19, 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

7th Annual WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 22, 2011, San Francisco

Join thousands of women, men and children of goodwill on Saturday, January 22, 2011 in San Francisco as we proclaim to the world that Abortion Hurts Women and women Deserve Better than Abortion®! Abortion harms not only the defenseless preborn child, but also the women, men and families involved, and society as a whole. Will you stand with us as we walk this journey together? To speak for those who cannot speak, to walk for those who cannot walk; to pray for, fight for, stand up for, and love the life of every unborn child! Come and Walk for Life!

Saturday, January 22, 2011. Time: 11:00 am -
Location: Justin Herman Plaza on Market Street
Speakers include: **Abby Johnson**, former Planned Parenthood clinic manager; **Mary Poirier**, "Prayerbreaks"; abortion testimony; **Denise and Brian Walker**, founders of Everlasting Ministries; **Kathleen Eaton**, founder of Birth Choice Health Clinics

The following CA bishops will be in attendance: Archbishop George Niederauer, San Francisco; Bishop William Justice, San Francisco; Bishop Robert McElroy, San Francisco; Bishop Ignatius Wang, San Francisco; Bishop Salvatore Cordileone, Oakland; Bishop Daniel Walsh, Santa Rosa; and Bishop Rutilio del Riego, San Bernardino; Bishop Stephen Blaire, Stockton.

For more information visit :

www.WalkforLifeWC.com

PASSIONS

We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.

—Richard Steele

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, January 3

8:00 am, - 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, January 4

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

Wednesday, January 5

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

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

Thursday, January 6

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, January 7—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, January 8

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

8:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #103

9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

11:00 am - Individual User, SH

11:00 am - SPRED, CR #106

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

Sunday, January 9

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

3:30 pm - Confirmation Class, all facilities



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"2010 CCD Christmas Presentation"

