

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 6, 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."

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Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to give me safety.
You are my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake you will lead and guide me.
— Psalm 31:3-4

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My dear friends in Christ,

Give thanks and praise to our God for his marvelous deeds.

The rain continues and sometimes I wonder if this is a good idea. We know that we need water for a lot of reasons. I myself love rain. I always welcome it! In fact a lot of times when it rains I go out and drive into the rain. **You might think** I am crazy. But the sound of rain is always very soothing and peaceful to me! It is refreshing and it has that calming effect. **That is why the Fathers of the Church have always said that “rain is a sign of God’s faithfulness and blessing.”**

But we know that the rain will eventually stop and we will have those moments of emptiness. Even our spirit will dry up especially during those moments of challenge and pain, of struggle and wandering. When we think about it we will feel like in the desert, dry, helpless and empty without rain. We wander into the desert of darkness. We wonder if our God has abandoned us. Does our God abandon us? In the book of Isaiah our God made a promise to us that “he will not forsake us!” **So what is this desert experience that all of us are invited in?**

For me this experience however of having no rain put me in an anticipatory mood, excited for God’s grace to happen. I have prepared myself in prayer so that I can celebrate the joy of this moment. This is the promise of our faith journey. In our desert experience, when there is helplessness and doubt and challenge, our God offers us abundance. The question for us is this: how did you spend your time during this moment of challenge? **Did you spend your time listening to God?**

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent begins. Our theme this year is: BEING WITH JESUS IN THE DESERT!

During this time of the year, **the church asks us to go into the “desert experience” and spend a “moment with God.”** This is a providential opportunity for fostering the spiritual detachment from riches necessary if we are to open ourselves to God, who is the goal of our lives. **Our experience during the last months has made me more aware of the importance of “letting go and emptying ourselves” to the “quietness of the desert” so that we can hear God’s whisper in our heart.** In our journey to this place of emptiness, there will be struggle and doubt at times---- but at the end there will be the experience of joy and meaning.

During this time of the year, many will be travelling to Holy Land for a “desert” experience. This would be an opportunity for many to see the holy places mentioned in the Bible. It is always exciting and life-giving to be there.

We don’t need to go to the Holy Land for a ‘desert experience,’ but it is something that all of us can create when we begin to leave our controlled and comfortable environment and enter a place of emptiness and need. **There, in a barren and isolated landscape, we experience a kind of desolation.** However it is in this lifeless wilderness, cut off from the comfort of everyday life that we find God himself. **With its emphasis on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we can go into the desert, just as Abraham, Moses, and Jesus did, to experience a deeper intimacy with God. This experience of feeling driven toward God is what Lent is all about.**

One good character of Lent is the emphasis on ALMSGIVING or CHARITY. What is our Christian attitude on this one? **Well St. Paul’s says that “to be happy, one must love.”**

So what is the concrete way in which I have acted in love? In our Christian understanding, **love is not a passive word, but an active word. LOVE IS WORK!**

Our Bishop’s Appeal continues! For those who have not made that commitment I ask you to consider doing it. . Our Bishop’s Appeal is to fund and to serve different ministries and programs in our diocese. It is an avenue through which every Catholic can gather in faith to support the many important ministries in the diocese: education ministries, Youth and Family, Parish Support, Spiritual and Clergy Support, Lay Leadership Training and Diocesan Services. One poet says, **“No man is an island!” Our contribution to the Bishop’s Appeal is one concrete way of acting in love. Love is central to being an authentic Christian. You and I were created to be unique reflections of God’s love and of his presence.**

I would like to thank you in the name of our bishop for your love and support to the Bishop’s Appeal. We can make a difference. **John of the Cross once said, “In the end we shall be judged on love.”**

Thank you!

Always,

Fr. Geoffrey

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Girl Scout Sunday
 Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
 Tuesday: St. John of God
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;
 Fast and Abstinence
 Friday: Abstinence



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take my words into your heart and soul (Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32).
Psalm — Lord, be my rock of safety (Psalm 31).
Second Reading — The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law (Romans 3:21-25, 28).
Gospel — Only the one who does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21-27).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Oakland Diocese Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday (March 9) marks the beginning of Lent. The following regulations regarding fasting and abstinence are observed: Catholics ages 14 and over are compelled to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Individuals between 18 and 59 are also obliged to fast — eat one full meal — on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eating two smaller meals is permitted if necessary to maintain strength, but eating between meals is not.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 5, 2011 - March 12, 2011

Saturday, March 5

5:00 pm + Carolina Rivera

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am + Huan Van Nguyen

10:00 am + Cenon Lansang

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm + Natividad Nepomuceno

Monday, March 7

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Peter & Panky Ho

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Consuelo Tecson

Wednesday, March 9 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am

12:00 pm

5:00 pm

7:30 pm



Thursday, March 10

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Perla Quizon

Friday, March 11

8:00 am + Souls In Purgatory

Saturday, March 12

8:00 am + Haide Hidalgo

5:00 pm + Noberto Jovero

FRIDAYS OF LENT SOUP AND BREAD STATIONS OF THE CROSS



For the Fridays of Lent join us for the Lenten "Soup and Bread" gatherings, 6:00 pm in the Hall, and Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm in the Church.

Holy Land Pilgrimages

Franciscan Fr. Mario DiCicco, president and rector of the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, will be conducting two pilgrimages to the Holy Land this year: May 28-June 8 and September 17-28. Fr. Mario has been leading pilgrims to the Holy Land for 34 years, has lived there among his Franciscan brothers, and has a PhD in the New Testament. Please contact Fr. Mario for a free brochure at: mdicicco@fst.edu or by calling 510-280-4327.

YOUTH NEWS

St. Anne Youth Ministry

Saint Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: "The Season of Lent...The Journey Begins." Just a reminder that **Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday...March 9th!!**

LA Youth Day

The Emmaus, Confirmation and Youth Ministry members attending the LA Youth Day would like to thank all those that bought from the BBQ last weekend. Through your generosity the group raised approximately \$2000.00 to help lower the cost of their trip! **THANK YOU!!**

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life is inviting you to attend our Christian Life Seminar (CLS) here at St. Anne's on Saturday, March 19. The only investment required is your time and your openness. For more information, please contact Ramil/Badette Batiacila @510-683-3979, Manny/Precious Rivera @510-489-3426 or Ging/Mercy Marchan@510-489-1763. Please come join us. Refreshments will be served.

Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child

Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child is March 25. There will be a Mass in memory of the unborn child at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary prayer at the Monument of the Unborn. This special Mass could be for anyone who has lost a child, born or unborn, but especially including those lost in abortion, miscarriage or stillbirth. Everyone is invited. For more information, call the Grand Knight, Jerry Williams at 510-441-0469 or Cris Pagtakhan at 510-471-2424.

Diocese Presents First Annual Youth Day April 2, 2011

Attention all High School Youth Ministries & Confirmation students you won't want to miss this amazing day of inspiration, prayer, entertainment, fun and food. The Youth Day will be held at Bishop O'Dowd High School on Saturday April 2. This will be the event of the year for high school teens in our diocese. It will be a full day from 8AM to 5PM including Mass with Bishop Cordileone and presentations by nationally known speakers Bob Rice and Fr. Agustino Torres. Check out: www.EASTBAYCATHOLICYOUTH.com for all program details and registration. Any further questions, please contact Patti Collyer at: pcollyer@oakdiocese.org

FAITH FORMATION

COMMUNION PREPARATION

For PARENTS of 161 students (grades 1 to 8) who are in the first year of faith formation and attend Monday CP classes

FIRST COMMUNION

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

First Communion classes.

RE MINDER TO CCD PARENTS

One parent/adult family member of Communion Preparation and First Communion students must attend

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Being With Jesus In The Desert

Saturday, March 12

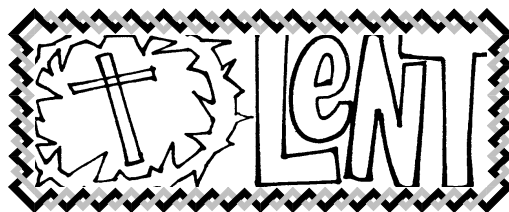
9:30 am to 3:30 pm - Church

For additional info, please call the CCD Office at 510-471-7766 ext 20-21 or email:

stafaithformation@sbcglobal.net

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

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| Leonard: | Throw trash out. |
| Riverjoy: | Gave \$3.00. |
| Myjelyn Sulit: | Gave \$1.01 |
| Raisa: | Gave \$.05¢. |
| Clarisa Fausto: | Gave \$.25¢. |
| Molly Banks: | Helped my Dad when my Mom was out of town. |
| Amber Revilla | Gave \$1.00. |
| Mia Albano: | Fixed my bed. |
| Andrew Choy: | Gave \$1.00. |
| Ervin Cuadras: | Gave \$1.00. |
| Alex Alipio Jocson: | I took the laundry basket up stairs. |
| Marisa Panopio: | Helped my Mom with laundry. |
| Lea: | Helped a lost dog find his owner. |
| Aaliyah Ramireez: | I put lotion and massaged my Dad's dry hands. |



Sunday, March 6, 2011

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, February 27, 2011	\$10,889.75
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,110.25)

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, February 27, 2011	\$ 444.00
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 517.53)

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

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

IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

Filipino Advocates for Justice provides Immigration Assistance Services to help with: Family Petition (I-130), Fiance Petition (I-129F), Adjustment of Status (I-485), Employment Authorization (I765), Naturalization (N-400), Certificate of Citizenship (N-600), Replacement of Green Card (I-90), and more. Contact 510-465-9876 or www.filipinos4justice.org.

Filipino Advocates for Justice, formerly Filipinos for Affirmative Action is a non-profit organization that has serviced the Filipino community in the Bay Area since 1973. Our mission is to build a strong and empowered Filipino community by organizing constituents, developing leaders, providing services, and advocating for policies that promote social and economic justice and equity for all.

Interfaith Easter Choir Forming

Interfaith communities, including the parishes of the Diocese of Oakland and the Oakland California Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints are recruiting choir members and musicians for the California premiere of Rob Gardner's Easter Oratorio Lamb of God. Performances are being scheduled during Easter Week and perhaps beyond, depending on the availability of Church locations. The 1600-seat auditorium at Oakland Interstate Center will be used for several dates.

With room for up to 200 choir members, all soloists, choral singers and entire choirs are invited to rehearse. Instrumentalists are also needed, particularly strings, French horns, percussion and harp. The Temple Hill Symphony will provide the core orchestra and Alan Chipman will direct the choir and orchestra. Sunday rehearsals have begun in Oakland. Please contact Alan Chipman for more information and to register, at 408-887-8428, templechoir@hotmail.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, March 7

8:00 am - Mass

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
7:30 pm - Lectors, CR #102
8:00 pm - Ukulele Choir, CR #105

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am - Mass

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #102
7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

Wednesday, March 9 - **ASH WEDNESDAY**

8:00 am, 12:00 , 5:00 & 7:30 PM - Mass

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

Thursday, March 10

8:00 am - Mass

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH
6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH
7:30 pm - Lopez, CH
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, March 11

8:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Lenten Soup & Bread, SH
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH
7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102
8:00 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, March 12

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

8:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #103
9:00 am - Polish Community, CR #102,105
9:00 am - Faith Formation, CH & SH
11:00 am - SPRED, CR #106
6:15 pm - Charismatic's, CR #104

Sunday, March 13

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

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #103
1:30 pm - Polish Community Mass, CH
1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106
3:30 pm - Confirmation Classes, All Facilities

DAYLIGHT



SAVING TIME

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LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

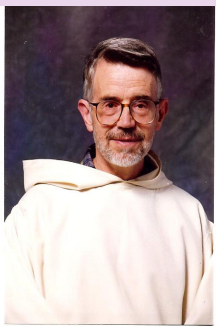
Being With Jesus In The Desert



- ◆ **Where:** St. Anne Church
32223 Cabello St. Union City, CA 94587
- ◆ **Date:** March 12, 2011
- ◆ **Time:** 9 :30 am to 3:30 pm
- ◆ **Who:** All Faith Formation
Parents,
Catechists & Parishioners
- ◆ Please bring a brown bag lunch
- ◆ Mass & Confession will be part of the Recollection

Come encounter Jesus....a time of Prayer and Reflection...

For more information please contact the Faith Formation Office:
Phone: 510-471-7766 — Helen Rojas ext. 20 or Christine Suarez ext. 21
Email: stafaithformation@sbcglobal.net



Retreat Master: Fr. Robert Hale

Fr. Robert entered the Camaldolese Benedictine in 1959, studied at the Benedictine College in Rome, and got a doctorate in spirituality at Fordham University. He taught spirituality for years at the Benedictine College in Rome, then at the Jesuit School of Theology. He was Superior of their monastery in Berkeley, then at Big Sur. He has written three books and many articles on spirituality.

REGISTRATION (please register by Mar. 8. Email or return form to Faith Formation office)

St Anne School of Faith Formation — LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This is a required spiritual activity for Parents of students in our Faith Formation program.

Name: _____ Please indicate: Parent Catechist

Phone: _____ Email: _____