

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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Rico Monton	Liturgy & Music Coordinator
Helen Rojas	Children's Faith Formation Coordinator
Christine Suarez	Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator
Sydney Gargan	Office Administrator
Zella Yanos	Secretary
Helen Cabiles	Finance Council Chairperson
Linda Canlas	Pastoral Council Facilitator

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.



First Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2011

PARISH MISSION . . .

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

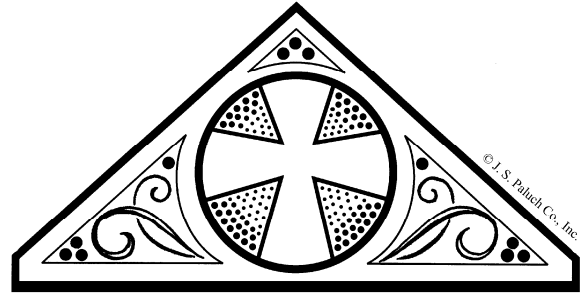
- seek unity in our diverse community*
- establish a living Church where people practice their faith*
- develop a compassionate communal leadership*

. . . to foster and preserve

Solidarity among God's people."

First Sunday of Lent March 13, 2011

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”
— *Matthew 4:10*



My dear friends in Christ,

This season of Lent is a very special time of the year! The Church asks us to repent and believe in the good news! This new direction is very central in Jesus proclamation of the good news of God. ***In the gospel of Mark, Jesus said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”***

Jesus was in the region of Galilee when he said this. What he was telling the people at that time was that if we want to find meaning in life and ***to have that grace-filled life***, they need to have a drastic and radical change in their life. ***When he said, “Repent!” he was telling them to “turn around.”***

During the season of Lent, the whole Church takes time to stop and make sure ***that we are turned toward God*** as the source of everything that is good in our lives and believe that the redeeming message of the gospel becomes the source of inspiration towards our journey to reconciliation and forgiveness.

We all know that the heart of Christian love is forgiveness. Being Christian means that, in some mysterious ways way, real happiness comes through embracing our own crosses. ***One of the crosses that we have been asked to embrace and to carry is the cross of forgiveness. Many of us have a hard time forgiving!*** When we are hurt, there is that great pain that we carry in our hearts! ***I read this somewhere where it says, “To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner was you.”***

Believe in the power of forgiveness. Believe in the power of love! Turn around and turn to God! ***Look to God for happiness! This is a season of Lent! A very special time for us “to being with Jesus in the dessert!”***

*Peace and love,
Fr. Geoffrey*



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins
Thursday: St. Patrick
Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Joseph



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**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.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 12, 2011 - March 19, 2011

Saturday, March 12
5:00 pm + Noberto Jovero
Sunday, March 13
8:00 am + Peter Agraviador
10:00 am + Bertram Hidalgo
12:00 pm + Vytantas Zukauskas
6:00 pm For the People
Monday, March 14
8:00 am + Irineo Yanos
Tuesday, March 15
8:00 am + Carlos Sanchez
Wednesday, March 16
8:00 am Spe.Int. - Rosario Hidalgo
Thursday, March 17
8:00 am Antonio Basilio
Friday, March 18
8:00 am + Maybelle Gatan
Saturday, March 19
8:00 am + Amado Tayco
5:00 pm For the People

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**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
SCHOOL**

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Union City, will present an information meeting here at St. Anne's on Thursday, March 17, 7:00 pm in classroom #105. Come and learn more about Our Lady of the Rosary School and the opportunities for a quality Catholic education for your child. Information regarding our free before and after school programs as well as tuition assistance information will be available.

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YOUTH NEWS

St. Anne Youth Ministry

Saint Anne Youth Ministry will meet this first full week of Lent on Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our gathering will be: **“The Liturgy of The Word: God Creates Through His Powerful Word.”** This session introduces high school youth to the Liturgy of the Word within the Eucharistic liturgy and focuses on the Word of God as it forms believers into the one body of Christ. This is a great way to start off Lent!

YM SPRING RETREAT: The retreat is scheduled for April 8-10. We will be giving out information regarding the retreat on Monday night. All those who didn't attend the December retreat are required to attend this retreat if they wish to enter the Confirmation program next year!

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 4:30 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.

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 pilgrimages 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.

FAITH FORMATION

RE MINDER

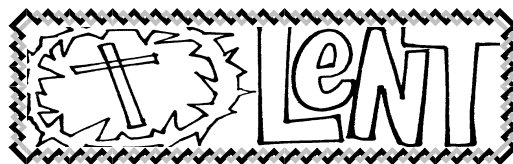
MARCH 17 - NO THURSDAY CLASSES:

Several CCD catechists will attend the in-service education and spiritual formation at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress on March 17-20. We would like to thank all those who supported the CCD October & February Bake Sales, Recycling Program which made it possible for our catechists to go to the L. A Congress.

LENT RECONCILIATION for Grades 2-3-4-5: As part of the Lenten journey to prepare us for the joy of Easter, our Lord invites us to “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”. A reminder to all Grades 2–5 students who have already received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist to prepare for Lenten RECONCILIATION: Parents, please bring your children to our Parish Confessions scheduled every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the Church during the Lenten season.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

- Jaden Fernandes:** Read to my brother & gave \$1.00.
- Katherine Ibay:** Gave \$1.00 & helped my grandpa walk down the stairs.
- Sharmayne Ibay:** Gave \$1.00, helped my grandma get fit.
- Nathan Panopio:** Gave \$.50¢.
- Erika Fontanilla:** Gave \$.50¢.
- Paolo Pedroso:** Gave \$.10¢.
- Beneia Cardozo:** Gave \$1.00.
- Christine P:** Gave \$2.00.
- Jet:** Gave \$.25¢.
- Cris Agtane:** Gave \$1.00.
- Brain Erfe:** Gave \$.25¢.
- Alana Sese:** Gave \$1.00 & prayed when my sister had a fever.
- Mariella Sanding:** Gave \$1.00.
- Andrew Choy:** Gave \$1.00.
- Mitchell Consul:** Gave \$1.00, helped grandpa & shared ice cream with Mom & Dad.



Sunday, March 13, 2011

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, March 6, 2011 \$12,625.80

Budget \$15,000.00

Over (Under) (\$ 2,374.20)

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, March 6, 2011 \$ 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**

R. C. I. A. Rite of Sending

Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on this First Sunday of Lent will welcome those catechumens and candidates sent by their parishes to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion.

The Rite of Sending, ordinarily held earlier on the same day, offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to the bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support.

To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. In this Rite, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. From this point forward, they are no longer catechumens but are called the "elect."

This Sunday at the 12:00 mass, we celebrate the Rite of Sending. Later in the afternoon, the Rite of Election (of the catechumens) and the Rite of Recognition (of the candidates) will be celebrated with Bishop Cordileone at Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland.

Please pray for our Elect and Candidates' continued growth in the Spirit as they move into a period of intense spiritual preparation for initiation at this year's Easter Vigil.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

—Anonymous

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, March 14

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 15

8:00 am - Mass

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

7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #105

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 am - Mass

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

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

7:30 PM - Festival, CR #103

7:30 pm - Individual User, CR #104

Thursday, March 17

8:00 am - Mass

5:00 pm - Youth Choir, CH

7:00 pm - Individual User, CR #103

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - Individual User, CR #104

Friday, March 18

8:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Lenten Soup & Bread, SH

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

Saturday, March 19

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105

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

9:00 am - Cursillo, CR #103

9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #104

1:00 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #106

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

6:00 pm - CYO, SH

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

Sunday, March 20

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

11:30 am - RCIA, CR #103

1:00 pm - Cursillo, CR #102

1:30 pm - Polish Community Mass, CH

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

3:00 pm - Indonesia Community, Ch, SH

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



"Being with Jesus in the Desert"

Lenten Journey 2011



My dear friends in Christ,

The disorder we find around the world today is overwhelming and the question we ask is no different than the one posed in the New Testament, "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?" (James 4). Perhaps they stem from selfishness; from putting me first rather than putting my neighbor first. "A person is justified by works and not by faith alone." But it is no easy task to reach out in mercy, kindness, generosity and love to everyone we meet, every single day.

This year the theme for our Lenten Journey is: "Being with Jesus in the Desert." Deserts have a reputation for supporting very little life, but in reality deserts are a place of adaptation and life. This Lent I invite you to journey with Jesus into the desert by participating in our many liturgical activities and celebrations. Feel the extremes of desert life. Open yourself to change. Let God's enduring love give you the courage to be reborn in justice and peace. Together let us begin our Lenten Journey!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Geoffrey Baraan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan, Pastor

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