

# Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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## Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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
Holy Days	As announced

### ST. ANNE PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
Jim Soltau	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Brandon Akiona	Liturgy & Music Coordinator
Helen Rojas	Children's 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
Fr. Mel Serraon	In Residence

#### 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 . . .

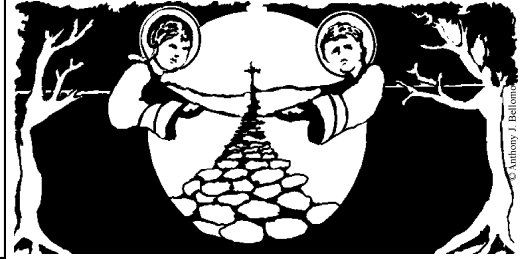
*We, the St. Anne Catholic Community, a transformed body of Christ with many parts, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will proclaim and spread the word of God:*

- by creating an environment that welcomes all;
- by being faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure;
- by celebrating God's love committed to giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty,
- clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless and
- by being the sign of unity and peace in the kingdom of God.

## Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3



My dear friends in Christ,

We are now in the second week of Advent! In my homily last week I shared with you my fear of not being there at the manger when the Messiah comes at Christmas. So this is a reminder once more for all of us of our need to stay awake and to be focused amidst the challenge of this season. So many things can happen because of so many distractions that are part of this journey. We take for granted this Advent preparations with complacency and ignorance that we can miss that "manger moment" and can end up having a very "salty" Christmas celebration.

Our internal preparations are very critical and important. This is the time of reflection and renewal. Our time to spend more time in prayer, time to slow down and time to appreciate the many things that our God has given us.

I know that we can be in the middle of this tug-of-war of the season but we know also that when we allow the commercialism of this season we might not have the emotion and the energy to celebrate the feast of Christmas. It is important that our heart is ready for the coming feast of the Messiah. We must make room for Christ by doing our own Advent housecleaning in our heart. We must throw away the garbage in heart that contains arrogance, pride, ignorance, hatred, selfishness, resentment and so many of those things that hinder us from celebrating the joy of Christmas. Our heart must be filled with love, forgiveness, humility, with wonder and celebration.

This week we have an opportunity to be here as a community of faith to take part in our Advent Parish Mission. This is a critical part of our preparation. I invite all of you to take a time off from your busy schedule, from your external preparations and be here. Come and fill this place. I can assure you that you will be filled with the beauty and the joy of the feast of Christmas!

May you be filled always with God's grace and peace during this time of our journey!

In Christ,  
Fr. Geoffrey



### St. Peregrine Mass

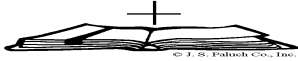
The Mother of Sorrows Community, Order of Secular Servants of Mary, invites everyone to a St. Peregrine Mass being offered at St. Anne's on Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 in the morning. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available to the chronically or seriously ill and to the frail. A blessing for everyone with relics of St. Peregrine will also be included. St. Peregrine Laziosi, OSM is the patron of those battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases, including HIV-AIDS.

### JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011  
8:00 AM MASS  
(RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
IN THE SOCIAL HALL)



Mass Intentions



MASS INTENTIONS

December 3, 2011 - December 10, 2011

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm + Greg Tumamos

Sunday, December 4

8:00 am + Nieves Villanueva

10:00 am + Victor Burner

12:00 pm + Dec.Mems.-Marpuri & Anzano Families

6:00 pm For the People

Monday, December 5

8:00 am + Eugenia & Antonino Gonzales

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 am + Luzonica Pesigan (Birth Ann.)

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 am + Matilde Franco

Thursday, December 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPCION

8:00 am + Danny Ignacio

5:00 pm + Jean Rose

7:30 pm Spe.Int. - Kenneth Eidelberg

Friday, December 9

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Reynaldo Poblete

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am + Maria Manuel Bernabe

5:00 pm For the People

ST. ANNE'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

(Serving the needs of the poor in our community.)

For emergency resources for food and shelter

CALL 211

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food (please no clothing) to make Christmas Baskets for the homeless and low income families in the community on Saturday, December 17. Please bring your donations and place them in the barrels at the entrances in the Church. If you know a family who would need a Christmas Basket, Please call the parish office, 510-471-7766, and leave the families' name, address and phone number.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Please take a gift tag from the Advent trees at the church entrances. Please purchase a local gift card and attach the gift tag to the gift card by Monday, December 12. and return to the parish office. Experience the joy of giving this



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Holiday Season.

USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Offered to low income families on the 3rd Saturday of every month in classroom #106, 9-11 am. Easy to sign up, just bring proof of residency (i.e. PG&E or phone bill). Next distribution is December 17.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley

(Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Nicholas

Wednesday: St. Ambrose

Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Juan Diego



St. Nicholas



Immaculate Conception



St. Juan Diego

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Please pray for the sick in our parish...

Rudy Appasan, Robert Artuz, Efi Ayupan, Ricardo Bagoisan, Cecilia Barrera, Hermell Castaneda, Querubin Chay, Fa Chua, Howard Garcia, Sr., Fr. Seamus Genovese, Rafael Hidalgo, III, Zoe Inciong, Mauro Marquez, Lorna Medalla, Gregoria Megue, Rudy Mentor, Edna Pacheco, Translacion Posadas, Maria Rivera, Franz Tibayan, and Julita Vitangcol.

## YOUTH NEWS

### St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our topic will be one centering around Advent...Justice and Peace. We will be watching the movie "Romero", which is the story of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. Just a note to parents...the movie will let out a little after 8:30 p.m.

### St. Anne Confirmation

A reminder to all candidates and Parents that there will be a Confirmation retreat meeting in the Parish Hall this afternoon, Sunday, December 4 at 3:30 p.m. Papers will be handed out for retreat center directions and payment for the retreat will be due.



### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011**

**MASSES:  
8:00 AM, 5:00 & 7:30 PM**

### 2011 Crèche Festival: December 10-11

**Cathedral of Christ the Light  
2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA**

**St. Anne Parish** will participate in the Creche Festival to be held at the Cathedral. Come with your family and friends to view **our crèche**, as well as those made by other parishes throughout the diocese, and the Starlight Festival professional exhibits in the Cathedral Event Center and the Cathedral Shop. **The exhibit of crèches will open to the public from 9:00 am. to 5:30 pm. on December 10 and 11.** The Cathedral exhibits will not be available for viewing during Mass. Admission is free. A full schedule of Crèche Festival events is available at [ctlcathedral.org/visit/creche/schedule](http://ctlcathedral.org/visit/creche/schedule).

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES**

Franciscan Fr. Mario DiCicco is leading two pilgrimages in 2012 to the Holy Land. Fr. Mario has been leading groups to the Holy Land twice annually for the past 36 years. He is a Franciscan, the Order which has been custodian of the Holy Place for over 700 years. For a brochure, call or write: Fr. Mario DiCicco, St. Peter's Church, 110 West Madison, Chicago IL 60602; 510-289-4327; or email: [mmdicicco@gmail.com](mailto:mmdicicco@gmail.com)

## FAITH FORMATION

**FAITH IN ACTION**...*Life and Dignity of the Human Person* – The human person is the clearest reflection of God's presence in the world; all of the Church's work in pursuit of both justice and peace is designed to protect and promote the dignity of every person. *How do we model respect for all human life in our interactions with the children?*

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

*For 164 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. Reconciliation* - As our young children preparing for Reconciliation continue to reflect this week on God's gift of forgiveness, that they continue to grow in their relationship with our God of mercy, bear witness to Jesus' power of healing, and recognize themselves as peacemakers in the world.

### **CCD CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

Lawrence P. :	Helped at food drive.
Harold Llantada:	Gave \$1.00.
Andrew Choy:	Gave \$1.25.
Mitchell Sonsul:	Gave \$1.10 & fixed my grandma's bed & mine.
Jachie Guintu:	I fixed my bed. & gave \$.85¢
Chantelle & Leeann:	Gave \$1.00 & we washed the dishes.
Giancarlo Diloy:	Gave \$1.00 & lead prayer before eating.
Evan Reyes:	Gave 1.00.
Anhson:	Gave \$.37¢.
Abigail:	Gave \$1.00.
Maz Surdilla:	Gave \$1.00.
Erika Demingoy:	Gave \$1.00 & helped wash the dishes.
Reena Perilla:	Gave \$1.00 & helped grandpa walk with his cane.
Kaitlyn Cabaluna:	Gave \$1.00.
Gabby Lorico:	Gave \$1.00.
Erlinda:	Gave \$.10¢

### **CAN YOU BE THE PERSON WHO CARES?**

**LIFE ELDERCARE** NEEDS YOUR HELP TO ASSIST FRAIL, OLDER ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO GET TO THEIR DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS AND SHOPPING. FOR A LIMITED TIME, WE ARE OFFERING A \$100 GAS CARD TO ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS WHO COMMIT TO TWO RIDES A MONTH FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS. CALL 510-574-2094 OR: [www.lifeeldercare.org](http://www.lifeeldercare.org)

Sunday, December 4, 2011

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 \$12,068.86

**Budget** \$15,000.00

Over (Under) (\$ 2,931.14)

**THANKSGIVING** \$ 4,114.18

#### Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 \$ 370.00

**Budget** \$ 961.53

Over (Under) (\$ 591.53)

**OUTSTANDING LOAN**(10/25/2011) **\$144,749.29**

**INTEREST PAID** (10/25/2011) **\$ 1,966.09**

### MEMORIAL BRICKS

MEMORIAL BRICKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR CONTACT PETER PETIT AT 510-755-4960.

#### **BLESSING OF THE BRICK PROJECT**

**ON DECEMBER 10TH AFTER THE 8:00 AM MASS, WE WILL HAVE A BLESSING OF THE MARIAN BRICK PROJECT. EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tieltacks and earrings twinkle with "microlights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE**  
**CH:CHURCH, SH: SOCIAL HALL, CR: CLASSROOMS,**  
**PO: PARISH OFFICE, LR: LITURGY ROOM**

Monday, December 5

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Parish Mission, 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 - Parish Mission, CH

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Parish Mission, CH

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

7:30 pm - Parish Mission, CH

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #103

7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #104

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

7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Parish Mission, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103 - 105

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

6:30 pm - Youth Lectors, CH

7:30 pm - Parish Mission, CH

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

7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #104

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #105

Thursday, December 8 - **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CR #105

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 9

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:00 pm - Baptism Class, CH, & CR #10

Saturday, December 10

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

8:00 am - Our Lady of Guadalupe, SH

9:00 am - Polish Community, CR #102, 103, SH

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105

9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #104

11:00 am - Indonesian Community, CR #106

6:00 pm - Individual User, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #105

Sunday, December 11

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

8:00 am - RCIA, CR #103

11:00 am - St. Anne Seniors, CR 3104

11:00 am - Columbian Squires, CR #105

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

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

4:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #105

**Our Advent Journey.....Rediscovering and Recreating the Joy of Christ**



## **2011 ADVENT PARISH MISSION**

**Second Sunday of Advent...**

*"Comfort My People"*

*Our Good God comforts us, loves us, heals and redeems us.*

**St. Anne Catholic Church, Union City, CA**

**December 3 - 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**

**December 4 - Mass: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 6:00 PM**

**Homilist: FR. BRUCE LAMB, OFM Conv.**



**Monday, December 5**

**8:00 AM Mission Mass & Talk; 7:30 PM Mission Talk**

*Advent with Francis of Assisi:*

*How Francis thought of God as "Good"*



**Tuesday, December 6**

**8:00 AM Mission Mass & Talk; 7:30 PM Mission Talk**

*Francis, a contemplative mystic:*

*How much time do we spend in quiet prayer?*



**Wednesday, December 7**

**8:00 AM Mission Mass & Talk; 7:30 PM Mission Talk**

*Francis strips himself before his father and the Bishop:*

*How did Francis Rediscover and Recreate the Joy of Christ?*



**Speaker: FR. BRUCE LAMB, OFM Conv.**

Fr. Bruce Lamb is a member of the Conventual Franciscan Order (Order of Friars Minor Conventual). He was born in Los Angeles, California. His mother came from an Orthodox Jewish family and his father came from Southern Baptists. Neither parent practiced their faiths. Nevertheless, Fr. Bruce always knew that God existed and was fascinated as a little boy with the name "Jesus". He accepted the Jewish faith until the time of his initial conversion. Fr. Bruce was baptized on January 12, 1980 on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. He entered the Conventual Franciscan Order in 1984 and was ordained priest on the Vigil of the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist in 1989 at St. Paul Catholic Church in San Pablo, California. He has served as Parochial Vicar and Pastor at various parishes in California and Nevada.

In addition to parochial ministry, Fr. Bruce has taught mathematics in high school, promoted Conventual Franciscan missions, served as retreat master and worked in the area of vocations and development of seminarians.