

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

32223 Cabello St., Union City, CA 94587

(510) 471-7766 ❖ (510) 487-6540 (fax)

<http://www.saintannecatholic.org> ❖ stanne@sbcglobal.net (email)

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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.

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2011

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16



Dear Parish Members:

Our Sunday bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you. Producing it every week could be very costly, but through our arrangement with the J. S. Paluch Company the parish does not pay for the printing, saving thousands of dollars each year. The Paluch Company arranges for the bulletin to be supported through the generosity of the businesses that you see advertised on the back cover. Most of these advertisers are members of our local community, and many belong to our parish.

During these difficult economic times, I urge you to support these advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owners that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertisements in the bulletin. This is one small way that we can work within our own community to weather the challenges that we face. A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community and a thriving business community is good for our parish.

In Christ's peace,

Fr. Geoffrey

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass tomorrow we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

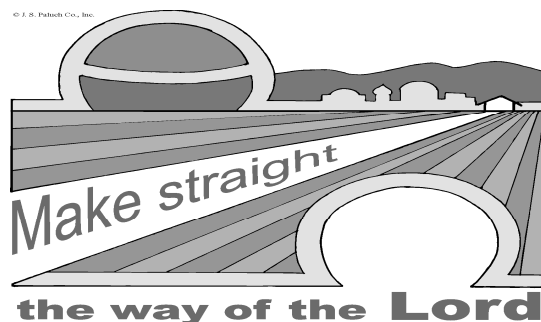
With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Mass Intentions



MASS INTENTIONS

December 10, 2011 - December 17, 2011

Saturday, December 10

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am + Joseph Yabes

10:00 am + Valeriano Conde

12:00 pm + Maynard Del Rio

6:00 pm + Jim Northington

Monday, December 12

8:00 am + Romulo Savella

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am + Lucia Riego De Dios

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 am + Daniel Albano

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am + Renalto Dizon

Friday, December 16

8:00 am + Lydia Canotal

Saturday, December 17

8:00 am + Luke & Marie Arevalo

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Jason Cachola

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



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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 — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God

(Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PLEASE PRAY *for*

Please pray for the sick in our parish...

Rudy Appasan, Robert Artuz, Ricardo Bagoisan, Cecilia Barrera, Cleotilde Franco, Hermell Castaneda, Querubin Chay, Fe Chua, Howard Garcia, Sr., Fr. Seamus Genovese, Leonardo Josef, 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 & Confirmation

St. Anne Youth Ministry students and Confirmation candidates are invited to the Advent/Christmas potluck tomorrow night (Monday) at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will celebrate all that is good: our lives, our faith, our parish, our friends...and the two slideshows from the past two weekend's retreats! So, you ask, what do I bring? An appetizer, main dish or salad to feed 8-10 people...**no chips, soda or pizza!** And while you're at it...don't forget to bring in your stewardship donation as well! See you Monday!

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN

The bulletin for December 24 & 25 needs to be sent to the printer early. Articles for this bulletin are due in the parish office on Thursday, December 15.

Thank you!

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

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

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg

INWARD PEACE

Acquire inward peace, and a multitude around you will find their salvation.

—St. Seraphim

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION

For 164 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. **Reconciliation** – We rejoice with our young children who will celebrate for the first time the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday. We ask for your prayers for these children that they experience God's gift of forgiveness.

REMINDER: All FC Candidates & at least one Parent must attend:

CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Dec 13 - 5:30pm to 7:30pm - CHURCH

Group 1 – Class of Ester Claudio, Luisa Lorico, Kat Otico, Fred Rezendes & Lee Ramos

Group 2 – Class of Nilda Cabardo, Vangie-Annalisa, Melinda-Samantha, Georgia & Lou

CCD CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

John Bruno :	Gave \$1.00.
Jet Kasilag:	Gave \$.75¢.
Lawrence Panopio:	Helped Mom vacuum the house.
Sese Unnol:	Helped put the dishes in the sink.
Kelsey Codilla:	Gave \$1.00.
Jerwyn Buncio:	Gave \$1.00 & helped uncle clean the house.
Angelica Sunga:	Gave \$1.00.
Malia Gonzales:	Gave 1.00 & helped sharpen pencils.
Aaliyah Ramirez:	Gave \$.10¢ and massaged my Mom's feet.
Michael & Michaela:	Gave \$1.00.
Daryl:	Cleaned my room.
Chastity Iglesias:	Gave \$.41¢ & helped my baby brother eat.
Anhson Nguyen:	Helped pick up food.
Evan Reyes:	Gave \$1.00.
Lawrence Aduog:	Gave \$.25¢ & shared my cookies with my sister. Erlinda: Gave \$.10¢



Sunday, December 11, 2011

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011	\$12,452.15
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,547.85)

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011	\$ 0.00
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 961.53)

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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

December 11, 2011, Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity? Collect text from the English translation of *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.



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

Monday, December 12

- 8:00 am - Mass, 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
- 8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #106

Tuesday, December 13

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 5:30 PM - Faith Formation, CH
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Choir, CR #104
- 7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105
- 7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106

Wednesday, December 14

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103 - 106
- 7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #104

Thursday, December 15

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH
- 7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #104
- 7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CR #105
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 16

- 5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #103 & 105
- 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 7:00 pm - Christmas Program, CH
- 7:30 pm - Cursillo, CR #104

Saturday, December 17

- 5:30 & 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - Mass, CH
- 9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #103 & 106
- 9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105
- 9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #104
- 10:00 am - Memorial Mass, CH
- 1:00 pm - Baptism, CH
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 18

- 5:30, 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm - MASS, CH
- 8:00 am - RCIA, CR #103
- 11:00 am - Columbian Squires, CR #105
- 11:00 am - Indonesian, SH
- 1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH
- 1:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106
- 3:00 pm - Polish Community, CH
- 3:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #104 & 105
- 4:00 pm - Singles for Christ, CR #106

Christmas Around the World



Annual Christmas Concert

*Presented by
Saint Anne Music Ministry and Parish Groups*

**Saint Anne Catholic Church
Friday, December 16, 2011
7:00 PM**