

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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...

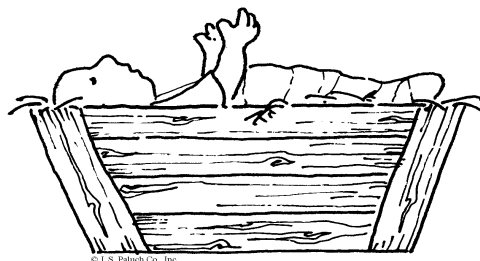
We, the St. Anne Catholic Community, a transformed body of Christ with many parts, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will proclaim and spread the word of God:

- 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.

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The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35



My dear friends in Christ,

This is our final preparation week for the celebration of Christmas! Are you still with us? What sort of things have you experienced during this journey? What are the challenges that you have encountered during this time?

These reflection questions are very critical and very important. As I said before we can be weighed down by many forces during these weeks of preparation and we can end up crawling towards the finish line without any more strength and the spirit to get there.

During the last two Sundays, we have been hearing the voice of John the Baptist challenging us to repent and to prepare the way for the Lord. This seems to be a very difficult reality considering the personality of John. His appearance is somewhat received with some sarcasm or cynicism. ***He was filthy and with tattered clothes. He was coming out from the wilderness with a message from God. At first people were questioning who he was. In fact the authorities asked him, "Who are you?"*** Those who finally listened were saved and those who didn't went astray. ***John's mission was certain and his message was clear. John's message and the message of Advent is about the Good News, Jesus Christ!***

I would like to share with you this story that I believe will help us understand the meaning of Christmas.

It was Christmas time! The parish priest of a middle class community received a visit from his parishioners. They came in one by one in different boxes with colorful wrappings and ribbons. ***A son of a bakery owner*** handed him a package, to which the priest said, "Ah, I know what's inside even without opening the box!" And smelling it, he said: ***"These are chocolate cakes."***

A gift from ***a meat shop owner was given***, and the priest said: "I know its contents." Smelling again, he remarked: ***"these are my favorite homemade sausages."***

Then came a present from a wine store owner, and the priest said: "I'm sure I know again what is inside! It's wine! He sniffed the box, but he couldn't figure out the scent. ***It didn't smell like wine.*** So he shook it but couldn't hear the bottles changing. Then some fluid gushed out from the box, and he tasted it....again....then again! It didn't taste like wine. Very much intrigued, ***he opened the package and there inside the box was puppy.***

God sent us a gift this Christmas. We cannot presume to know its value unless we open our hearts to receive it with gratitude. ***Gift giving my friends should not be converted into a game of guessing, but an occasion of appreciating.*** The gift within every gift is the opportunity to discover-----***not only the content, but the sacrifice of the giver.***

May you celebrate this Christmas with peace, joy and love! Christmas is not just a beautiful memory that we simply remember. Rather, it marks the fullness of the love of God to us that we should always be kept alive in our hearts and lives.

For those who won't be here on Christmas day, A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In peace and gratitude,

Fr. Geoffrey





MASS INTENTIONS

December 17, 2011 - December 24, 2011

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Jason Cachola

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am For the People

10:00 am + Rosalina Cabardo

12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Ho Family

6:00 pm Spe.Int. - Venor & Teresita Siasoco

Monday, December 19

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Reme Doctolero (80th Birthday)

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 am + Juliana Tayco

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 am + Joakim Nguyen

Thursday, December 22

8:00 am + Cynthia Rabuy (Birth Ann.)

Friday, December 23

8:00 am Lani Aniel (Birth Ann.)

Saturday, December 24

8:00 am + Evangelista/Aquino Families

5:00 pm

8:00 pm

12:00 midnight

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

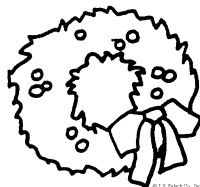
5:00, 8:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00, 10:00 AM AND 12:00 NOON

NO 6:00 PM MASS



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius

Friday: St. John of Kanty

Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Please pray for the sick in our parish...

Rudy Appasan, Robert Artuz, Ricardo Bagoisan, Cecilia Barrera, Alice Beam, Mary Caro, Donna Diner, Cleotilde Franco, Hermell Castaneda, Querubin Chay, Howard Garcia, Sr., Leonardo Josef, Rafael Hidalgo, III, Zoe Inciong, Mauro Marquez, Lorna Medalla, Gregoria Megue, Rudy Mentor, Edna Pacheco, Translacion Posadas, Femia Rivera, Maria Rivera, Franz Tibayan, and Julita Vitangcol.

YOUTH NEWS

St. Anne Youth Ministry & Confirmation

After a wonderful month of potlucks and retreats, St. Anne Youth Ministry and Confirmation will not meet until January of 2012. Thank you to all the young people who live out the message of being the Young Church of Today each and every day...continue to walk in the footsteps of the message of the Gospel...Love One Another!! Thank you to all the families and parishioners whose prayer and support mean so much to the program. Peace and blessings to all of you as we celebrate the birth of the child we call Jesus!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are approaching the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

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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

NOT TOO MUCH

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

—St. Peter Canisius

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH IN ACTION...*Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person* – The Catholic Church calls us to respect each individual as a child of God, to work to ensure that everyone has the basic necessities of life, and to find ways to eliminate systems that oppress people. *How can we treat everyone we meet with dignity and respect?*

CCD CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Aaliyah Ramirez : I helped a friend who fell down to go to the office.

Andres Moscoso: Gave \$2.00.

Taraneh Sohrah: Gave \$2.00 & really tried too bey my parents..

Harold Llantada: Gave \$1.00.

Samantha Hernandez: Gave \$1.00.

Shelby Aquino: Gave \$1.00 & helped my cousin do her homework.

Stacey: Gave \$1.00 & helped Mom planting.

Jovanni Realin: Gave 1.00 & helped decorate the Christmas tree.

Paulene Garcia: I watched my baby sister.

Alex: Gave \$.25¢ & sorted out my clothes.

Shane Marcelino: Helped Mom with cooking & cleaning.

Dazz: Helped my teacher clean the room & gave \$.75¢.

Etahn Tamayo: Gave \$1.00.

Jackie Guintu: Gave \$.06¢.

Lawrence Adug: Gave \$.25¢ & shared my cookies with my sister.

Erlinda: Gave \$.10¢

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples: Why not give yourself a weekend away from it all? Meals prepared! Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities! A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! If that sounds good to you, join us for our next WWME weekend held in Pleasanton January 27-29 or consider February 24 - 26 . For more information call Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767, www.rekindleyourmarriage.org

Sunday, December 18, 2011

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011	\$11,069.96
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,930.04)

PARISH MISSION	\$ 1,168.00
IMMAC. CONCEP.	\$ 3,240.00

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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

December 18, 2011, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

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CYO Girls Basketball

Sign ups for CYO Girls Basketball is coming soon! More information will be posted on the St. Anne website. Sign ups will begin in January. For more information, please contact Girls Basketball Coordinator, Tracie Noriega at :

tracie_noriega@yahoo.com.

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

Monday, December 19

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH
9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
7:00 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106
7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, December 20

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH
7:30 pm - Reconciliation Service, CH
7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #103
7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105
7:30 pm - Sacred Voices, CR #106
8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Wednesday, December 21

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH
6:30 pm - Youth Lectors, CH
7:30 pm - Grief Support Ministry, CR #102
7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105

Thursday, December 22

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CR #105

Friday, December 23

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
7:30 pm - Cursillo, CR #105

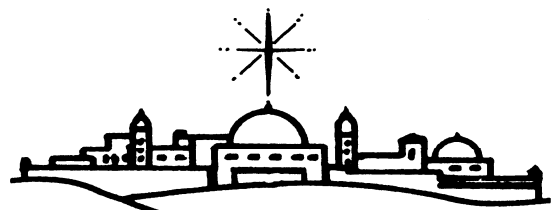
Saturday, December 24 - **CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:30 am
8:00 am
5:00 pm
8:00 pm
12:00 midnight



Sunday, December 25 - **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH
NO 6:00 PM MASS



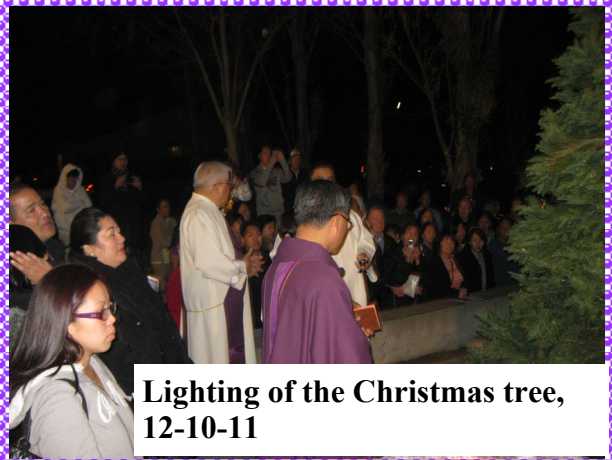
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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**Blessing of Memorial Bricks
Dec. 10, 2011.**



**Lighting of the Christmas tree,
12-10-11**



CONFIRMATION GROUP Retreat Dec. 2011



Lucky girl who
got to turn on the
switch for the
tree lighting.



YOUTH MINISTRY—Dec. 2011 RETREAT

