

# Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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## **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.

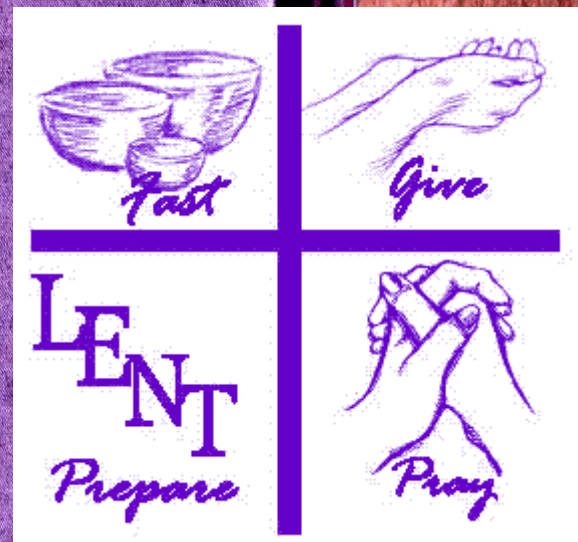
## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekdays	8:00 am
Saturdays	8:00 am; 5:00pm (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

## First Sunday of Lent February 26, 2012



## **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:*

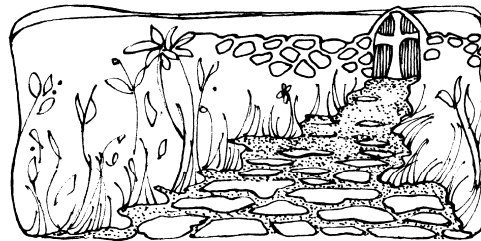
- by creating an environment that welcomes all;
- by being faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure;
- by celebrating God's love committed to giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty,
- clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless and
- by being the sign of unity and peace in the kingdom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

## First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2012

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4



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*My dear friends in Christ,*

### **40 DAYS IN THE DESSERT: A CALL TO CONVERSION!**

***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, after Jesus came back from the dessert, he made this proclamation, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."***

***This is a great challenge and invitation for all of us! During this journey we are asked to let go of the garbage that contains many unpleasant things that have affected us and our relationship with people around us. The arrogance, the pride, the ignorance, the selfishness and sometimes our hostile attitude towards have no place in the dessert, in our life! The gospel was very clear----- that if we want to find meaning in life and to have that grace-filled life, we need to have a drastic and radical change in their life. When Jesus said, "Repent!" he was telling us to "turn around."***

***During the season of Lent, the whole Church takes time to stop and make sure that we turn 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. But I know that there will be great temptations to ignore the invitation to change and to fulfill the challenge to live the gospel. In the dessert we will be tested and we will encounter some struggles that will lead us to our lowest moment.***

***The kingdom of God is here! Repent and believe! This is the time of turning back to God, of renewing our relationship with God and with one another, reconnecting with our faith, reclaiming who we are as children of God, and rediscovering the beauty of God's love! 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!" It is 40 Days in the dessert, calling us to conversion! Repent and believe in the good news!***

Peace and love,  
Fr. Geoffrey



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## MASS INTENTIONS

February 25, 2012 - March 3, 2012

### Saturday, February 25

5:00 pm + Eusebia Alfaro

### Sunday, February 26

8:00 am + Fannie Tantan

10:00 am + Salvador Rodolfo, Sr.

12:00 pm + Louis Kwong

6:00 pm For the People

### Monday, February 27

8:00 am + Corazon Suna

### Tuesday, February 28

8:00 am + Eileen Vardy

### Wednesday, February 29

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Chris Vallamora

### Thursday, March 1

8:00 am Spe.Int. - James & Virginia Villamora

### Friday, March 2 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am + Electerio Tecson

7:30 pm + Carines Felter

### Saturday, March 3

8:00 am + Nicandro Dizon

5:00 pm For the People

## LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of 18 and 59.

## 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: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



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**PLEASE PRAY** *for*

*Please pray for the sick in our parish...*

*Annie Acosta, Ernesto Adajar, Maria Aloyaya, Gilda Armonio, Robert Artuz, Ricardo Bagaoisan, Mona Balagot, Celso Balmores, Othello Bumanlig, Jose Calub, Cecilia Barrera, Tess Bilgera, Hermell Castaneda, Querubin Chay, Cecil Correa, Liza Fernandez, Howard Garcia Sr., Marie Gonzalez, Rafael Hidalgo III, Zoe Inciong, Willie Ias, Dee Lazaga, Bridita Loja, Julieta Matibag, Janet McCulley, Lorna Medalla, Gregoria Megue, Rudy Mehor, Herman Nava, Aileen Nicandro, Dorie Obien, Edna Pacheco, Takapu Palu, Susan Partisala, Translacion Posadas, Oscar Porras, Aida Price, Rafael Oquendo, Remedios Ramirez, Maria Rivera, Ramon Robrigado, Ruben Romero Jr., Tarlochan Singh, Betsy Soltero, Andy Tan, Julita Vitangcol, Bernadita Wall.*

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

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. 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. Those preparing for Baptism are invited to 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."

For all those who are ready baptized, the reality of being chosen and claimed by Christ took place at their Baptism. Since they are already among the elect in Christ, these candidates are "called to continuing conversion," and thus their intention to be fully initiated and share in the Eucharist is recognized.

Our parish will be sending 2 of our catechumens and 8 candidates to celebrate the Rite of Election (of the catechumens) and the Rite of Recognition (of the candidates) with Bishop Cordileone at Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland later this afternoon. Please pray for their continued growth in the Spirit as they move into a period of intense spiritual preparation for initiation at this year's Easter Vigil.

## YOUTH NEWS

### St. Anne Youth Ministry

The next Youth Ministry meeting will be on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic will be: "Turn, Turn, Turn." St. Anne Youth Ministry sweatshirts have been ordered and should be available on March 19<sup>th</sup>...the cost is \$35.00 for everyone who placed an order.

### St. Anne Confirmation

The next Confirmation gathering will be on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. All candidates are asked to bring their sponsor(s) with them to class.

### A Chance To Serve

Consider giving a young person the gift of mentoring that will have lasting impact and is invaluable.

In 2011 Building Futures Mentoring, a national one-to-one mentoring program which strives to move youth from risk to resiliency, provided therapeutic mentoring to nearly 1,000 at risk youth nationwide. As we celebrate changing lives of so many, we look toward a new year of even greater potential by inviting more volunteers to join our caring and dynamic team. YOU can help in the recruitment of mentors by spreading the word amongst your friends, family, neighbors, work colleagues, faith professional organizations and community groups you are affiliated with.

Youth today experience overwhelming challenges and with the support of a caring, consistent adult mentor they can thrive and manifest their potential!

To learn additional information about mentoring please contact the Site Coordinator, Dianaliza Ponco. Diana will be happy to answer your questions and can be reached at 510-221-6483 or [dponco@ymcaeastbay.org](mailto:dponco@ymcaeastbay.org)

### **TRAINING**

Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.

—Pope St. Gregory the Great

### **GOD'S POWER**

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.

—St. Perpetua

## FAITH FORMATION

### **OUR HEARTFELT THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank everyone for their gift of time, talent and treasure which made our Mardi Gras fundraising successful last February 11 and made it possible for 25 Catechists to attend the LA Religious Education Congress on March 22-25. Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated!

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

*For 164 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. We Listen – This week the young people of our parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us, which is a primary part of the Eucharist. How do we, as a parish, listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of Love to transform our hearts and our minds—our very lives?*

### **RE M I N D E R**

**11-12 FIRST COMMUNION (Tuesday) STUDENTS**  
**All F C Candidates must attend at least one Mass.**

### **EUCHARIST RITE OF BLESSING**

**Saturday, March 3 - 5:00 pm Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday, March 4 - 8am, 10am, 12pm, 6pm**

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

Caitlin Tongson:	Gave \$.50¢
Waverly Borje:	Keeping my brother safe.
John Bruno:	Gave \$1.00.
Jovanni Realin:	Gave \$1.00 & cleaned my toys.
Loriel Crisostomo:	Gave \$2.00 & took care of my little brother.
Jerwyn Buncio:	Gave 15.00 & helping cleaned the kitchen.
TYler:	Gave \$1.00.
Adrian Fellers:	Gave \$.50¢.
Malia Gonzales:	Gave \$1.00 & picked up a spoon for someone.
Matthew Williams:	Gave \$1.00.
Lawrence Panopio:	Recycled & took out garbage.
Marissa Panopio:	Did my laundry.
Harold Llantada:	Gave \$1.00.
Oliver Mendaros:	Gave \$1.00.
Daryl:	Gave \$.25¢ & put away my toys.
Jordan Huynh:	Helped Mom fold clothes and put them away.
Brianna Poblete:	Gave \$1.00 & cleaned my room.

Sunday, February 26, 2012

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, Feb.19, 2012	\$10,245.10
<b>Budget</b>	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,754.90)
<b>BISHOP'S APPEAL</b>	\$3,351.00

#### Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, Feb.19, 2012	\$ 0.00
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 961.53)

<b>OUTSTANDING LOAN</b> (10/25/2011)	<b>\$144,749.29</b>
<b>INTEREST PAID</b> (02/08/2012)	<b>\$ 1,839.82</b>

### MEMORIAL BRICKS

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

### Gather Good Together in Christ Celebrating 50 years - Diocese of Oakland

"O Christ you are the light and day which drives away the night. We your people of the Church of Oakland thank you for the diversity of gifts and cultures with which you have blessed us.

As we celebrate these fifty years of life and ministry as a local Church, grant us an increase of grace to know you better and make you better known, so that, sustained by the intercession of your Mother and our Queen, we may obtain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen."

### February 26, 2012, First Sunday of Lent

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

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:

What Lenten observances do I intend to keep this year?

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

Monday, February 27

- 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, CH & CR #102

Tuesday, February 28

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - CYO, SH
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Squires, CR #105

Wednesday, February 29

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 10:00 am - Funeral, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103-106
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
- 7:30 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105

Thursday, March 1

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102 - 106
- 6:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH
- 7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Lenten DVD Series, SH
- 7:30 PM - Festival, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, March 2

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 5:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 6:00 pm - Lenten Soup Service, SH
- 7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH
- 8:00 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, March 3

- 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - Mass, CH
- 9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105
- 9:00 am - Faith Formation, SH
- 9:00 am - Diocese, CR #103 & 104
- 9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #106
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, February 26

- 8:00,10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm - MASS, CH
- 8:00 am - RCIA, CR #103
- 1:00 pm - Youth Choir, CR #105
- 1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH
- 2:00 pm - Columbian Squires, CR #104

Forty Days in the Desert: A Call to Conversion  
*Our Parish Lenten Journey*



“Hear us, Almighty God. Show us Your mercy.  
Sinners we gather together.”

God of times and seasons, you have brought us again to Lent for study of your Word, for the remembrance of temptation of your Son, and for the contemplation of his cross. The birds know their season; forbid that we be blind to our times. Grant us a Lenten blessing, and may no one miss this time of growth... We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

**Catholicism DVD Series**

**March 14, 2012 (7:30pm, Parish Hall)**

Episode II “Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus Christ”

The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. To every generation, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, disorienting, sometimes confounding, deeply transformative, and always unforgettable.

Father Barron highlights the Beatitudes, the path of non-violence and lessons of forgiveness, care for the poor and our relationship with

God as presented in the parables. Jesus’ teachings are illuminated during Fr. Barron’s pilgrimages to Poland, Germany, Spain and New York City. Commentaries at these sites also show how the Catholic Church is a living culture, which gives witness to the inviolable dignity of the human person.