

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2012

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Brandon Akiona	Liturgy & Music Coordinator
Helen Rojas	Children's Formation Coordinator
Christine Suarez	Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator
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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.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2012

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17



My dear friends in Christ,

It has been three weeks since we had that emotional and disturbing incident that happened **here on Ash Wednesday**. The emotional and the psychological wounds are slowly diminishing away. **We are moving forward!** As of this moment, we continue to receive expressions of support and donations from all parts of the country. We continue to be grateful to them. **This reminds us of what St. Paul says, "If one member of the body is in pain, the whole body shares the pain!"**

This is now the fourth Sunday of Lent! We are almost there! **Where are we in terms of following the discipline of Lent? In the Jewish tradition, almsgiving, fasting and prayer are important realities that will help us grow in holiness. Are we more prayerful? Do we share more of our resources? Are we giving up things that at one point hindrance to our relationship with God?**

I know that many of us will try to conform to these things and can easily follow them. But I know also that many of us will have a hard time doing these things. In fact some of us will just totally ignore them. **That's why we have forty days of Lent to give us many opportunities to be one in our journey!**

Temptations are great and they will be here with us! And when we allow these temptations to come to us, we automatically compromise our dignity and relationship with God. We get hurt and we hurt others!

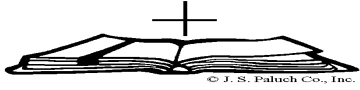
There is no question that there many of us where we find ourselves completely powerless from the element of darkness. ***You will hear people say, "Don't worry! You don't need to do these things!"*** We want to fight these temptations. **Every time we try, we are more discouraged!** But there is beginning to everything! **That's why we need to start the process of coming into this road that will take us to the "waters of life!"**

It is lonely out there sometimes, especially in the dark! And loneliness can take us to a place where everything will diminish, ***including our ability to find joy and freedom! This is when we fight and return to the road of freedom!***

I am sure that so many of us have experienced setbacks in our journey! But we should know by now that **our journey is not a straight line**. Sometimes we lose ground! We get derailed from our own weaknesses. ***Pulled off the road for a while! But remember, when we return to the road again, we return to the place where we left it, not to where we started.***

My friends, in everything, keep trusting that God is with us----- that God has given us companions on the journey.

Mass Intentions



MASS INTENTIONS

March 17, 2012 - March 24, 2012

Saturday, March 17

5:00 pm + Antonio Basillo

Sunday, March 18

8:00 am + Maybelle Gatan

10:00 am For the People

12:00 pm + Loreto Salsbery

6:00 pm + Rafael Masiglat

Monday, March 19

8:00 am + Amado Tayco

Tuesday, March 20

8:00 am + Laureano Ramirez

Wednesday, March 21

8:00 am + Aida Branal

Thursday, March 22

8:00 am + Bruno Solomon

Friday, March 23

8:00 am + Florita Guinitaran

Saturday, March 24

8:00 am + Jean Palomaris

5:00 pm + Michael Bigol

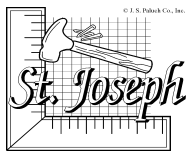
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny

Monday: St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius de Mogrovejo



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

An Anointing Mass for the Sick will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 am. 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 a relic 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9;

Jn 12:20-33



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Please pray for the sick in our parish...

Annie Acosta, Ernesto Adajar, Maria Alotaya, Gilda Armonio, Robert Artuz, Ricardo Bagaoisan, Mona Balagot, Celso Balmores, Conrad Benitez, Othello Bumanlig, Jose Calub, Cecilia Barrera, Tess Bilgera, Hermell Castaneda, Querubin Chay, Cecil Correa, Liza Fernandez, Howard Garcia Sr., Marie Gonzalez, Cecilia Green-Barrera, Rafael Hidalgo III, Zoe Inciong, Willie Ias, Dee Lazaga, Brigida Loja, Julieta Matibag, Janet McCulley, Lorna Medalla, Gregoria Megue, Rudy Mehor, Herman Nava, Aileen Nicandro, Dorie Obien, Erlinda Ordesta, Edna Pacheco, Takapu Pahu, Susan Partisala, Translacion Posadas, Oscar Porras, Aida Price, Ricky Principe, Rafael Oquendo, Remedios Ramirez, Maria Rivera, Ruben Romero Jr., Tarlochan Singh, Bethsy Soltero, Andy Tan, Lydia Villacorta, Julita Vitangcol, Lennert Von Clemm, Bernadita Wall.

YOUTH NEWS

Saint Anne Youth Ministry St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

In the season of Lent we identify with the suffering of Jesus and we recognize that the story of his Passion still happens in our world. Our meeting will focus around an interactive "Do-It-Yourself Stations" to help provide us a way for to get in touch with the suffering of Jesus as well as the suffering in our world.

Just a note that there will be two Youth Ministry meetings next week: the usual one on Monday the 26th, and the Deanery Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:45 p.m. at Our Lady of The Rosary Church. We will be joined by the Youth Ministry programs of Corpus Christi and OLR.

SAYM Sweatshirts

It is anticipated that the 2nd order of SAYM sweatshirts will be available on Monday, March 19. If you placed an order, please bring in your \$35 payment so you can get your warm sweatshirt in this chilly weather!!

R. C. I. A. Second Scrutiny of the Elect (4th Sunday of Lent)

This Sunday at the 12:00 mass, we continue the celebration of the Scrutinies as we pray in a particular way for those who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We pray that any attachment to evil might be removed, and that they be truly converted to Christ. Again, because we are celebrating the Scrutinies, the readings for this mass will be taken from Cycle A of the Lectionary.

The Second Scrutiny celebrates the healing of the blind man. Jesus gives the gift of sight. The light of faith drives away sin. This week and next the elect will go through these Rites and the parish is reminded to reflect on their own sins and need for God's help.

Please continue to keep all the Elect in your prayers as they make their final journey to the Easter Sacraments.



FAITH FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION

*For 164 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. We Share A Meal – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on Jesus' presence with us in the Eucharist. Before receiving Holy Communion, we pray the Lord's Prayer and share a Sign of Peace with one another. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. *How are we, as a parish, living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?**

REMINDER to all Grades 2–5 students who have already received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist to prepare for LENT RECONCILIATION. *Parents, please bring your children to our Parish scheduled Confessions on Saturdays at 3:30 pm in the Church as part of our Lenten journey to prepare for the joy of Easter.*

MARCH 22 - NO THURSDAY CLASS for Grades 6-7-8: Several CCD catechists will attend the in-service education and spiritual formation at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress on March 22-25. We would like to thank all those who have supported the CCD Mardi Gras Dinner Dance and Recycling Program which made it possible for our catechists to go to the L. A Congress.

CCD CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

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| Clarissa Fausto: | Gave \$.25¢ & helped Grandma wash her car. |
| Andres Fellers: | Gave \$.50¢ & finished my home work. |
| Hilary Anne Golfo: | Gave \$1.00 & helped my friend to do a project. |
| Arlyn Benoza: | Gave \$.20¢. |
| Aaliyah Ramirez: | Gave my sister a little piece of my waffle which made her stop crying. |
| Oliver Mendaros: | Gave \$1.00 & helped my Dad bathe my little brother. |
| Marissa Panopio: | Fixed my bed nicely. |
| Gianna Marie Caralos: | Gave \$1.00 & helped my Grandma put groceries in the car. |
| Marcic Ventigan: | Gave \$1.00 & helped my cousin look for her wallet. |
| Kevin Aquino: | Gave \$1.00 & recycled bottles. |
| Gabriel Aquino: | Gave \$.25¢ & shared toys with classmates |
| Marielle Cayabyab: | Gave \$1.00 & fixed my bed & cleaned my room with my sister. |
| Maelani Lacandazon: | I helped watched my brother at the store & helped make breakfast for my family. |

Sunday, March 18, 2012

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, March 11, 2012	\$10,549.91
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,450.09)
Stewardship, Eastern Europe	\$ 1,172.00
Bishop's Appeal Pledges	\$36,323.00

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, March 11, 2012	\$ 0.00
Budget	\$ 961.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 961.53)

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

MEMORIAL BRICKS

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

Attention Catholic Singles

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the Oakland diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

March 18, 2012, Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

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 preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week? Is there more that I can do?

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

Monday, March 19

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-106
- 6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
- 7:30 pm - Lectors, CH & CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #103

Tuesday, March 20

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, SH
- 7:30 pm - Squires, CR #105
- 8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Wednesday, March 21

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-105
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
- 6:30 pm - Youth Lectors, CH
- 7:30 pm - Easter Vigil Choir Practice, CH
- 7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Servites, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105

Thursday, March 22

- 8:00 am - Mass, CH
- 7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Lenten DVD Series, SH
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Cursillo, CR #104

Friday, March 23

- 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

Saturday, March 24

- 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - Mass, CH
- 9:00 am - Polish Community, CR #102-104 & SH
- 9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105
- 3:00 am - Individual User, SH
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, March 25

- 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
- 3:30 pm - Confirmation, All Facilities
- 5:45 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #106

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE:

**Good Friday (after the
service) church**

April 6 - 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday - Parish Hall

April 7 - 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday - Church

April 8 - 7:30 pm

Monday - April 9

7:30 pm Church

Tuesday - April 10

7:30 pm - Church

Wednesday - April 11

7:30 pm Church

Thursday - April 12

7:30 pm Church

Friday - April 13

7:30 pm - Church

Saturday - April 14

7:30 pm - Church

Benediction follows

For more info:

please call

Alice: 510.378.5449, Lou: 510.396.1162

Please Join us in Celebrating

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 14, 2012, Sunday 12:00 Noon Mass

Reception immediately follows at the Parish Hall

St. Anne Church 32223 Cabello St., Union City, CA 94587

