

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2012



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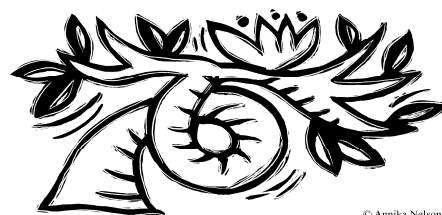
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I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— Jeremiah 33:15



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My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Today we begin our new liturgical season of Advent! Last Sunday I expressed my gratitude to the many people who have been staying at the conclusion of the mass! It is a wonderful sight to see. There is really a big change in people's attitude about this. We are finally getting it!

On this First Sunday of Advent I would like to revisit the problem of coming to Mass late! Last Sunday on the feast of Christ the King after the 10am Mass, I was approached by many of our parishioners who have been very disturbed with this continuing problem. Since the season of Advent is a time of preparation and the invitation to change, this is a time to reflect on this problem!

There is no question that being late is a habit many of us have. And I am not going to excuse myself for it. Of course we have a lot of reasons for doing it. **The very common one I hear most often is the problem with alarm clock. "It didn't go off."** I also hear how people blame the lack of parking spaces for being late. **I am sure that there are more valid reasons or excuses for being late. Whatever they are, one thing I know for sure is that when we are late, we miss a lot! Familiar?**

So, why do we need to be on time or why do I need to be in the church before the Eucharist celebration begins?

First, PREPARATION. I believe that the Eucharistic celebration is not like any other gathering that we experience. It is a prayerful experience. So for me then, it is really important that I have to be there fully prepared for the celebration. **It means that I need to prepare my heart and my spirit for the celebration. We cannot say that everything will be ok when we are late. PREPARATION is essential in our Sunday liturgical celebration and other celebrations. IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!** Being late does not give us the opportunity to relax, meditate and to be immersed in the presence of God. The idea that only the priest prepares for the celebration is a MISCONCEPTION. We all do! **Over and over again the Liturgical Commission has stressed our "full, conscious and active participation" in the liturgical celebrations.**

Second, RESPECT FOR OTHERS! Whether we like it or not, we live in a civilized society. Everything is set for people's convenience. We make appointments with everybody. We don't just show up. If we want to see a dentist, we call for an appointment. Unless it is a real emergency! **If we want to see a doctor or a priest, we call for an appointment.** We set time and that's how things work in our civilized society. What happens when we are late? I believe that it affects everybody. **Thus, we disregard the importance of time and we disrespect the person whom we have an appointment with. It is also true when we come in late for the Eucharistic celebration or any other celebrations. Think for a moment. Would you come in late for a dinner at your friend's house? Or would you come in late to see a movie? Of course not! You want to be there on time! We disrespect others by not showing up on time.**

I believe that we need to be more responsible about this whole thing. We are not like our ancestors who didn't have the kind of time awareness as we have today. **During the early Christian experience, Mass was celebrated when the sun rose. Our world today is very different. We have scheduled time for all our celebrations. We know when they are! 5pm on Saturdays, and 8, 10, 12, and 6pm on Sundays! I believe that when we are gathered on time for our Eucharistic celebrations, everybody has that "community feeling."**

I really encourage you to be more responsible and be more aware about the importance of being on time for Mass. Coming to Mass on time is the right thing to do but I realize that it is also a big challenge. Continue to pray for guidance. I always believe in miracles.

*Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey*



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MASS INTENTIONS

December 1, 2012 - December 8, 2012

Saturday, December 1

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am + Rudy Cruz

10:00 am + Juanito & Emiliana Gasacao

12:00 pm + Aurea Poblete

6:00 pm + Zoe Inciong

Monday, December 3

8:00 am + Dennis Dandan

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 am + Rodolfo Balicudiong

Wednesday, December 5

8:00 am + Efi Ayupan

Thursday, December 6

8:00 am + Antonino & Eugenia Gonzales

Friday, December 7 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am + Matilde Franco

7:30 pm + Luzonica Pesigan (Birth Anni.)

Saturday, December 8

8:00 am + Guillermo Roman

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Ellen Venzon

Please pray for the sick...

Jenie Abella, Cecilia Barrera, Romualda Cabanilla, Teofista Coloma, Willy Demingoy, , Elpidio Dorotheo, Nicasio Estacio, Mina Fernando, Emerita Fulinar, Sofia Gaerlan, Antonio Gopez, Noemi Gragasin, Noah Gutierrez, Rick Hatcox, Mary Holmes, Rosario Ilustre, Tessie Lacandazon, Idalina Larosa, Judy Laserna, Theresa Martinez, Gary & Janet McCulley, Georgia Megue, Eliza Mendenes, Maydeline Micael, Florentina Morales, Marcela Morales, Mely Morales, Aimee Nicandro, Aurora Nicandro, Annette Padojino, Angel Pasillas, Delia Ramos, Lita Raposas, Sofia Pena, Leo Reyes, Pamela Reyes, Joseph Thompson, Deity Trocino, Lydia Villacorta, Lennert von Clemm, Virginia Wijangco, Patsy Yagi, Milad Zayat.

****Please call the parish office @510-471-7766, if you have someone to add to the Sick List.**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Please join us for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 12, at 8:00 am. Also, join us after the

Mass for a reception in the hall

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**SAVE THE DATE:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH**

TV star Frank Runyeon will share with us **"The 3 ½ Stories of Christmas"**. Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time:

From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of the Christmas Angel himself!

Frank Runyeon has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 years...opposite Meg Ryan on *AS THE WORLD TURNS*, on *SANATA BARBARA*, *FALCON CREST*, *GENERAL HOSPITAL*, *LA LAW AND MELROSE PLACE*. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

All Faith Formation students and families are welcomed to participate. Rehearsal will be held on the same day at 5:30 PM with Frank Runyeon directing the play in the Church. Frank Runyeon has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 years, opposite Meg Ryan on *As the World Turns*, *General Hospital*, *LA Law*, *Falcon Crest*. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

YOUTH NEWS

Saint Anne Youth Ministry 2012-2013

Saint Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of the meeting will be focusing on the **faith component** of Youth Ministry: "**The Season of Advent:**

A Threefold Coming of Christ" This session introduces Youth Ministry students and Emmaus Peer Ministers to the season of Advent's threefold coming of Christ (past, present, and future). We will begin the session by challenging our knowledge about Advent. After some discussion and partner sharing, youth have an opportunity to reflect and write a letter describing all the ways Jesus is present in the world today. The session concludes with a visual meditation on waiting during the Advent season.

Parents are reminded that attendance at Youth Ministry is NOT OPTIONAL. This is part of a two year Confirmation program.

Winter Youth Ministry Retreat

The Winter Youth Ministry retreat is this weekend. Please pray for those attending. They will return to celebrate their retreat closing Mass at tonight's 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Confirmation Retreat Meeting

Current 2nd year Confirmation Candidates and Parents are reminded that there is a **mandatory** retreat meeting on **Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The meeting will last for approximately 1 hour, and will be followed with class for the candidates.

LA YOUTH DAY

We are currently taking signups for those who may be interested in attending the LA Youth Day February 20-23, 2013. If you would like an informational packet and to have your name put on the signup list, please email the Youth Ministry Office at stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net

CYO Boys Basketball

The boys basketball season begins the first weekend of November and runs until the end of February. Please visit our league CYO website:

<http://www.mvlyosports.org>

for game schedule, scores, current standings and directions to the gym locations. Please come out and support our players, everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Ron Tria at triarfps@sbcglobal.net.

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 129 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, we pray 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.

ST. ANNE CCD CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Isabella:	I folded clothes.
Tyler:	I vacuumed the living room.
Caitlin Goceamat:	Gave \$1.25.
Noelle Taburaza:	Made my Mom's bed without being told.
Kyle Ventigan:	Gave \$.1.00 Helped my grandma to clean the carpet.
Giancarlo Diloy:	Gave \$1.00.
Gabrielle Lim:	Gave \$.50¢.
Maegan:	Gave \$1.00.
Andrea Carlos:	Gave \$1.00.
Annelise Adion:	I helped with the clothes & fixed my room.
Daniel Gonzales:	Gave \$1.00.
Dominic Agtane:	Gave \$1.00.
Kami:	Gave \$1.00
Aaliyah Ramirez:	I made a friendship bracelet for my friend.
Feliza AJ:	Gave \$2.00I pushed & put away the groceries.
Alex:	helped my sister clean the Legos.
Franchescka Garcia:	I Picked up my teacher's book when she dropped them.
John Bruno:	Gave \$1.00 & I didn't complain & waited patiently while my Mom went shopping
Vince Villegas:	Gave \$1.00.
Duncan Fernandez:	Gave \$1.00.
Angelina Arcaina:	Gave \$1.00.
Genel Cruz:	Gave \$.50¢.
Janelle Bello:	Gave \$1.00.

Sunday, December 2, 2012

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, November 18, 2012</u>	\$11,420.11
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,721.89)
Stewardship - Human Development	\$ 1,142.00

<u>Sunday, November 25, 2012</u>	\$12,450.50
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,549.50)

Thanksgiving \$ 5,535.00

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, November 25, 2012	\$ 375.00
Budget	\$ 566.53
Over (Under)	(\$ 761.53)

OUTSTANDING LOAN(8/1/2012) \$ 75,000.00
INTEREST PAID (10/10/2012) \$ 1,092.41

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. They will be distributed Saturday, December 15th. You may drop your donations into the barrels at the entrances of the Church. If you know of a poor or needy family who might need a basket, Please call the parish office, 471-7766, and leave their name and phone number.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

There will be an ANGEL GIFT TAG TREE at the Church entrance. Please take an angel and sponsor a needy person. Donation of gift cards are appreciated.

Senior CAPS ambassadors

The Senior CAPS ambassadors have again completed an intensive training and are now available to serve our seniors and their families at St. Anne's. They are trained to help identify and access appropriate resources and services such as Transportation, Housing, Social Security, Medicare, Medi-Cal, Healthcare, Legal Assistance, Food Stamps, Food Source. Call Myrla Raymundo, CAPS Site Coordinator at (510) 378-6376 if you need help on any of the above services.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

CH:CHURCH, SH:SOCIAL HALL, CR:CLASSROOMS,
PO:PARISH OFFICE, LR: LITURGY ROOM

Monday, December 3

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
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy Choir, CR #106

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 9:00 am - Individual User, CH & SH
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH & CR #102-106
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106

Wednesday, December 5

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

- 9:00 am - Individual User, CH & SH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
- 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, CH
- 7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105

Thursday, December 6

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 12:00 pm - Staff, CR #106
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH
- 5:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH
- 7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 7 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 4:00 pm - Individual User, SH
- 5:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 6:00 pm - Individual User, CH
- 7:30 pm - First Friday Mass, CH
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102
- 8:00 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, December 8

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

- 9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105
- 9:00 am - Polish Community, CR #103 & 106
- 2:00 pm - Wedding, CH
- 4:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, SH
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104
- 6:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

Sunday, December 9

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

- 10:00 am - Squire Choir, CR #105
- 10:00 am - Unity Choir, CR #106
- 11:00 am - Indonesian Community, CR #102
- 12:00 pm - Columbian Squires, CR #104
- 1:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #103
- 1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH



ADVENT ACTIVITIES

**DEC. 12, WEDNESDAY, @7:30PM - CHURCH
PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**DEC. 15, SAT. AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS
ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**

**DEC. 16, SUNDAY, 6:00 AM - CHURCH
SIMBANG GABI**

**DEC. 15-16 SAT. & SUN.
MOUNTAIN MIKE'S @ UNION LANDING
CCD FUNDRAISING PIZZA NIGHT.**

**DEC. 21, FRIDAY @ 7:00PM - CHURCH
CCD CHRISTMAS PLAY BY FRANK RUNYEON**