

# Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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## Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2012

### St. Anne Pastoral Staff

Rev. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
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Helen Rojas	Coordinator Children's Formation
Christine Suarez	Coordinator Middle School Faith Formation
Sydney Gargan	Office Administrator
Zella Yanos	Secretary
Helen Cabiles	Finance Council Chairperson
Linda Canlas	Pastoral Council Facilitator
Rev. Mel Serrao	In Residence

### MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Weekdays</u>	8:00 am
<u>Saturdays</u>	8:00 am 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
<u>Sundays</u>	8:00 and 10:00 am 12:00 and 6:00 pm
<u>Wednesdays</u>	7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Mass
<u>First Fridays</u>	8:00 am and 7:30 pm
<u>Confessions</u>	Saturdays @ 3:30 pm

# Peace

### 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.

### Sacramental Information

#### Weddings

By appointment. Call Rectory at least 6 months ahead. Do not set any specific date without conferring with the Priest.

#### Funeral Arrangements

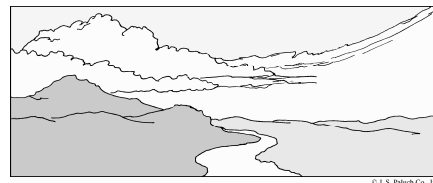
Should be arranged by Family, Church and Mortuary. Normal Christian Burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should FIRST be discussed with Parish Priests.

#### Baptisms

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2012**

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.  
— Baruch 5:7



**My dear friends in Christ,**

**What does it mean to worry about so many things? Well----- read this!**

**There are only two things to worry about: either you are well or you are sick. If you are well, then there is nothing to worry about.**

**But if you are sick, there are two things to worry about: either you get well or you die. If you get well there is nothing to worry about.**

**If you die there are only two things to worry about: either you go to Heaven or Hell.**

**If you go to Heaven, there is nothing to worry about.**

**But if you go to Hell, you'll be so busy shaking hands with friends, you won't have time to worry.**

**Last Sunday I shared with you how important it is to focus and not to be tangled up in the external realities of the Christmas preparations. Our goal is to make sure that our heart is ready for the big feast of Christ's coming in our midst. This is our second week of preparation 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.**

**This Sunday**, we hear 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 your journey and your preparations for Christmas be filled 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.

**In peace and gratitude,  
Fr. Geoffrey**



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 8, 2012 - December 15, 2012**

Saturday, December 8

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Ellen Venzon

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am + Maynard Del Rio

10:00 am + Bernard Gonzales

12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Erica Claudio

6:00 pm For the People

Monday, December 10

8:00 am + Xuyen Nguyen

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Anthony Mina

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 am + Magdalena Albano

Thursday, December 13

8:00 am + Lucia Riego De Dios

Friday, December 14

8:00 am + Angelo Dela Cruz

Saturday, December 15

8:00 am + Ernesto Capalla

5:00 pm For the People

*Please pray for the sick...*

Jenie Abella, Cecilia Barrera, Romualda Cabanilla, Nolo Cabildo, Teofista Coloma, Willy Demingoy, , Elpidio Dorotheo, Nicasio Estacio, Mina Fernando, Emerita Fulinar, Leticia Gaarcas, 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, 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** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**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

ALL St. Anne Youth Ministry and Confirmation candidates are invited to the annual Advent Potluck celebration this Monday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be celebrating the last meeting of 2012...along with slide-shows from the Winter Youth Ministry retreat and the Confirmation retreat. Please follow the guide for the potlucks as follows; if your last name BEGINS with the following initial:

A,J,L,P,T,C,S BRING A MAIN DISH FOR 12 PEOPLE  
B,G,M,R,E,H,Q BRING DESSERTS ENOUGH FOR 12 PEOPLE

D,I,K,N,O,F,U BRING APPETIZERS FOR 12 PEOPLE  
V,W,X,Y,Z, BRING A TWO LITRE DRINK  
EMMAUS BRING YOUR DISH PLUS 1 DRINK

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

### Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation candidates and staff are on their annual retreat this weekend at Mission Springs in Scotts Valley. Please pray for them and their continuing faith journey!

### LA YOUTH DAY

The \$93.00 deposit is due tomorrow (Monday, December 10) for all those who may be interested in attending the LA Youth Day February 20-23, 2013. If you would like any information about the trip, please email the Youth Ministry Office at [stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net)

## **ST. ANNE CCD CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

Annelise Adion:	I helped with the clothes.
Justin Hui:	Gave \$.25¢.
Dozz:	Gave \$.37¢.
Aaron Tennie:	I helped my Dad find a hat.
K. Caluyo:	Gave \$.1.00.
Shawn Urbi:	I picked up trash at school.
Alex:	Gave \$.25¢ & helped my friend by giving a pencil so they could write.
Nicholas Francisco:	Gave \$.50¢.
No name:	I helped put the clothes in the dryer.
Lyannamae Batac:	I helped my Dad wash the dog.
Malia Gonzales:	Gave \$1.00 & got the newspaper.
Angelica Sunga:	Gave \$1.00 & changed the bed dings.
Matthew Williams:	Gave \$1.00
Nicholas Aquino:	I gave money to the homeless.
Reyna Pepito:	Gave \$1.00 & pushed my sister in a stroller.

# FAITH FORMATION

## FIRST COMMUNION

For 129 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 11 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm - CHURCH

Group 1 – Class of Ester Claudio, Nilda Cabardo, Kat-Melinda & Lee Ramos

Group 2 – Class of Vangie-Annalisa, Sandra-Angelica, Samantha-Mervic & Georgia-Lou

**CCD PARENT & CATECHIST ENRICHMENT** – “Year of Faith” monthly gatherings “Come to the Table” Faith Enrichment in Room 106:

Monday, December 10, 5:00-6:00pm Topic: Shaping our Lives around Faith and 6:30-7:30pm Topic: Catholic Morality. Wednesday, December 12, 6:30-7:30pm Topic: Jesus Christ. CCD Parents & Catechists are required to attend at least one enrichment of your choice. If you need additional info, please email or call the Faith Formation office.

### **2012 Crèche Festival: December 15-16**

Cathedral of Christ the Light - 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA St. Anne Parish will participate in the Creche Festival to be held at the Cathedral. Come with your family and friends to view our Nativity entry that was handcrafted by our CCD Wednesday classes, as well as those made by other parishes throughout the diocese, and the Starlight Festival professional exhibits in the Cathedral Event Center. The exhibit of crèches will open to the public from 9:00 am. to 5:30 pm. on December 15 and 16. Admission is free. Schedule of Crèche Festival events is available at [ctlcathedral.org/visit/creche/schedule](http://ctlcathedral.org/visit/creche/schedule).

## Our Lady of Perpetual Novena

**Due to the Advent Parish Penance Service on December 12, the Novena for Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at 6:45PM. Regular schedule will resume on Wednesday, December 19**

### **YET TO DO**

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.

—Marie Curie

Sunday, December 9, 2012

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 2, 2012 \$12,284.11  
**Budget** \$15,000.00  
Over (Under) (\$ 2,715.50)

#### Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, November 25, 2012 \$ 34.00  
**Budget** \$ 961.53  
Over (Under) (\$ 927.53)

**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.

#### LIFE SUPPORT NEEDED...

The Guiding Principle of Birthright...It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright of San Lorenzo needs fund to help them to continue serving women in a crisis pregnancy by offering an alternative to abortion. Birthright has served women in crisis since 1996. We need volunteers and funds to keep our doors open to continue to guide young women in finding workable solutions, so that they can give birth to their babies and face the future with dignity and hope. For more information contact Roseanne Maki at 510-481-9677.

**REMINDER: PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF LIGHTS/HEATERS IN THE CHURCH AND CLASSROOMS AFTER YOU USE THEM. OUR PG&E BILL LAST MONTH WAS ALMOST \$2,000.00.**

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, December 10

#### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103  
3:00 pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, CH  
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106  
6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH  
7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, December 11

#### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

3:00 pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, CH  
4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH & CR #102-106  
7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106  
7:30 pm - Faith Formation, SH  
7:45 pm - Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick, CR #102

Wednesday, December 12 - **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

#### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

8:00 am - Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception  
12:00 pm - Individual User, CH  
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106  
6:00 pm - SPRED, SH  
6:45 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, CH  
7:30 pm - Parish Reconciliation, CH  
7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105

Thursday, December 13

#### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH  
7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH  
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 14

#### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #104 & 106  
5:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103  
7:00 pm - Baptisms, CH  
7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102  
7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #103  
8:00 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, December 15

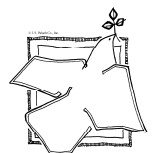
#### 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - Mass, CH

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105  
9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #104 & 106  
9:30 am - Ukulele Choir, CR #102  
10:00 am - Alter Servers, CH  
11:00 am - Individual User, SH  
6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 16

#### 5:30, 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm - MASS, CH

4:00 am - Set-up for Simbang Gabi, SH  
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  
3:00 pm - Indonesian Community, SH  
7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH



Rejoice in the Lord always

# ADVENT ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Mass @ 8am*  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena @ 6:45pm*  
*Advent Penance Service @ 7:30pm*

**Saturday, December 15, 2012**

*Annual Tree Lighting @ 6:15pm*

**December 16-24 @ 5:30 AM**

*Simbang Gabi Masses*

**December 15-16**

*Mountain Mike's @ Union Landing*  
*CCD Fundraising Pizza Night*

**Friday, December 21, 2012**

*Parish Christmas Play by Frank Runyeon*  
*7pm in the Church*

