

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday December 16, 2012

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

St. Anne Pastoral Staff

Rev. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
Jim Soltau	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Brandon Akiona	Liturgy & Music Coordinator
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 Serraon	In Residence

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.

PARISH MISSION . . .

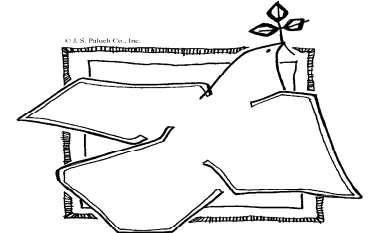
We, the St. Anne Catholic Community, a transformed body of Christ with many parts, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will proclaim and spread the word of God:

- 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.

Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2012

The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.

— Zephaniah 3:15b



Rejoice in the Lord always

My dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent! The readings this Sunday invite us to rejoice, to hope and to anticipate with joy the coming feast of the coming of the Son of Man!

There is a story of about a teacher who asked Peter, one of the students, how he would equally divide 10 potatoes among 20 people! Peter promptly replied, "I would smash them!"

My friends, ***we don't want our Christmas celebration to be smashed by our lack of preparations.*** We must continue to focus and to fill our life and heart with joy and thanksgiving. The first reading today from ***Zephaniah asks to rejoice: "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you in his love, and he will sing joyfully because of you!"***

The rose color on this 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes hope and joy! It is up to us to make these things happen! ***The coming of the Son of Man is indeed a reason for us to hope and to be filled with joy! The vision of hope is truly inspiring, and it offers true spiritual joy! Hope is the understanding and belief that a better world is possible!***

It is a gift that John the Baptist preaches to the people of God. There is hope because of God's love for us! When he sent his Son to us, he revealed a new life of hope and love. Do not take this invitation lightly and ***live your life with grace and thanksgiving. We need to rejoice and not to be caught up in a life that is destructive and miserable. We should bring smiles to the people and be the bearer of good news and joy.***

The psalmist today invites us to join in his song of joy and exultation. And Paul also in his letter to the Philippians challenges us to rejoice: "Rejoice in the Lord always! The Lord is near! Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!"

And so my friends, celebrate what is beautiful and hand over your anxiety to God! Do something joyful, something extravagant---- and that is by doing something transforming done in great love! Dorothy Day once said, "No one has the right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much to be done." Experience hope by giving hope to others! Because hope gives a reason to rejoice in life for a better tomorrow!

***In Christ's peace,
Fr. Geoffrey***





MASS INTENTIONS

December 15, 2012 - December 22, 2012

Saturday, December 15

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, December 16

8:00 am Luke & Marie Arevalo

10:00 am + Rosalina Cabardo

12:00 pm Spe. Int. - Jason Cachola

6:00 pm + Leopoldo Aldover

Monday, December 17

8:00 am + Ramon Zamora

Tuesday, December 18

8:00 am Sep. Int. - Jun & Lily Tecson

Wednesday, December 19

8:00 am + Leonila Zafra

Thursday, December 20

8:00 am + Julian Tayco

Friday, December 21

8:00 am + Joakim Nguyen

Saturday, December 22

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Vic & Nessie Chiuco

5:00 pm + Cynthia Rabuy (Birth Anniversary)

Please pray for the sick...

Jenie Abella, Victoria Antugan, Blanca Arbido, Cecilia Barrera, Romualda Cabanilla, Nolo Cabildo, Teofista Coloma, Erlinda Del Castillo, Willy Demingoy, , Elpidio Dorotheo, Nicasio Estacio, Mina Fernando, Emerita Fulinar, Leticia Gaarces, Sofia Gaerlan, Antonio Gopez, Noemi Gragasin, Noah Gutierrez, Rick Hat-cox, 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, Virginia Osongco, 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.**

IMPRESSIONABLE

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.

—Ancient Chinese proverb

WITNESSES

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.

—Anonymous

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;

Las Posadas begins



Tuesday: International Migrants Day

Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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YOUTH NEWS

Saint Anne Youth Ministry 2012-2013

St. Anne Youth Ministry and Confirmation groups will not meet until January of 2013. We hope you have a blessed remainder of Advent and a most happy and holy Christmas season!

LA YOUTH DAY

The \$93.00 deposit for LA Youth Day is due by December 19 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

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Registration for Girls Basketball will be open to CCD students and parishioners during the month of December. Registration nights are as follows: December 18th, from 8:00-9:00 pm, December 20th from 6:00-7:00 at the Alvarado Middle School gym. Packets need to be complete with all paperwork necessary (copy of birth certificates and utility bill). Returning players do not need to bring copy of birth certificates. All forms can be downloaded from the Saint Anne website: www.saintannecatholic.org. For more information, please contact the Girls Basketball Coordinator, Tracie Noriega at tracie_noriega@yahoo.com.

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.mvlcyosports.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.

Our Sunday bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you. Producing it every week could be very costly, but through our arrangement with the J. S. Paluch Company the parish does not pay for the printing, saving thousands of dollars each year. The Paluch Company arranges for the bulletin to be supported through the generosity of the businesses that you see advertised on the back cover. Most of these advertisers are members of our local community, and many belong to our parish.

During these difficult economic times, I urge you to support these advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owners that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertisements in the bulletin. This is one small way that we can work within our own community to weather the challenges that we face. A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community and a thriving business community is good for our parish.

FAITH FORMATION

As we look forward to Christmas, everyone is invited to:

The 3 ½ Stories of Christmas Play **Guest Speaker: Frank Runyeon** **Friday, December 21 - 7:00 p.m.** **Church**

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.

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?*

St. Anne CCD Children's STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Jesse:	I played with my 2 sisters and we took care of each other.
Sierra Smith:	I helped with putting ornaments up & made my bed.
Meagan Enrile:	Gave \$3.00 & cleaned my room.
Julie Anne Agnite:	I helped my family to pick up the heavy stuff.
Elijah:	Helped by playing with my sister.
Angela Adug:	I helped my Dad plant some seeds.
Iverson Jaochico:	Gave \$1.00.
Jared Castillo:	Gave \$3.00.
Kisrten Zoe Zurita:	Gave \$1.00.
Angelica Sunga:	Gave \$1.00.
Franchesca Garcia:	I massaged my Mom.
Juliana Kageman:	I tried to help my cousin feel better.
Reyna Pepito:	Cleaned my toys & gave \$1.00.
Aubrey Angeles:	Gave \$1.00.
Ava Angeles:	Gave \$.50¢ & helped my Uncle.
Shane Marcelino:	I did my homework without being told.
Alex:	Gave \$1.00 & visited Grandma to comfort her after her surgery.

Sunday, December 16, 2012

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 9, 2012 \$ 12,942.50

Budget \$15,000.00

Over (Under) (\$ 2,057.50)

Immaculate Conception (\$ 1,901.00)

Building Loan Pledge:

Sunday, October 18, 2012 \$ 200.00

Budget \$ 961.53

Over (Under) (\$ 761.53)

OUTSTANDING LOAN(8/1/2012) \$ 75,000.00

INTEREST PAID (10/10/2012) \$ 1,092.41

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Corpus Christi Church Hall

37891 Second Street, Fremont, CA

Monday, December 31, 2012 8:00 pm – 1:00 am

Featuring: **Mr. Extremo**

DJ/Singer/Guitarist/Entertainment

\$27 per person

Includes: No Host Bar and Appetizers, Party Favors, Midnight Champagne Toast and a Surprise Midnight Winner!

Purchase your tickets early!

This is a Fund Raising event for the Corpus Christi Church. Your ticket price will be Tax Deductible. For more info: Call 510-792-0616 or 510-709-7841

Filipino women wanted for heart health study...

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 16 and 17 8 a.m. to Noon St. Anne's

Free! Screenings Food Music

A University of North Florida heart health study for Filipino women can help answer heart health questions for all Filipino women — and screen *your* cholesterol numbers and for diabetes. But *your* help is needed. If you are Filipino, aged 40 to 65 and do not suffer from acute or chronic inflammatory diseases, cancer or lupus, you may be able to participate. Eight hours fasting is required. Have *you're* your blood drawn by health professionals and take part in a study that will show geneticists a way forward. Thirty to 45 minutes of your time can save many Filipino women in the future.

For information call Melinda (510-784-2541) or Dr. Ancheta (904-383-2392)

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, December 17

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, December 18

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106

8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CH #102

Wednesday, December 19

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-106

7:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, CH

7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105

Thursday, December 20

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH

7:30 pm - Music Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102

7:45 pm - Couples for Christ, CR #104

Friday, December 21

5:30 & 8:00 am - Mass, CH

1:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH (Set-up)

3:00 pm - Faith Formation, SH

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103

7:00 pm - Christmas Play, CH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

8:00 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, December 22

5:30 & 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - Mass, CH

9:00 am - Environment Committee, CH

1:00 pm - Baptism, CH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 23

5:30, 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, CH #102

12:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

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



TV Star

FRANK RUNYEON

in:



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from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of

the Christmas Angel himself!

Friday, DECEMBER 21

7:00 PM

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LOVE OFFERING

Come with the whole family and enjoy an evening of music & stories!

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