

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2012



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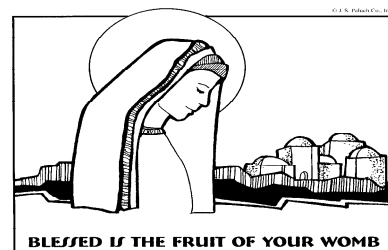
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Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42



My dear friends in Christ,

One of the things that I really appreciated when I was growing was the multiple visits of my maternal grandfather! He was always the bearer of good news for us. Every time he came he always brought chocolate and many goodies. And many times he would give us money as well! But most all I appreciated his visits because he was my grandfather!

On this Sunday, before the feast of the coming of the Son of Man, we recall the account of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth! By the way this account of Mary's visitation is found only in the gospel of Luke! This visit reveals a very significant aspect of Advent as a season of waiting!

We know that Mary was already with a child and was waiting for her time of delivery. In the same way, Elizabeth was also pregnant and was waiting to give birth to her child.

Reflecting on the moment of Mary's visitation, I find the meeting of these women very moving and powerful!

First, because of this visit Elizabeth and Mary came together and enabled each other to wait. Mary's visit made Elizabeth aware of what she was waiting for. This means that Mary and Elizabeth's presence to each other strengthened them in their moment of waiting. If Mary did not go to Elizabeth, each of them would have waited alone for her time of childbirth. Elizabeth needed strength because she was not only waiting for the difficult experience of childbirth but also preparing to give birth to John the Baptist who would announce the coming of the Messiah! Mary who waited for the birth of Jesus also found support from Elizabeth who joyfully recognized her as the one "most blessed among women!"

Second, considering this moment of visitation, these two women played a very important role in salvation history! Just like my grandfather, Mary went to visit her cousin as the bearer of Good News and just like us, Elizabeth became the receiver of the Good News, Jesus the Messiah!

On this Christmas let us honor her as the one who carried our Savior in her womb! St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Galatians: When the fullness of time came, God sent his Son....born of a woman....in order to redeem and to make us adopted children of God..!

The Christmas story is a most beautiful love story. But it is not just a story of long ago. It is the story of you and me, and God who continues to offer his love and his life! And so when he comes to us at Christmas, do we even know that he was born!

I remember of a story of a young boy who was turning seven. His parents decided to have a birthday celebration. But on the day of his birthday everybody got busy with their friends and in the process the young boy was left all by himself! He went up to his room and fell asleep as the celebration was going on!

My friends don't let this thing happen to you on Christmas! Put aside time, a moment to be with Jesus on Christmas! It would be the most beautiful and powerful moment in our life!

*In Christ's Peace and love,
Fr. Geoffrey*





MASS INTENTIONS

December 22, 2012 - December 29, 2012

Saturday, December 22

5:00 pm + Cynthia Rabuy (Birth Anniversary)

Sunday, December 23

8:00 am For the People

10:00 am + Rodolfo & Honorina Mercardo

12:00 pm Spe. Int.– Ho Family

6:00 pm + Carlos Pantig

Monday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 am + Isidoro Constantino, Jr.

5:00 pm

8:00 pm

12:00 midnight



Tuesday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm



Wednesday, December 26

8:00 am + Tarlochan Singh

Thursday, December 27

8:00 am + Maximo Lintag (Birth Anniversary)

Friday, December 28

8:00 am + John Daluz

Saturday, December 29

8:00 am Spe. Int.– Jesus Carpio

5:00 pm + David Cernadas

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 Garces, 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, Virginia Osongco, Annette Padojino, Angel Pasillas, Luz Quison, 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.**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 25 & 26, 2012**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalms — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Monday: Vigil of Christmas
- Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
- Thursday: St. John
- Friday: The Holy Innocents
- Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

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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

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and recollecting.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure traveling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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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

REMINDER...

CHRISTMAS BREAK

DECEMBER 24 TO JANUARY 3

NO CLASSES - SCHOOL IS CLOSED.

CLASSES RESUME MONDAY,

JANUARY 7, 2013

WE WISH ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2013 !!

St. Anne CCD Children's STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Brianna Poblete:	I helped my Mom wash the dishes.
Dannielle Abenojar:	Gave \$1.00 & helped clean the house.
Reyna Pepito:	Gave \$.63¢.
Nicolas Aquino:	gave \$.25¢ & helped my Mom make dinner.
Daniel Gonzales:	Gave \$1.00 & listened tp my teacher.
Franchesk:	Gave \$.60¢ & folded the laundry.
Aaron Tennie:	Gave \$1.00.
Inah Mae:	I helped my sister wash the dishes.
Matthew Tejidor:	Gave \$2.00.
Gerel Cruz:	Gave \$.50¢.
Ivan Liongson:	Gave \$1.00.
Rebecca Austria:	I cleaned my bed & gave \$.10¢
Max Tamayo:	Gave \$1.00.
Z. Dumatol:	I helped clean the table on Thanksgiving.
Ryan Armijo:	Gave \$2.00 & helped prepare the turkey.
Aaliyah Ramirez:	Gave \$.25¢ & I opened the door for my Dad & the stroller he was pushing.

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.

Sunday, December 23, 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(12/14/2012) \$ 0.00

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 24 - **CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:30 & 8:00 am , 5:00 & 8:00 PM, 12:00 AM- Mass, CH

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

9:00 am - Environment Committee, CH

5:00 pm - Children's Mass

8:00 pm - Youth Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 25 - **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 pm - Mass, CH

Wednesday, December 26

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

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

8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Thursday, December 27

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

4:00 pm - Individual User, SH

6:30 pm - Individual User, C

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - Servites, CR #103

Friday, December 28

8:00 am - Mass, CH

5:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103

7:30 pm - Grief Support Ministry, CR #103

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #102

7:30 pm - Cursillo, CR #105

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

Saturday, December 29

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

10:00 am - Individual User, CH & SH

1:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #104

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

Sunday, December 30

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 - Columbian Squires, CR #104

1:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #103

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH





CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24: 5:00pm Family Christmas Mass
8:00pm Youth Christmas Mass
12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass

Dec. 25: 8:00am
10:00am
12:00 noon
No 6:00pm Mass