

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2013



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Liturgical/Sacramental Information

+Sacrament of Matrimony

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

+Christian Funeral

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.

+Sacrament of Baptism

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.

Holy 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
Confessions	Saturdays @ 3:30 pm

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The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

— Psalm 103:6



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LENTEN THEME: SAY NO TO SATAN, YES TO GOD!

My dear friends in Christ,

First of all I would like to thank Mr. Peter Petit, Ms. Helen Cabiles and Ms. Len Magers, our wonderful speakers last weekend, for their powerful sharing and reflections on the Bishop's Appeal! I would like to thank you as well for your generous response to the Bishop's Appeal last year! You have heard me say many times that we have exceeded our goal last year! You are really a "cheerful giver!" I hope and pray that you will again respond with a generous heart this year!

We are now in the Third Sunday of Lent! Are you still with us? Today's parable in the gospel allows the fig tree another year to produce good fruit.

How often do we give a person a second chance? I remember talking to a person who went through a difficult life because of his gambling addiction and abusive behavior. He lost his wife and family and almost everything that was very precious to him. I remember he said to me, "Father, it is bad luck!" I said to him, "No! It is not bad luck! It is bad judgment!"

I remember that person very well because probably I was feeling sorry for him but also at the same time very disappointed with him for putting down his family. I decided at that time to tell him that he needed to stop his very selfish behavior. He kept repeating these destructive behaviors. There is no question that there comes a time when we have to put an end to repeated wrongs. Even Jesus in the gospel today said, "If you do not repent, you will all perish...!"

Our God is a very forgiving God. He is a God of mercy and compassion. But sometimes he is disappointed with us. The good news is that every day----- he is inviting us to a life of peace and happiness!

The season of Lent is a season in which all of us are challenged to reflect on our relationship with God and with one another! We are challenged to change our destructive and selfish ways that have caused so many of us unpleasant memories in our life and in our relationships.

The gospel today reminds us of the second chance that God is giving us. He is not through with us. He wants us to share in his life and love. He does not want to withhold the gift of forgiveness from us. In fact by sending his Son to us, he showed his great love!

We learned from our experiences that no one is perfect! And we should not judge others as well. The powerful message of the gospel is for us to be patient, understanding and forgiving! If we want to be forgiven, we should learn how to forgive also.

The man that came to me years ago is now a different person. He is now a changed, redeemed, and transformed person. He turned his life around. It happened because of God's forgiveness and mercy. God touched him with his grace and love. And I learned also that his wife and children and those he hurt tremendously had forgiven him! His family chose to love that person regardless of what he had done to them. We cannot remain in the path of resentment and revenge because that is the path that will lead to darkness and death!

Love can transform! Forgiveness can free us! And repentance is a great sign of grace! Second chance happens because of our God's invitation to live with him in peace and happiness!

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey



MASS INTENTIONS

March 2, 2013 - March 9, 2013

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm + Morita Rabuy

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am Spe.Int.-Eduardo & Irene Evangelista

10:00 am + Amado Ventura

12:00 pm + Senon Lansangan

6:00 pm + Nicanor Dizon

Monday, March 4

8:00 am + Arsenio Tecson

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 am + Tomas & Teofila Siasoco

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 am + Eufracia Ojascastro

Thursday, March 7

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Ho Family

Friday, March 8

8:00 am + Flor Balaror

Saturday, March 9

8:00 am + Consuelo Tecson

5:00 pm + Consuelo Lopez

Please pray for the sick...

Johnny Ang, Susana Aquino, Cecilia Barrera, Alice Beam, Bernice Bionco, Bianca Arbilo Victoria Bantugan, Chrissy Cardona, Teofista Coloma, Alice De Loyola, Willy Demingoy, Donna Diner, Elpidio Dorotheo, Mina Fernando, Fr. Vince Cotter, Emerita Fulinar, Noah Gutierrez, Edwin Hidalgo, Johnny Hidalgo, Mary Holmes, Rosario Ilustre, Tessie Lacandazon, Idalina Larosa, Judy Laserna, Theresa Martinez, Santiago Marzan, Janet McCulley, Eliza Mendenes, Maydeline Micael, Florentina Morales, Marcela Morales, Mely Morales, Aimee Nicandro, Aurora Nicandro, Conrado Nunez, Annette Padojino, Angel Pasillas, Sofia Pena, Delia Ramos, Lita Raposas, Leo Reyes, Eufenia Rivera, Gigi Santibanez, Virginia Sosongco, Joseph Thompson, Deity Trocino, Pio Verdan, Lydia Villacorta, Patsy Yagi, Milad Zayat. ***Please call the parish office @510-471-7766, if you have someone to add to the Sick List.**

JOIN US DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON

Friday Movie Night, 6pm to 7:pm, Room#106

March 1 The Seven Deadly Sins

March 8 Conversion

March 15 Eucharist

March 22 Ocean of Mercy

Sponsored by Grief Support Ministry

7:30 P.M Station of the Cross - Church

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

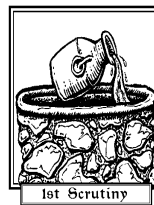
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**R. C. I. A. First Scrutiny of the Elect
(3rd Sunday of Lent)**



This Sunday, and for the next two Sundays, we will celebrate the Scrutinies with our Elect. These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. According to the Church's Rites,

"the scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." Because we are celebrating the Scrutinies, the readings for those masses will be taken from Cycle A of the Lectionary. Today we this Rite will be celebrated at the 6:00 pm mass.

The First Scrutiny celebrates the Samaritan Woman and the living water of Jesus Christ. Over the next three weeks 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 keep all the Elect in your prayers as they make their final journey to the Easter Sacraments.

YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION

St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: "Unconditional Forgiveness... Trapped in a Feeling of Guilt." Together we will listen, explore and share God's never-ending offer of unconditional love and forgiveness through the words and actions of Jesus.

St. Anne Confirmation

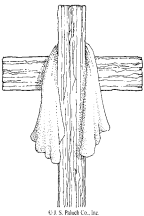
Confirmation candidates: there is no Deanery Reconciliation Service this Tuesday, March 5. ALL candidates are asked to attend the Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service next Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Papal Conclave!!

As this bulletin is being written we don't know the date of when the Consistory of Cardinals will begin the Conclave to elect the next Pope. To celebrate and reflect on this historic moment, Fr. Geoffrey would like to invite you to watch **"THE SHOES OF THE FISHERMEN"** this **Tuesday night at 6:45 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. A brief synopsis of the 1968 film: *A Russian man, released from a Siberian prison after 20 years, takes a strong religious stance against the world's problems, including nuclear war, and becomes elected Pope.* The movie lasts 2 hours and 42 minutes.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals.) The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine.



**ST. ANNE PARISH
RECONCILIATION SERVICE
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
7:30 PM IN CHURCH**

NEEDED:

The St. Vincent de Paul is in need of a kitchen table for one of their clients. Please call the parish office @510-471-7766 if you can help.

FIRST COMMUNION

For 129 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. We Listen – This week the young people of our parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us, which is a primary part of the Eucharist. How do we, as a parish, listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of Love to transform our hearts and our minds—our very lives?

LENT RECONCILIATION

Grades 3-4-5 attending Wednesday CCD classes

Wednesday, March 6, 6:00p-7:00p – Church

Grades 6-7-8 attending Thursday CCD classes

Thursday, March 7, 6:00p-7:00p - Church

Note to Parents: If your child missed our scheduled Lent Reconciliation, kindly bring your child 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.

St. Anne CCD Children's STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Dylan Perlas:	Gave \$1.00 & I babysat my cousin.
Iverson Jaochico:	Gave \$1.00 & taught my friend to play ball.
Beatriz Villamor :	Gave \$1.00.
Sebastian Palacio:	Gave \$1.00.
Kaitlyn Cabaluna:	Gave \$1.00 & watched my sister.
Leilani Segurre:	Gave \$2.00.
Nicholas Cruz :	gave \$1.00 & fed my sister.
Micaella G-Acosta.:	Gave \$1.00.
Jhon Nathan Aniel:	Gave \$1.00 & helped my family.
Jesse:	I played with my sister.
Daniel Gonzalesd:	Gave \$1.00 & listened.
Nicolas Aquino	I helped my friend solve a problem on his homework.
Jasper Consul :	Gave \$1.00 & helped my Mom do the laundry.
Ailinh:	Gave \$.10¢ & made my bed.
Dominic Lacandazon:	I helped watch my sister.
Zara:	I helped around the house when my Mom was sick.
Inah Mae Castanar:	Gave \$1.00 & I helped my brother clean the dishes.

Sunday, March 3, 2013

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, February 24, 2013</u>	\$11,222.50
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,777.50)

2012 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please contact the parish office at 471-7766 if you would like a statement of your Sunday contributions for your income tax reports. Leave your name, address and phone number and your statement will be mailed to you.

SCRIPTURE SERIES

St. Joseph Church cordially invites you to a four part series on Interfaith Studies with Fr. Tom Bonaccii, C.P.

It will be held at: Holy Family Convent, 159 Washington Blvd., Fremont, 7:30-9:00 pm.- Mondays, March 4, 11, 25, & April 1.

Free will offering. For info: 510-656-2331

The Rise of Interfaith Spirituality Convergence as the gift we give to one another. No World Peace Without Religious Peace.

Our four part program is designed to critically review recent developments in the quest for inter-religious harmony. We are searching for the wisdom embedded in each Tradition that fosters inter-religious cooperation and justice-making. We will conclude our series by examining the obstacles to such developments as we seek to transcend the obstacles and forge the pathway to true and holy convergence.

Lenten Parish Mission, Holy Spirit Church, Fremont

Mark your calendar to attend the 2013 Lenten Parish Mission presentations. **Fr. Franklin Fong, OFM**, will present the Mission talks on **Monday, March 11 thru Wednesday, March 13 at 8:45 a.m. and repeated at 7:30 p.m.** each day. He will preside at the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass. Additionally, he will give the homilies at all the weekend Masses on March 9 and March 10. The over-all theme is "How to Transform Our Faith." The talk on Monday is "Faith: What is it? How do we nurture our faith?" Tuesday: Examples of the role of art in our prayer life. Wednesday: Take a "leap of faith" to transform our life through vision and actions... recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to attend. For more information call rectory: 797-1660 or Deacon Richard: 656-7384. Fr. Franklin is a friar from the Santa Barbara Province and now assigned at the Franciscan School of Theology (FST), Berkeley, California. He graduated from University of California Davis and Riverside, and then taught at Texas A & M University. After receiving his Masters in Theology and Divinity at FST, he was ordained and served his province in a variety of internal ministries and assignments. Fr. Franklin's hobbies include gardening and pen and ink calligraphy.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

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

Monday, March 4

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

7:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #106

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:45 pm - Movie, SH

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #102 &106

Wednesday, March 6

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

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:00 pm - Perpetual Help Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Music Ministry, CR #106

Thursday, March 7

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, March 8

8:00 am & 7:30 pm - Mass, CH

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

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

Saturday, March 9

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

8:00 am - Faith Formation, SH

9:00 am - Passion Play Rehearsal, CH

9:00 am - SPRED, CR# 105

9:00 am - Polish Community, CR #103, 104, 106

9:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #102

1:00 pm - Holy Trinity Group, CR #105

2:00 pm - Holy Trinity Group, Devotional Room

4:00 pm - CYO, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104



Sunday, March 10

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

11:00 am - Indonesian Community, CR #102

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

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

3:30 pm - Confirmation, ALL FACILITIES

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy Community Prayer, CH

LENTEN REFLECTION

Waiting for Us...

Today's Readings:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15;

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a);

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;

Luke 13:1-9.



The disasters of Jesus's time sound remarkably similar to those we experience today. Still there are people who question whether those who died of flood, disease, or earthquake were guilty of grave sin. Jesus dismissed that speculation, for then and for all time, when he said, in short, "nonsense!"

His approach is closer to the fig tree owner who patiently allows time and space for the barren tree to produce. On one hand, his restraint in allowing another year is admirable. On the other hand, it should motivate: we have limited time to get our acts together. How much procrastination and lame excuse-making hinders our goals?

If we're honest, we see how patient God has been with us, delaying the natural consequences of our sometimes thoughtless actions, and protecting us from the effects of our own stupidity. Even when we don't think about God, God provides us with the nurturing we need, equivalent to the tree's fertilizer and water. Like other Gospel narratives, this one is open-ended. The genius of the story is that it's unresolved. We don't know if, given a grace period, the tree ever bore figs.

More important, perhaps, is how the dilemma is resolved in our own lives. Will we turn from other distractions and bear fruit? Or will we stall and get easily side-tracked from our true purpose: union with God who never condemns, and always awaits us patiently?