

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2013

Family life is a marathon of preparation. Baby showers, doctor visits, prenatal vitamins, and childbirth classes pepper the long months prior to a birth. When the magical day arrives, we realize that what we thought was the finish line was merely the starting pistol for a journey that never ends. Our kids won't be little ones forever, but they'll always be our children. If preparing to become parents is nigh impossible, how are we to understand John the Baptist's message about straightening the paths of the Lord? If this wild, camel-hair-clad prophet is unworthy even to untie the Lord's sandal, what can we possibly do to prepare the way? Just as our children could have been born to only one set of parents, the Lord reveals himself in a unique way in each human life. The task may seem daunting, but we must prepare the way for Christ in our lives because we alone can do it.



PRAYER

Merciful God,
Help me to prepare
your way through
justice and compassion,
creating harmony in
times of discord.
Amen.

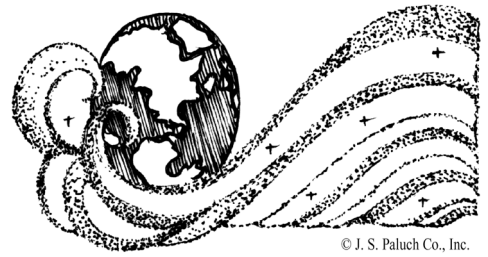
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- How do you treasure the roots of your faith while continuing to grow in understanding?
- How do you reconcile mercy with righteous judgment?
- Does someone in your life have beliefs different from yours? How might you find common ground?

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The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

— *Isaiah 11:9*



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REMINDER:

**Reconciliation Service will be Tuesday,
December 10 at 7:30 pm in the Church.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	International Human Rights Day
Wednesday:	St. Damasus I
Thursday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday:	St. Lucy
Saturday:	St. John of the Cross



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace” is the often-memorized definition of sacrament, but through four decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and an individual.

Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God’s grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms. Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than “meets the eye.”

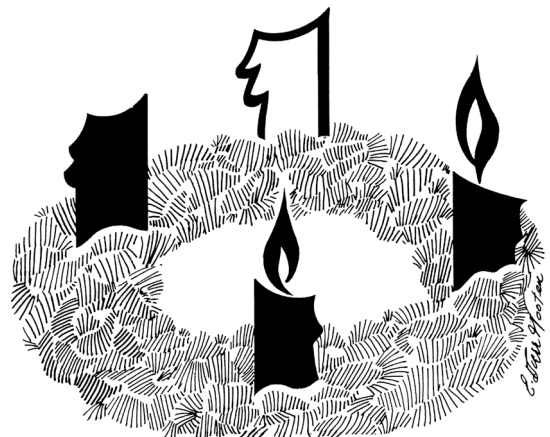
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WONDERS

The normal response to a surprise is amazement, gratitude, and delight. By definition, we don’t anticipate surprises. Their occurrence reminds us that we cannot always guess or shape the future. Granted, we do what we can do; we attend to the daily tasks, as we must. For grace is surely here in the mundane, and God is in the details. But God is in the happy surprises, too.

Today’s readings are filled with startling developments. We hear the clarion cry of one of those rare prophets announcing the coming of the Lord. Isaiah proclaims startling, surprising images of the nearly impossible reconciliation of opposites: calf and lion, leopard and young goat, child and serpent. Isaiah’s vision sees all of these creatures living in harmony. This is Eden again; this is paradise. It is God’s surprise and promise.

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 7, 2013 - December 14, 2013

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm + Matilde Franco

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am + Bernard Gonzales

10:00 am For the People

12:00 pm + Valeriano Conde

6:00 pm + Myrna Sarmiento

Monday, December 9-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00 am + Bien Quintong

7:30 pm Spe.Int. - Thanksgiving
+ Reque Family

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 am + Vicente Franco

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 am + Julian & Teodora Reque

Thursday, December 12

8:00 am + Magdalena Albano

Friday, December 13

8:00 am + Lucia Riego De Dios

Saturday, December 14

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Rosemarie Albano

5:00 pm + Felipa Reyes

Please pray for the sick...

Ester Acda, Johnny Ang, Saturnino Angeles, Reynaldo Antonio, Susana Aquino, Alma Arreglado, Rachel Austria, Gay Badillo, Cecilia Barrera, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Epifania Bundang, Franklin Calub, Jr., Pacita Callantes, Gold Cantolino, Maria Castro, Virginia Ester Claudio, Cuadras, Aurea Dacanay, Ofelia de Guzman, Theresa De Rivera, Bert Dimaano, Angeles Dingcong, Bernardo Dingcong, Roberto Dingcong, Theresa Diola, Ramona Dizon, Alice De Loyola, Fely de Jesus, Albert Doble, Cezar Domingo, Elpidio Dorotheo, Edilberta Enriquez, Enrique Escalante, Juanita Estrellas, Mina Fernando, Emerita Fulinar, Leticia Garces, Lenie Gutierrez, Linda Hernandez, Rosario Ilustre, Reynaldo Joachico, Erlinda Kasilag, Francesca Kelsey, Tessie Lacandazon, Mori Lacson, Gregorio Lintao, Sr., Arthur Macapagal, Reilly McDonald, Ruth Marquez, Theresa Martinez, Saturnina Mayo, Janet McCulley, Zeny Mesa, Victor Montoya, Roquita Padua, Esperanza Paz, Marlen, Peralta, Orlando Peralta, Benita Quintong, Cora Ragasa, Lita Raposas, Oliver Rasul, Elaine Resurreccion, Leo Reyes, Felix & Marcie Rivas, Charmaine Rivera, Eufenia Rivera, Anita Sacdalan, Epifania Santos, Bill Sarati, Fe Segundo, Jose Segundo, Virginia Sosongco, Joseph Thompson, Leonard Torres, Deity Trocino, Emmeline Velayo, Pio Verdan, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villafior, Joe Yumang, Milad Zayat.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD

(Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; !

! ! Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; !Lk 1:26-38

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

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;!

! ! Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: 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

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: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11



Interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith?

Are you an adult who...

is interested in being baptized Catholic?

- was baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore what being Catholic is all about?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please consider joining our ongoing Inquiry sessions for chance to ask questions, learn more about us and about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process by which adults join the Church. No commitment required. For more information, call the parish office at 510-471-7766 or email:

stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com



St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry enters into the second week of Advent (LOVE) while continuing our series "In Season." This week's meeting will center in on the readings and our theme will be "Don't Just Trim The Tree." We will gather on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We look forward to each of us preparing for the coming of the child Jesus.

Next week, Monday, December 16 will be our Advent potluck for all the Youth Ministry, Confirmation and Emmaus Peer Ministry groups. Everyone is welcome...please bring a dish to share!!

St. Anne Confirmation

St. Anne Confirmation Candidates and Parents will meet in the Parish Hall this afternoon, Sunday, December 8 for the retreat information meeting. At least one parent must attend. The gathering will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Los Angeles Catholic Youth Day

Payments are now being accepted for any high school student or young adult who would like to attend the annual Los Angeles Catholic Youth Rally scheduled March 12-15, 2014. This is an OUTSTANDING way to experience the Young Church of Today on a larger level...over 20,000 young people participate in Youth Day every year. We have 22 spots available. If you'd like more information about the trip, please email the Youth Ministry Office at stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net

ADVENT GIVING TREE

There will be an Angel Gift Tag Tree at the Church entrance. Please consider sponsoring someone in need by donating a gift card from a local store. Please leave gift cards at the parish office by December 15. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus

"Serving our church, community & country."

December 14 – 9:00 AM Knights will put up Christmas light decorations around the church.

December 16 to 24 – 5:30 AM Simbang Gabi (Dawn Masses) Knights will usher and help at the Parish hall.

December 18 – 8:00 PM Regular Council Meeting

For information contact: Roland Nimis, Grand Knight
RNimis@yahoo.com or 510-487-8232

ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1- 8)

CCD MASS (every Third Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM): Our monthly celebration of CCD mass is on Sunday, December 15. We would like to invite all CCD students, catechists and their families to attend. A gentle Reminder to Catechists, Students & Parents who have volunteered to participate in the CCD Mass, please arrive 30 minutes before Mass for final instructions.

2013 Crèche Festival: December 14-15
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 Parish Nativity entry that was decorated by CCD Wednesday 5pm Grade 4 students, as well as those made by other parishes throughout the diocese in the Cathedral Event Center. The exhibit of crèches will open to the public from 9:00 am. to 5:30 pm. on December 14 and 15. Admission is free. For schedule of Crèche Festival events: www.ctlcathedral.org/visit/creche/schedule

CCD Children's Stewardship Envelopes

- Angela Sese: Treasure giving \$1.00.
- Franchesca & Danika David: I helped my ate put the clothes in the closet after folding them, and I helped clean the house after our Thanksgiving party.
- Trey Panganiban: Treasure giving \$1.00.
- Aaliyah Ramirez: I helped my Dad make smoothie.
- Tyler: I helped with the Christmas tree & decoration.
- Leia Laureano: I helped Dad fix the truck.
- Jhon P. De La Cruz: I helped the Phil. By helping the cultural club make announcements.
- Unno: I helped my Mom cook.
- Sebastian: Donated \$1.00.
- Elijah: I helped my Mom clean up the house.
- BaileyMedeiros: I helped with decorating the Christmas tree.
- Alex: I vacuumed the living room.

Sunday, December 8, 2013

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, December 1, 2013</u>	\$14,138.13
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 861.87)

Update on Concert Proceeds:

Ticket Sales \$16,880.00

Disbursements:

Jonathan Panillo	\$ 4,000.00
Hilarion Polistico	\$ 4,000.00
Tacloban Typhoon	\$ 4,440.00
LA Congress	\$ 4,440.00

Love Offering (typhoon) \$11,601.00

Disbursements:

ABS CBN Foundatio	\$ 7,500.00
World Vision	\$ 4,101.00

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food (**NO CLOTHING**) to make Christmas Baskets for those in need in our community. Please food donations in the barrels at the Church entrances by December 15. If you know of a person/family in need of a basket, please call the parish office at 471-7766 and leave their name and phone number.

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

Immaculate Heart Radio invites you to tune into their **LIVE Pledge Drive** from December 9 - 12, 2013. All callers will receive a 2014 calendar great for sticking on your laptop computer, refrigerator door, locker, cabinet and so much more.

888-887-7120 or ihradio.com

Listen at 1260 AM radio

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.
—William Penn, English Quaker

POSSIBILITIES

Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother.
—Don Bosco

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 9

8:00 am & 7:30 pm - Mass - Immaculate Conception
9:30 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102 - #105
6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
7:30 pm - Immaculate Conception Mass, CH

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 am - Mass, CH
10:00 am - Euch. Min. to the Sick, CR #102
4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102- #105
7:30 pm - RECONCILIATION SERVICE, CH
7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH
7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 am & 7:00 pm - Mass, CH
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-105
6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
7:00 pm - Perpetual Help, CH
7:30 pm - Young Adult Choir, CR #105
8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Thursday, December 12

8:00 am - Mass, CH
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH
7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH
7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102
7:30 pm - KofC Squires, CR #104
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 13

8:00 am - Mass, CH
10:00 am - Funeral Mass, CR #106
10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #103
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
7:00 pm - Concert, CH
7:00 pm - Baptism, SH
7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104
7:00 pm - Grief Support Ministry, CR #102
7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Saturday, December 14

8:00 am & 5:00 pm Mass, CH
9:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #104
9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105 & 106
9:00 am - Lectors, SH
1:00 pm - Individual User, CH
6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104
7:00 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, December 15

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 & #104
2:00 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #106
3:00 pm - Indonesian Community, CH & SH
4:00 pm - Singles for Christ, CR #105
7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH
7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Nonyo Linuga

Live in Concert!

Friday, December 27 @ 7:30PM

St. Anne Catholic Church

**tickets on
sale
\$30.00**

*Fundraiser for the ongoing
formation of Catechists &
Ministers of Faith Formation,
Youth Ministry and
Liturgy & Music*

