

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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*Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 26, 2014*

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Coordinator
Christine Suarez Middle School Faith
Formation Coordinator
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Zella Yanos Secretary
Helen Cabiles Finance Council Chairperson
Linda Canlas Pastoral Council Facilitator

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:

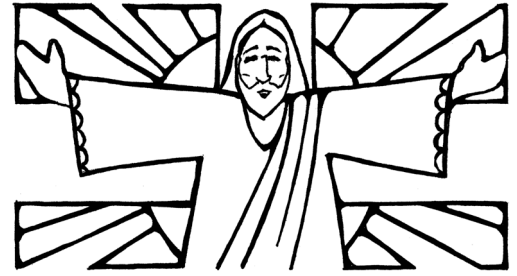
- by creating an environment that welcomes all;
- by being faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure;
- by celebrating God's love committed to giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty,
- clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless and
- by being the sign of unity and peace in the kingdom 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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Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.
— *Psalm 27:14*



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DIVISION

It is a situation that plays itself out in more and less significant ways: Christians divided.

A CYO basketball game between two neighboring parishes. Parents of the young players scream insults and threats at one another and assert their “superiority.”

A Protestant and a Catholic church sit on adjoining properties. Each is vigilant about having parking violators removed from its own “private” parking lot.

An old pastor retires but continues to reside at the parish. A new pastor arrives and quickly finds his faith “community” choosing sides against him.

Saint Paul addresses similar disagreements in the early church at Corinth. He encourages the church there to make up their differences and to be united again in their belief and practice.

Today’s first reading from Isaiah speaks of a people weighed down by the yoke of sin and darkness. Certainly the bickering and differences among us can be classified as such. The Gospel tells of the beginning ministry of Jesus. The Light has come, encouraging us to “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being “clothed in Christ,” and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown.

Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe was wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called “Sunday *in Albis*,” because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.

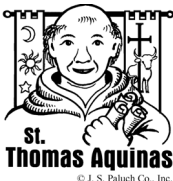
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS

If you would like a statement of your contributions for 2013 for tax purposes, please call the parish office @510-471-7766 and leave your name, address and telephone number. Your statement then will be mailed to you.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Angela Merici
Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Friday: St. John Bosco; Chinese New Year 4712
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



Knights of Columbus

“Serving our church, community & country.”

January 28 – 6:00 PM District Free Throw Competition
Alvarado Middle School gym.

January 29 – 8:00 PM Regular Council Meeting

February 8 – 7:00 AM, Casino Fund Raising Trip
All Parishioners are invited to come.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

January 25, 2014 - February 1, 2014

Saturday, January 25

5:00 pm + Benedicto Bondoc

Sunday, January 26

8:00 am + Olimpia Gonzales

10:00 am + Deo Estacio

12:00 pm + Matilda Franco

6:00 pm For the People

Monday, January 27

8:00 am + Eduardo Evangelista

Tuesday, January 28

8:00 am + Jumberto Soriano

Wednesday, January 29

10:00 am + Lamberto Concepcion

Thursday, January 30

8:00 am + Luis, Sr. & Gertrudis domingo

Friday, January 31

8:00 am + Romy Domingo

Saturday, February 1

8:00 am + Juliana Jimenez

5:00 pm For the People

Please pray for the sick...

Ester Acda, Johnny Ang, Saturnino Angeles, Reynaldo Antonio, Susana Aquino, Alma Arreglado, Rachel Austria, Gay Badillo, Agapito Bagon, Cecilia Barrera, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Alice Barba, Alice Beans, Franklin Calub, Jr., Gold Cantolino, Teofista Coloma, Maria Castro Cuadras, Aurea Dacanay, Ofelia de Guzman, Merly Jereza De Juan, Theresa De Rivera, Bert Dimaano, Donna Diner, Angeles Dingcong, Bernardo Dingcong, Roberto Dingcong, Theresa Diola, 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, Idalina La Rosa, Gregorio Lintao, Sr., Arthur Macapagal, Lisa Mananquil, Ruth Marquez, Theresa Martinez, Saturnina Mayo, Janet McCulley, Zeny Mesa, Victor Montoya, Florentina Morales, Roquita Padua, Esperanza Perez, Marlen, Peralta, Orlando Peralta, Benita Quintong, Cora Ragasa, Lita Raposas, Oliver Rasul, Elaine Resurreccion, Leo Reyes, Felix, Charmaine Rivera, Eufenia Rivera, Anita Sacdalan, Epifania Santos, Bill Sarati, Fe Segundo, Jose Segundo, Virginia Sosongco, Joseph Thompson, Leonard Torres, Emeline Velayo, Pio Verdán, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villafior, Paz Wijangco, 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 — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people. (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

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

Saint Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey – Following the Footsteps of the Savior.**

When we accept the call to follow Jesus as his disciples, we don't know where the path will take us. Our time together will help us reflect on what it means to live as Christians.

St. Anne Confirmation

St. Anne Confirmation will meet on this afternoon, Sunday, January 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

St. Anne SOUPER BOWL Drive

As you are probably aware, the Super Bowl will be in one week...unfortunately the 49ers didn't make it into the game! St. Anne's will also have our **S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl (of Caring)** on Superbowl Sunday. **The Souper Bowl of Caring** is a grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. We are joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in soup pots on Sunday, February 2nd after all Masses. What is collected stays in the community to help fight hunger, but we report our total to **the Souper Bowl of Caring** headquarters so that they can come up with a grand total. This year the proceeds will go to **St. Anthony's Dining Room** and **St. Anne's St. Vincent de Paul ministry**.

St. Anne Youth-Senior Prom: An Intergenerational Dance!!

On Saturday, February 15 St. Anne Youth Ministry will host and Youth-Senior Valentine's Dance from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This is for high school students and seniors in our community to come together and celebrate the dances and songs of your era!! Cost of admittance is \$10.00. So Youth Ministry, Confirmation and Emmaus Peer Ministry students, and any high school student who would like to attend...**you MUST bring a date**...a Grandparent, Uncle or Aunt, Family friend... someone who is a senior (or close to it). For more information, please call the Youth Ministry Office at 471-7766 ext. 22.

FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.

—Søren Kierkegaard

ST ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

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COMMUNION PREPARATION (CP): This program is for **135 students** who are in their first year of Formation and attend Monday classes. This year we, together with parents, will prepare our young children for a lifetime of being forgiven and healed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

REMINDER: One Parent/Guardian with CP student must attend

FAMILY GATHERING – MONDAY, JANUARY 27

4:45p–6:00p Church - Group 1

Class of Gilda Benitez, Irene Santos, Erlinda Ambrosio, Belinda Serrano

6:15p–7:30p Church - Group 2

Class of Tess Gatan, Lou Mejia, Meding Abaya, Jane Relopez

FIRST COMMUNION (FC): For 149 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. As parish community, let us join our candidates and their parents as they begin their journey preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time this coming Easter season.

REMINDER: One Parent/Guardian with FC student must attend

EUCHARIST FAMILY GATHERING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Topic: Liturgy of the Word & Church Tour

4:45p–6:00p Church - Group 1

Class of Nilda Cabardo, Ester Claudio, Kat Otico, & Lee Ramos

6:15p–7:30p Church - Group 2

Class of Vangie-Jean, Melinda-Gwen, Samantha, & Lou-Georgia

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

SPRED (SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

SPRED (Special Religious Education) is in need of volunteer catechists here at St Anne's. We will be opening our 4th center of Catechesis for 6-10 year old children with special needs in the next few weeks. We have interviewed these children already and they seem eager to journey with us. Volunteers are being invited to join our SPRED community here in our parish to help make this faith setting a reality. We are blessed to have Deacon Bernard and his wife Jean active in this group.

We have an 11-16 group session meeting on Saturday mornings. There is also a 17-21 group that meets on Saturdays also. On Wednesday evening a 22+ group gathers together to share faith and liturgy in the social hall.

The reward of being a Spred Catechist is priceless. Training is provided and the only requirement needed is a desire to share and grow in faith with others. Sessions are held October thru May with an invitation to catechists to participate in a retreat in February and a Labor Weekend retreat with all members of Spred 22yrs of age and older. These retreats are awesome and fun!

Sunday, January 26, 2014

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, January 19, 2014</u>	\$10,949.45
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,050.55)

First Annual Diocesan Choir Festival

Saturday, February 8, 2014, 8:00 pm The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland ctlcathedral.org

Choirs from throughout the diocese are invited to participate in the first-ever Diocesan Choir Festival at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 8. We will celebrate the unique voices of each of our parishes, as well as the diversity of talents and cultures that we are blessed with. Each parish is invited to register one choir for participation this year, and the choir can range from full SATB choir, to unison choirs, to small vocal ensembles, children's choirs, youth choirs, adult choirs, senior choirs etc. Each choir is invited to sing a piece/song they know really well and would normally sing during Ordinary Time. Registration information will be available soon.

Diocesan Choir Festival Committee: Rudy de Vos, Leo Keegan, Denise Kogler, Ariel Mayormita, Miguel Villalobos, Helena Dietrich, JaNet Hancock, Joseph Hébert.

Monday, February 10, 7:00 pm

The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland

Rudy deVos 510-496-7227 rdevos@oakdiocese.org

Save the date! Come to Evening Prayer at the Cathedral on Monday, February 10. Bishop Barber will address and give a special blessing to all liturgical musicians from throughout the diocese during this liturgy. All are welcome to attend and pray with Bishop Barber for these musicians

TAIZE PRAYER

TAIZE PRAYER EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH(8-9PM):

TAIZE Prayer is an ecumenical service, open to all faiths. This prayer and song around the Cross is held in the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Chapel every 3rd Friday of each month from 8 to 9pm. In a spirit of peace and reconciliation, our TAIZE service is attended by people of all ages. Join us at 43326 Mission Blvd. (entrance is around the corner on Mission Tierra PI), Fremont, CA 94539. For more information, please contact Sister Marcia Krause, OP at 510-502-5797. Please help us spread the word about this prayer service.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, January 27

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, January 28

8:00 am - Mass

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

7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106

7:30 pm - Fit Club

Wednesday, January 29

8:00 am - Mass

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:00 pm - Perpetual Devotion, CH

Thursday, January 30

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, January 31

8:00 am - Mass, CH

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #103

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

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, February 1

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

9:00 am - Individual User, SH

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105 & 106

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

3:00 pm - Indonesian Community, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, February 2

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

9:30 am - St. Anne Seniors, CR #105

11:00 am - Indonesian Community, CR #102

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

4:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #103

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer, CH

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

REMINDER:

If your ministry or organization, etc. use the parish facilities, please send your 2014 dates, times, etc. to the Parish office as soon as possible.



Like many children, I was afraid of the dark as a little one. When my own tots had problems along this line, I thought I knew just how to help. Taking a page from one of my big brothers' book of tricks, I turned the lights on and off repeatedly, explaining, "See? There's nothing there in the dark that's not there in the light." That worked for most of them, but my youngest shot back with, "That's not true. In the dark, the dark is there."

Despite our long tenure on this half-dark planet, we humans are drawn to the light. It seems to make things more certain. We feel more confident that we know what's what. Bad things may still come, but at least we'll see them coming.

We all realize, though, that much of our lives is spent in darkness—if not literally, then at least the darkness of uncertainty, self-doubt, and fear. Jesus doesn't promise to make the dark go away, but he does promise to be our light in the darkness. With his presence, we truly have nothing to fear.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- How might God call you to use your current career or skills to further the work of the kingdom?
- Who brings Christ's light to the dark places in your world?
- What are some of your strategies for dealing with winter and darkness?
- What new journey might God be calling you to undertake?

PRA^YER

The LORD is my light
and my salvation—
whom should I fear?

The LORD is the
stronghold of my life
—of whom should
I be afraid?

—Psalm 27