

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2014

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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.

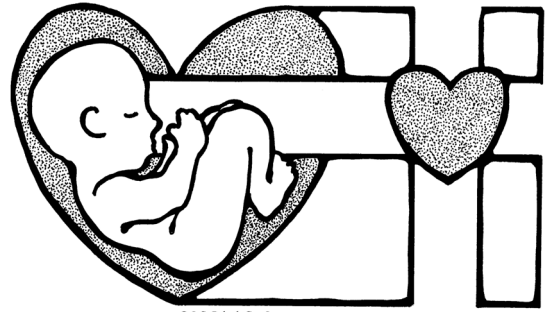
Holy Mass Schedule

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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Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.

— Isaiah 49:15



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My dear friends in Christ,

Last September I went on a pilgrimage to Eastern Europe with people from our parish and beyond. It was such a faith-filled experience visiting the shrines of the Child Jesus in Prague and the Divine Mercy! We visited also many cathedrals and basilicas in Austria, Hungary and Poland. *In fact we had a chance to see the cathedral where Pope John Paul II used to celebrate mass. I hope that you consider going on a pilgrimage one day as a gift to yourself before you leave this earthly life. I will not forget also our trip to the Holy Land two years ago. It was such an experience for those who were there for the first time that many of them are ready to go back and do it again.* We journeyed to the holy places that have significance in our faith. We visited the Sea of Galilee and went to the little villages around it *where a lot of Jesus' miracles happened.* From there we went to Nazareth where the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that "she will conceive in her womb and bear a son." *I even had a chance of presiding at mass before the grotto where that important event took place.*

Our journey to the Holy Land was a "desert experience." We struggled at times but overcome it with shared determination through prayer and faith in the presence of God. We listened, we let go, reflected and emptied ourselves to the spirit of God. We journeyed from the north visiting Mt. Tabor to the Holy Cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Just to be able to touch the spot where Jesus was born in Bethlehem and go in the tomb and to pray over it was a transforming and redeeming experience. What a journey! What an experience! What a "moment with God!"

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent begins. During this time of the year, the church asks us to go into the "desert experience" and spend a "moment with God." *This is a providential opportunity for fostering the spiritual detachment from riches necessary if we are to open ourselves to God, who is the goal of our lives.* Our journey to the Holy Land has made me more aware of the importance of "letting go and emptying ourselves" to the "quietness of the desert" so that we can hear God's whisper in our heart. Like our journey to the Holy Land, we will struggle at times but at the end will give meaning to our journey.

We don't need to go to the Holy Land for a 'desert experience,' but it is something that all of us can create when we begin to leave our controlled and comfortable environment and enter a place of emptiness and need. There, in a barren and isolated landscape, we experience a kind of desolation. However it is in this lifeless wilderness, cut off from the comfort of everyday life that we find God himself. *With its emphasis on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,* we can go into the desert, just as Abraham, Moses, and Jesus did, to experience a deeper intimacy with God. *This experience of feeling driven toward God is what Lent is all about.*

So I invite you to fully participate in the many Lenten activities we have prepared for you. Let us begin our "desert journey" together with Mass on *Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am, 12nn, 5:00pm and 7:30pm. Ashes, which are tangible reminder of the Lenten emphasis on penitence, will be distributed at all the Masses. On Fridays during Lent, we will have BREAD and SOUP Supper at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross with Taize music at 7:30 pm.*

Remember that Lent is not what we give up, but it is about replacing our comfortable environment and favored activities with things that will draw us closer to God: increased prayer, faithfulness to the gospel, meditation and reflection.

*Let us together journey during this season of Lent with a "humble heart" to the beauty of Easter!
May God bless you!*

*Always,
Fr. Geoffrey*



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MASS INTENTIONS

March 1, 2014 - March 8, 2014

Saturday, March 1

5:00 pm + Jerry Concepcion

Sunday, March 2

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

10:00 am + Eleuterio Tecson

12:00 pm + Senon Lansangan

6:00 pm For the People

Monday, March 3

8:00 am + Georgia Megue

Tuesday, March 4

8:00 am + Juliana Torralba

Wednesday, March 5—ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am

12:00 noon

5:00 pm

7:30 pm



Thursday, March 6

8:00 am + Dec.Mem. - Matthew Family

Friday, March 7 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Peter & Mei-Lei Ho

7:30 pm + Demetrio Maguigad

Saturday, March 8

8:00 am + Bernardo Gomez

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 Babillo, Agapito Bagon, Cecilia Barrera, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Nina Baquirano, Carolina Canio, Napoleon Canio, Patrocina Canio, Alice Beans, Gold Cantolino, Teofista Coloma, Maria Castro Cuadras, Aurea Dacanay, Alfonso & Flora De Guia, Ofelia de Guzman, Merly Jereza, Alice De Loyola, Angeles Dingcong, Bernardo Dingcong, Roberto Dingcong, Theresa Diola, Geraldine Dotson, Fely de Jesus, Albert Doble, Cezar Domingo, Elpidio Dorotheo, Edilberta Enriquez, Juanita Estrellas, Mina Fernando, Emerita Fulinar, Linda Hernandez, Rosario Ilustre, Reynaldo Joachico, Erlinda Kasilag, Francesca Kelsey, Tessie Lacandazon, Mori Lacson, Idalina La Rosa, Arthur Macapagal, Lisa Mananquil, Ruth Marquez, Theresa Martinez, Saturnina Mayo, Aurora Mendoza, 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, Luisa Reyes, Felix Rivas, Charmaine Rivera, Eufenia Rivera, Anita Sacdalan, Robert Salazar, Epifania Santos, Fe Segundo, Jose Segundo, Virginia Sosongco, Joseph Thompson, Leonard Torres, Emmeline Velayo, Pio Verdan, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villaflor, Paz Wijangco, Joe Yumang, Dianne Zamora, Milad Zayat

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15).

Psalms — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

POSSESSIONS

The only things we actually keep are those we give away.

—Anonymous

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 EMMAUS Peer Ministry

St. Anne EMMAUS Peer Ministry will have their monthly enrichment meeting this Monday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come ready to celebrate MARDI GRAS!!!

St. Anne Youth Ministry

As was announced in the letter that was sent home last week, St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall**...we will gather for a short faithsharing on Ash Wednesday and then **we will attend the 7:30 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday liturgy together. Families are cordially invited to attend the liturgy as well!

St. Anne Confirmation

St. Anne Confirmation Candidates & Staff will be celebrating a day of community service at Children's Fairyland next Saturday, March 8 from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Candidates and Staff raised over \$2600.00 to fund the day and donate to Fairyland.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION COMMUNION PREPARATION (CP)

For 135 Communion Preparation students who are in their first year of Formation and attend Monday classes.... **Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace:** Now that our children have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, this week they will reflect on the experience of "going to confession" and of receiving God's forgiveness. Please pray for our children as they begin a lifelong practice of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

FIRST COMMUNION

For 149 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?*

Rules for fasting and abstinence...



Ash Wednesday, March 5, marks the beginning of Lent. The following regulations regarding fasting and abstinence are observed in the United States: Catholics ages 14 and over are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Individuals between 18 and 59 are also obliged to fast — eat one full meal — on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eating two smaller meals is permitted to maintain strength, but eating between meals is not.

These obligations, however, do not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected.

Catholics are also encouraged to do penance in other ways, such as prayer, acts of self-denial, almsgiving and works of kindness and compassion.

Divine Mercy Apostolate

Everyone is invited -- Make 2014 A Year In Prayer & Spiritual Growth. Come and pray with the St Anne Divine Mercy Apostolate members:
 7:00 PM - Church - Every First Fridays
 7:00 PM - Room 104 - All other Fridays
 7:30 PM - Church - Sundays
 Interested in becoming a Divine Mercy Apostolate? Contact any Divine Mercy Apostolate Members for more info or contact Lou Castro - Coordinator - 510-396-1162.

CCD STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

- Avery Revilla: Treasure giving \$1.00.
- Daniel: Treasure giving \$1.00.
- Precious Anne: Treasure giving \$1.00.
- Jayden: I pray everytime I sleep & eat & donated \$1.00.
- Angelina Cabardo: I helped take care of the puppy.
- Carissa: Treasure giving \$.50¢.
- Angelina Cataquian: I helped Mom do the laundry.
- Elysia Delgadillo: I help by taking out all the recyclables. & donated \$1.00.
- Ava Aquino: ITreasure giving \$1.00.
- Aiden Revilla: Treasure giving \$1.00.
- Isabella Adion: I put the dishes away.
- Annelise Adion: I put away my clothes.
- Elijah: I watched my baby sister when my Mom w3as doing something.
- Sawyer Smith: I made a card for my Mom.
- Sierra Smith: I cleaned my room & did my homework without complain ing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"Serving our church, community & country."
March 14, Knights host & serve Lenten Soup Supper
March 15, Knights Choir sings at 5:00 pm mass.
 For information contact: Roland Nimis, Grand Knight
 RNimis@yahoo.com or 510-487-8232

Sunday, March 2, 2014

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, February 23, 2014</u>	\$12,258.50
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,741.50)

WROUGHT IRON BIDDING

Wrought Iron window covering for a window in the parish rectory.

Interested companies should submit their bid on their company letterhead with license number. Bids may be submitted to the Parish Office by Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

Holy Spirit Parish Mission

Rev. Terry Hershey will present "Jesus in Skin" at Holy Spirit Church on March 10, 11, & 12. Sessions at 8:30am and 7:30pm. Terry is a dynamic and entertaining speaker who has presented nationwide at Catholic conferences and retreats. All are welcome. Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont

BUKAS PALAD CONCERT, "Huwag Kang Mangamba", Be not afraid, 2014 NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

Bukas Palad Music Ministry will be performing at St. Joan of Arc Parish in San Ramon on March 29, 2014 @ 7:30 PM. The "Bukas Palad" (translation in Tagalog: "open palm") has been a proponent of original Filipino liturgical and inspirational music. The event is hosted by Simbang Gabi Ministry and Music Ministry led by choir director, Janet Whitaker.

Bukas Palad 2014 is dedicated to Filipinos that endured the many tragedies and continues to experience. It is their hope that their concerts in North America will help Filipino communities be one with our nation as they face the long road of healing and rebuilding with the love, hope, joy and generosity of Christ.

For tickets, please call Marietta Ocampo @ 925-525-6821, mocampo@legacyrea.com or go to Saint Joan of Arc website and pay through PayPal. For more information, please visit: <http://www.sjasr.org/>

Immaculate Heart Radio...

Invites you to tune into our LIVE Pledge Drive, March 10-13. Call in during the pledge drive and you will receive a free gift. 888-887-7120 ihradio.com

Listen at 1260 AM

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, March 3

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

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

6:00 pm - Lectors, CH

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

Tuesday, March 4

8:00 am - Mass

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

6:15 pm - Faith Formation, CH

7:30 pm - Festival Committee, CR #103

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Wednesday, March 5 - **ASH WEDNESDAY**

8:00 am, 12 noon, 5:00 & 7:30 pm - Mass

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

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:00 pm - Perpetual Devotion, CH

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

Thursday, March 6

8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Lopez, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

8:00 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, March 7

8:00 am - Mass, CH

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

6:00 pm - Lenten Bread & Soup, SH

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

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy Choir, CR #104

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, SH

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

Saturday, March 8

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

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

9:00 am - Polish Community, CR #102, 103 & 104, SH

2:00 pm - Lectio Divina, CR #106

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

6:30 pm - El Shaddai

Sunday, March 2

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

11:00 am - Indonesian Community, CR #102

12:00 pm - Individual User, SH

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

4:00 pm - Children's Choir, CH

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer, CH

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

DAYLIGHT



SAVING TIME

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Lent 2014



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

8AM, 12PM, 5PM, 7:30PM



FRIDAYS IN LENT

Soup Supper @ 6PM (Parish Hall)

Stations of the Cross @ 7:30PM (Church)



PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 18 @ 7:30PM (Church)

And as I walk this Lenten
journey with your Church,
Lord,
open me to the needs of
my brothers and sisters
who walk beside me, behind
me and before me...

