

# Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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## Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2014

### Pastoral Staff

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Helen Rojas	Children's Formation Coordinator
Christine Suarez	Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator
Sydney Gargan	Office Administrator
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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 his gifts: food to the hungry, water for the thirsty;
- clothing to the naked, shelter for the homeless and
- by being the sign of unity and peace in the kingdom of God.

### Holy Mass Schedule

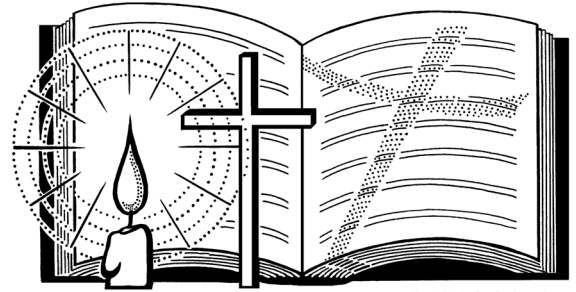
Weekdays	8:00 am
Saturdays	8:00 am 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sundays	8:00 am and 10:00 am 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm
First Fridays	8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Confessions	Saturday @ 3:30 pm

# Second Sunday of Lent

## March 16, 2014

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death  
and brought life and immortality  
to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b



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*My dear friends in Christ,*

**OUR THEME: THAT WE MAY WALK IN THE WAY OF HIS CROSS!**

*We are now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent* ----and the invitation “*to repent and to turn to God*” continues.

*In my homily last Sunday* I reminded you about the many temptations that all of us will face during our Lenten journey. Some of us will give in to the temptations and many of us will be victorious. We all know that our goal during this journey is to get to the waters of life at Easter. It won't be easy! *That's why last Sunday I proposed that we need to be committed in practicing characters of holiness: fasting, almsgiving and prayer. And we can do this through the spirit of LENT---which is to LOVE through ALMSGIVING, to be EMPTIED from selfish desires, then come to that moment of NOTHINGNESS to be freed from darkness and hurts through FASTING and be TRANSFORMED through PRAYER!*

We all know that God loves us. Everything that we see and experience is a sign of his love and blessings. *In the history of humanity even when have strayed away from him through our sinful ways, our loving God continues to send messengers to tell us to come home. We know that he sent his Son our Lord Jesus Christ to be the sign of his love. Many listened to him and many ignored him. Those who listened were blessed and those who didn't they were cursed. For many of us who have been stubborn in listening to him and continue to be filled with pride and arrogance, I believe that it is time for us to remember what God has done to the people of Nineveh who were given the grace of forgiveness when they decided to repent and turn to God.*

*In the Gospel this weekend on this second Sunday of Lent, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the high mountains. During this mountain top experience, Jesus was transfigured before the three disciples to give them a glimpse of the glory and peace of the kingdom. It was a moment of peace and serenity. It was a moment of blessing for them.*

*Every time we gather around the table of the Lord, the high altar of gathering, we too have a glimpse of the glory of the kingdom. But we know that we are not to stay here. Just like James, John and Peter, we are asked to come down from this mountain top experience to go with Jesus to the Jerusalem. This is the mission of the Church and we are part of this experience.*

*May our Lenten journey, 40 Days in the Dessert: A Call to Conversion, be a sign of our commitment to repent and turn to our God!*

*Your friend and servant*  
*Fr. Geoffrey*



## St. Anne 40th Anniversary Parish Directory Update

**Our printed parish directory should be delivered to St. Anne by the end of the Month. Announcements will be made in the bulletin and families who took pictures will be given a copy of the directory at no cost. We thank you for your patience.**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*“Serving our church, community & country.”*

- March 26**, Regular Council Meeting
- April 19**, Knights will prepare palm leaves
- April 20**, Knights Easter Egg Hunt
- April 26**, Seminarian Dinner Dance
- April 27**, Knights will Usher Divine Mercy Mass

If interested in becoming a Knight, contact:  
Roland Nimis, Grand Knight  
RNimis@yahoo.com or 510-487-8232

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 15, 2014 - March 22, 2014

### Saturday, March 15

5:00 pm + Anthony Agbayani

### Sunday, March 16

8:00 am For the People  
10:00 am + Baltazar Pedagat  
12:00 pm + Engracia & Benito Banatao  
6:00 pm + Antonio Basilo

### Monday, March 17

8:00 am + Constante Agbayani

### Tuesday, March 18

8:00 am + Bernardo Gomez, Sr.

### Wednesday, March 19

8:00 am + Amado I. Tayco

### Thursday, March 20

8:00 am + Francisco Rabuy

### Friday, March 21

8:00 am + Pedro Edanot

### Saturday, March 22

8:00 am + Maria Dolojan  
5:00 pm + Simplicio Soriano, Jr.

### *Please pray for the sick...*

Ester Acda, Johnny Ang, Saturnino Angeles, Reynaldo Antonio, Susana Aquino, Charmaine & Ricky Arciga, Alma Arreglado, Rachel Austria, Gay Badillo, Agapito Bagon, Eva Bancroft, Cecilia Barrera, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Nina Baquirano, Alice Beans, Carolina Canio, Napoleon Canio, Patrocina Canio, Gold Cantolino, Teofista Coloma, Marilyn Cox, 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, Eric Igos, 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, Eric Morton, 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** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



**MONDAY  
MARCH 17, 2014**

## 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 will meet on Monday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will focus on the second week of Lent: **“The Transfiguration.”** In this session, we will explore the event of the Transfiguration and how this major event tells us more about who Jesus is, who Elijah and Moses are, and who we are as followers of Jesus.

## MARRIAGE ON FIRE

*Co-hosted by the Diocese of Oakland and the Archdiocese of San Francisco*

Catholic marriage experts **Greg and Julie Alexander** are coming to St. Anne for a *free* talk on Saturday, March 22 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hear how the Alexanders transformed their troubled marriage into a vibrant, happy & healthy union. Call Mimi Streett or Inez Albores if you plan to attend. Mimi: 510-267-8392 or Inez: 510-695-8953.

### Rules for fasting and abstinence...



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, almsgiv-

### THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

—Anonymous

### GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Grief Support Ministry is inviting everyone to come and attend the Lenten DVD series from 2-5 PM, classroom #106:

March 22 - Conversion

April 5 - Sacrament of Confession

April 12 - Holy Eucharist

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

**LENTEN SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS this FRIDAY, MARCH 21** – CCD grades 6-7 will host the Lenten Soup at 6:00 PM in the Hall. CCD &YM will do the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM in the Church. We invite all CCD catechists, students and families to come and join us this Friday.

### **FIRST COMMUNION (FC)**

*For 149 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. **We Remember and Give Thanks*** – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on what Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. The Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass is the Church’s great prayer of thanksgiving. At the Eucharist through the power of the Holy Spirit we join with the living Christ to give praise and glory to the Father. *How are we, as a parish, gathering to remember and celebrate Jesus?* – **SPECIAL NOTE TO FC PARENTS: Family Gathering Agape Service originally scheduled on March 25 has been changed to MARCH 18. Students will have regular FC classes on March 25 in the classrooms.**

### R E M I N D E R

### 2013-2014 FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS & PARENTS

*All FC candidates & one parent/adult family member must attend one EUCHARIST FAMILY*

### GATHERING

**Tuesday, MARCH 18 - 4:45p & 6:15p - HALL**

*Topic: Walk Thru Mass*

### CCD STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Danika D.:	Donated \$.75¢.
Daniel Gonzales:	I read without being told & donated \$1.00.
Unno:	I helped my Dad wash the car & donated \$.50¢.
Precious:	Treasure giving \$1.00.
Dozz:	I helped finish the food of fish so it won't go to waste.
Dennise Santos:	I did my own laundry.
Kyla Harrison:	I made sure that a friend was okay when she was hurt.
Nitalia Camilosa:	I helped my brother do his laundry.
No name:	Treasure giving \$1.00.
Avery Revilla:	Treasure giving \$1.00.
Elyssa Acob:	I helped a friend in need.
Roland Villena:	Cleaned up the bed.
Alyssa Barrientos:	Picked up recycle.
Isaiah Otico:	I helped take out the trash.

Sunday, March 16, 2014

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, March 9, 2014</u>	\$12,873.00
<b>Budget</b>	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,127.00)
Ash Wednesday	\$ 6,223.50

Letter regarding 2013 Bishop's Appeal

"Dear Father Baraan,

Enclosed is a check for \$21,652.33 for the parish as its rebate for the 2013 Annual Bishop's Appeal. On behalf of Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., myself and most importantly, our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive assistance from the ministries financially supported by the appeal, I want to thank you and your parishioners for your generosity and support of the appeal.

Respectfully,

Ken Hokenson

Director of Mission Advancement"

### 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 Friday**

**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.**

#### PLEASE NOTE...

**During the Lenten Season, the Divine Mercy Friday prayer will be held on Mondays at 7:30 pm in Room 104 or Room 106 based on availability. This is only during the Lenten season so we can all participate in the Parish Station of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30 pm**

### CORPUS CHRISTI - 100TH ANNIVERSARY HELP NEEDED

This year in 2014 we will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary! We would like to reach out to our local parishes for help. June will be our Festival and since it is our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration, we would like our parishioners to enjoy the Day as opposed to work it. We would like to talk to some of the folks from your festival that supported in the food area and see if they would like to support us by participating in our Festival. Thank you in advance! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP CORPUS CHRISTI PLEASE CALL: ANGELA FRANCO AT 510-709-7841

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, March 17

#### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, March 18

#### 8:00 am - Mass

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

#### 7:30 pm - LENTEN RECONCILIATION, CH

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106

Wednesday, March 19

#### 8:00 am - Mass

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

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:00 pm - Perpetual Devotion, CH

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

Thursday, March 20

#### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

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

7:30 pm - Lopez, CH

7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

8:00 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, March 21

#### 8:00 am - Mass, CH

10:00 am Funeral, CH

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

5:00 pm - Lenten Soup & Bread, SH

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

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH

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

Saturday, March 22

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

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

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

10:00 am - Memorial Mass, CH

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

1:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #105

2:00 pm - Lectio Divina, CR #106

6:00 pm - Marriage of Fire, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

6:30 pm - El Shaddai

Sunday, March 23

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

10:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #102

11:00 am - Indonesian Community, CR #103

1:00 pm - Individual User, CR #104

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

3:00 pm - Confirmation, ALL FACILITIES

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer, CH

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH



Not all temptations are created equal. What I find irresistible might have no value for someone else, and vice versa.

The story of Jesus in the desert reveals the sort of temptations he might have found enticing. Bread after forty days of fasting? That would probably get all of us. Testing the promises of God? That can certainly be appealing when times are tough. And, if your goal is to redeem the world, having it handed to you on a silver platter would certainly be an easier path than the road to Calvary.

Jesus knew from the start what we all learn one small step at a time: There are no shortcuts to holiness—or to anything, really. The only way to achieve a goal is to earn it. We strive to teach our children the value of hard work and sometimes imagine that our own hard work is behind us. Temptation never stops, but with prayer and perseverance, we might one day no longer find it so tempting.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- What challenges do you face this Lent? What are some difficult questions that confront you?
- How can you find some desert time this Lent?

## PRA<sup>Y</sup>ER

Jesus,  
guide me into  
the desert with you.  
Give me the courage  
to ask  
the difficult questions,  
the questions  
from which I run.  
Stop me, Lord,  
and speak to me  
with your honest love  
Bring me into the depths  
of your presence  
to a place of healing.  
Amen.