

Saint Anne Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2014



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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.

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.

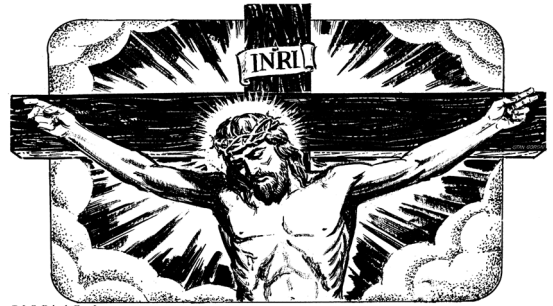
Holy Mass Schedule

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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While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
— Romans 5:8



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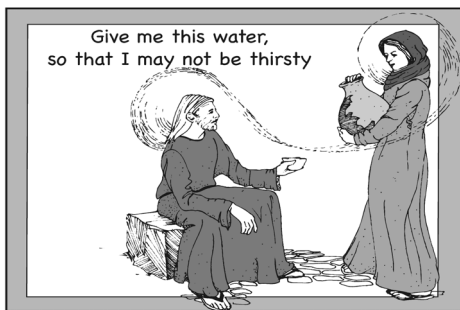
THIRSTING FOR UNITY

In today's Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being, treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.

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Rules for fasting and abstinence...



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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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Especially during the Lent and Easter seasons, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance in to the Body of Christ, the Church.

In an emergency, and providing the parents desire it, anyone can baptize by pouring water and saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God's word, the promises, the naming, the anointings, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord's Prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar. Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger.

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AVAILABILITY

God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability.

—Anonymous

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 22, 2014 - March 29, 2014

Saturday, March 22

5:00 pm + Simplicio Soriano, Jr.

Sunday, March 23

8:00 am + Luke Arevalo

10:00 am For the People

12:00 pm + Erlina Arevalo

6:00 pm + Godofredo Pamplona

Monday, March 24

8:00 am + Michael Macaraig

Tuesday, March 25

8:00 am + Gonzalo Vergara

Wednesday, March 26

8:00 am + Clarita Brabangco

Thursday, March 27

8:00 am + Consolacion Morales

Friday, March 28

8:00 am + Gene Edano

Saturday, March 29

8:00 am + Gertrude & Joachim Lui

5:00 pm + Aurora Abuzman

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, 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, Gloria Bustos, 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 Juanita Ledesma, Macapagal, Lisa Mananquil, Ruth Marquez, Theresa Martinez, Saturnina Mayo, 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, Jacob Tril, Emmeline Velayo, Pio Verdan, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villafior, Paz Wijangco, Joe Yumang, Dianne Zamora, Milad Zayat

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (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: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

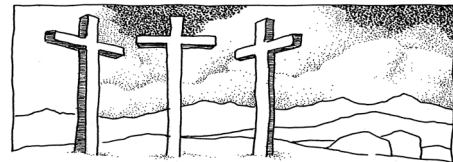
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

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: 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]



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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 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will focus in the third full week of Lent will be: week of Lent: **“Reconciliation: We Celebrate Repentance and Forgiveness.”** Our time together will help high school youth deepen their awareness of God as their loving Creator and of God’s gift of freedom which allows them to choose between good and evil. The session helps them see the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the presence of Jesus calling them to repentance and offering them mercy and forgiveness.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the Youth Ministry programs of Corpus Christi, Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Anne’s on Tuesday night, March 25 at St. Anne’s at 7:00 p.m. **ALL Youth Ministry students and Confirmation candidates are expected to be in attendance.**

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

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.

ST ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

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FIRST COMMUNION

*For 149 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes. **We Share A Meal** – This week the young people of the parish preparing for Eucharist are reflecting on Jesus’ presence with us in the Eucharist. Before receiving Holy Communion, we pray the Lord’s Prayer and share a Sign of Peace with one another. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. *How are we, as a parish, living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?* **SPECIAL NOTE TO FC PARENTS: Students will have regular FC classes this Tuesday, March 25, in the classrooms.***

CCD STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Tyler Medeiros:	Cleaned the office with my brother.
Bailey:	I helped my Mom shop.
Ailinh:	I brought food to family in need.
Unno:	I helped wash dishes.
Alex:	I helped my Dad clean after breakfast.
Daniel Gonzales:	I made my bed without being told & donated \$1.00.
Nicholas Cruz:	I helped feed my sister & donated \$1.00.
Jayden:	Treasure giving \$1.00 & helped Eli tie his shoes.
Benjamin Cardozo:	Treasure giving \$1.00 & helped with laundry.
Carl Jerem Musai:	Treasure giving \$3.00.
Dozz:	I helped Mom cook & donated \$1.00 to church.
Precious:	Treasure giving \$1.00.
Aiden & Avery Revilla:	Treasure giving \$2.00.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

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

April 5 - Sacrament of Confession

April 12 - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 23, 2014

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, March 16, 2014</u>	\$11,678.50
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,321.50)
Stewardship –Cath. Relief Services	1,298.00

'The Lenten Journey' Mission Our Lady of the Rosary Church

A three-night Lenten mission is being offered at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 13-15, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 703 C Street, in Union City. The mission presenter is the Rev. J. Patrick Foley, who describes himself as an "itinerant papist preacher." Father Foley is well known and in recent weeks has given missions and retreats throughout the Western states plus Vermont and New York.

The mission presentations begin each night at 7:30 p.m. and are titled "The Lenten Journey – Christ's and yours." The Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Rev. José M. León, is inviting all neighboring parishes to attend – Fremont, Newark, Hayward and beyond. There is no admission charge. Father Foley explains: "I am paid no salary and charge no fees. My sole means of support are the donations given by those whom I serve. Those gifts not only provide for all my living expenses; they also make it possible for me to travel to small, rural, or out-of-the-way parishes and groups who might not otherwise be able to afford a mission or retreat. Indeed, your donations make this ministry possible, and for that I am very grateful."



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience Weekend May 2-4, at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. This program helps Divorced, Separated and Widowed take a step forward, finding renewed hope and vitality to enjoy life and through God, experience positive growth. Weekend includes 2 nights stay, 6 meals and all materials, \$260. Scholarships available. Contact John Ferreira 650.692.4337 or email sjbeginexp@aol.com website www.sanjosebe.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, March 24

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 25

8:00 am - Mass

- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 7:00 pm - Deanery Reconciliation, CH
- 7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club

Wednesday, March 26

8:00 am - Mass

- 10:00 am Funeral, CH
- 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 27

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 5:00 pm - Memorial Mass, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH
- 7:30 pm - Pinto, CH
- 7:30 pm - Servites, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Festival Committee, CR #105
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
- 8:00 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, March 28

8:00 am - Mass, CH

- 10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102
- 5:00 pm - Lenten Soup & Bread, SH
- 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH
- 7:30 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - 8:00 am Choir, CR #106

Saturday, March 29

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

- 9:00 am - Faith Formation, SH
- 10:00 am - Faith Formation, CR #1102-105
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104
- 6:30 pm - El Shaddai

Sunday, March 30

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

- 11:00 am - Indonesian Community, CR #103
- 12:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102
- 1:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #104
- 1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH
- 4:00 am - Children's Choir, CR #106
- 7:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer, CH
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH



Arguing is a fact of family life. Have you ever known a married couple that never bickered? Is there anyone in your own family with whom you've never had a disagreement? Often it is only within the safety and security of a loving relationship that we can feel free to express our doubts, our frustrations, and our desires. Yet it can sometime feel inappropriate to have this same relationship with God. Can we ever argue with the Almighty?

Several Scripture stories, including today's Gospel, tell of those whose lives were transformed after daring to engage Jesus in an argument. The woman at the well doesn't take Jesus's promises at face value—she questions him, testing and probing until she is certain he is telling the truth. Rather than dismissing her doubt or chastizing her, Jesus shows respect for her concerns and goes toe-to-toe with her.

God is bigger than our fears, more powerful than our doubts, and loves us more than our closest family. We can always trust him with our questions.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- What story in the Bible most resonates with your life today?
- How easy is it for you to talk about what faith means in your life?
- Who do you let see the real you most often? What about that person lets you feel safe?



PRAYER

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord, my God.

for you my flesh pines,
for you my soul thirsts,
like a dry, weary land
without water.

You are my help,
and in the shadow
of your wings

I shout for joy.

My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand holds
me firm.

—Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 8-9