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Feast of the Holy Family

December 28, 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.

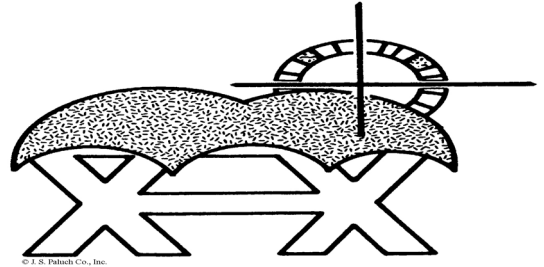
Holy Mass Schedule

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 28, 2014

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31



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My dear friends in Christ,

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2015! He is born!

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas celebration with family and friends filled with joy, love and thanksgiving. I pray that God's love and peace will shine through you for those filled with challenges and troubles. This is the powerful message of Christmas. The Christ of history has come to give us hope and to save us!

Many years ago I visited my grandson in Hercules. One hour into my visit, he asked me if I could come with him to his room. I said, "OKAY!" He grabbed my arm and led me to his bedroom. When we went in, he pointed at the picture on the wall. He said, "A gift from my grandfather. Are they not lovely family?" Playing innocent, I asked him, "Who are this family?" He said, "Well, my mother told me that those are very important family and their last name is HOLY and she said that we should imitate them."

The HOLY FAMILY is God's gift to us. They are model of Christian family life. Today we celebrate this feast to honor the HOLY FAMILY: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. To celebrate this feast, the Church wants to emphasize the importance of the human family. In our society today, family values cannot be overemphasized. If we look at the condition of family life, we find a sad picture of reality that exists in our world today. There is the breakdown of family. One of the reasons is the decline of moral standards and values. Definitely, family has really changed! In our society, there is more emphasis on individualism and materialism. This is a reality that we cannot ignore. That is why this feast is very important for us to celebrate in order to help us be more aware of our condition. It challenges to reflect more on life. It challenges us more to work on our values and to be more responsible. This feast is also important, in fact very timely, because it gives us hope. I believe that against the dark picture of our society stands the bright picture of the HOLY FAMILY.

But what is a family as we understand it today? We often heard the word or the term, DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY. But look! Who is not? The Holy Family! In a sense we are all dysfunctional human family. But the goal of the celebration though is to remind us that happiness, love and peace are not something given by God but a product built by family members in their relationship with our God. The family of Nazareth became holy and model of all Christians because they shared their difficulties with one another but more importantly, they remained steadfast in their faith. They cared for one another to the end. They struggled but remained a family.

We are called to build a holy family. The new Catechism states that "the Christian family constitutes a domestic church. For it is a community of faith, hope and charity." The most visible sign of a holy family is mutual respect and care for one another. We are called to this profound human respect and Godly wisdom in our relationship within the family and whatever family we belong to. The wisdom of Sirach reminds us of the need to care for one another, not to be abusive but always considerate.

Throughout the ages, the family has been the cradle of the Christian spirit. The first place in which Christians gathered were homes of families who opened their doors to the Christian way of life. These domestic churches nurtured the spread of Christianity. We must strive to imitate the Holy Family of Nazareth to the best of our ability. Of course our best doesn't guarantee our success, but only help us create an environment of respect, understanding, humility, compassion, peace and love.

HAPPY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY!

*Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey*



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December 27, 201 - January 3, 2015

Saturday, December 27

5:00 pm + Rosalinda Cabardo

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am + Magnolia Yngente

10 :00 am For the People

12:00 pm + Dedicacion Duya

6:00 pm Spe. Int. - Katrina Carpio

Monday, December 29

8:00 am +

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 am + Stephen Bergin

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

8:00 am + Teodula Mamaril

5:00 pm + Tersita & Jesus Cruz

Thursday, January 1, 2015 - New Year's Day

NO 8:00 AM MASS

10:00 am Spe.Int. - Tony Ho

12:00 pm Spe.Int. - Yanos Family

Friday, January 2

8:00 am + Roy Renato Yap

7:30 pm + Eriberto Hernandez

Saturday, January 3

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Genoveva Bagoisan

5:00pm + Teodula Mamaril

Please pray for the sick...

Esperanza Abdon, Ester Acda, Soledad Agoot, Johnny Ang, Susana Aquino, Charmaine & Ricky Arciga, Alma Arreglado, Rachel Austria, Ederlinda AVECILLA, Gay Badillo, Agapito Bagon, Eva Bancroft, Cecilia Barrera, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Nina Baquirano, Lolita A. Bascones, Alice Beans, Yoly Buhay, Bernabe Cabug, Evangeline Carrodus, Teofista Coloma, Epitacio Cruz, Roderick Cruz, Gouri Dasgupta, Magelinde Del Castillo, Llana Ganal, Alfonso & Flora De Guia, Ofelia de Guzman, Caleigh Foster de Leon, Alice De Loyola, Purificacion Del Rosario, Bert Dimaano, Nenita Dingcong, Theresa Diola, Angelina Dizon, Jose Domingo, Geraldine Dotson, Fely de Jesus, Albert Doble, Cezar Domingo, Juanita Estrellas, Milagros Farren, David Fournell, Emerita Fulinar, Janice & John Hutalla, Rosario Ilustre, Reynaldo Joachico, Erlinda Kasilag, Eric Igos, Tessie Lacandazon, Mori Lacson, Lilian Lauron, Carmelita Leal, Isabel Loyola, Arthur Macapagal, Lisa Mananquil, Bert Mariano, Janet McCulley, Amy Medrano, Digna Mendoza, Florentina Morales, Eric Morton, Felix Nanat, Teofisto Pacete, Roquita Padua, Juliana Minoza, Esperanza Paz, Marlen Peralta, Orlando Peralta, Jimmy Pingree, Roces Pineda, Roy Porlaris, Benita Quintong, Cora Ragasa, Elaine Resurreccion, Leo Reyes, Luisa Reyes, Felix Rivas, Charmaine Rivera, Eufenia Rivera, Anita Sacdalan, Epifania Santos, Ted Santos, Fe Segundo, Jose Segundo, Antonio & Luz Siat, Ruperto Sitchon, Ruby Soriano, Virginia Sosongco, Michael Tang, Joseph Thompson, Leonard Torres, Petronila Torres, Manuel Trinidad, Joel Tubig, Tomas Trujillo, Pio Verdan, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villaflor, Joe Yumang, Dianne Zamora.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Tuesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Thursday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day

Friday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen;

First Friday

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday



St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry has no more meetings in December; our next meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A very blessed, holy and Merry Christmas to all!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8627 "CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY"

Wishing you & your Family a Happy & Prosperous New Year!

January 2nd – Membership Dues

January 10th – Take-down Lighting after 8:00 am mass

January 20th – Basketball Free Throw Contest @
AMS, 7:00 pm

January 24th - Walk for Life, San Francisco

For inquiry about the Knights of Columbus and activities, please contact: Pol Marzan, Grand Knight
pmarzan@tieg.com; (510) 566-8259

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

CYO Girls Basketball Registration

Girls Basketball season is around the corner! Forms can be found at:

<http://www.saintannecatholic.org/home/cyo/cyo-signups>.

For more information, please contact Ron Tria or Vicky Parilla at theparillas@sbcglobal.net. There will be registration nights held at the Alvarado Middle School gym.

- CCD students and parishioners only-
January 6th and 8th from 7- 8 pm.
- All Players (new and returning) -
January 13 and 15th from 7-8 pm.

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is inviting you for their Cenacle prayer **every Friday at 7:00 pm, CR # 104 except for First Friday in the Church. Please come and join us in prayers. If you have any questions please call: Lou Castro - 510-396-1162, Carmencita Draculan-510-449-4447, or Diane Domingo- 510-676-9006.

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

**RE M I N D E R
CHRISTMAS BREAK
December 22 to January 1
NO CLASSES – School is closed.
Classes resume Monday, January 5, 2015
WE WISH ALL A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS
and BLESSED NEW YEAR 2015 !!**



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CCD STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Joshua Santos:	I fed the fish, gr.4
Jerrick:	I put away my clothes,gr.2
Tatiana Ribay:	Washed dishes & treasure giving \$1.00, gr. 5
Miley:	I helped with the groceries & treasure giving \$2.00, rm.104
Dominik Lualhati:	Treasure giving \$1.00 & I listened to my Mom, gr. 1
Renato Limjoco:	I helped clean the yard & treasure giving \$1.00, gr.4
Quincy:	Put my clothes & shoes away & treasure giving \$2.00, gr.2
Shelby Ray:	Cared for my cousin & donated \$1.00, gr.1

Eucharistic Adoration in Care Homes

Adorers Needed!

We need volunteers to visit convalescent hospitals and care homes.

Please mark you calendar and let us know if you can join us.

Hayward Convalescent Hospital -Every Monday at 2:30pm

Hilltop Care Home - Every Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am

Hayward Wellness Center - Every Last Saturday of the Month at 2pm

If you have a care home and you want us to visit you, give us a call.

Please call for details: Lee Ramos: 510-207-1409



Sunday, December 28, 2014

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, December 14, 2014</u>	\$12,070.50
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$2,929.50)

USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Offered to low income families on the 3rd Saturday of every month in classroom #106, 9-11 am. The next distribution is January 17.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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

R.C.I.A.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 29

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, December 30

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 5:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH
- 7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CH, CR # 106

Wednesday, December 31 - **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass, CH**
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
- 7:00 pm - Perpetual Help

Thursday, January 1 - **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

- 10:00 am - Mass, CH**
- NO 8:00 am or 6:00 pm MASSES**

Friday, January 2 - First Friday

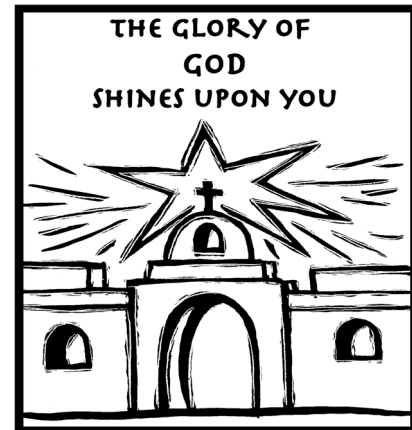
- 8:00 am & 7:30 pm - Mass, CH**

Saturday, January 3

- 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH,**
- 1:00 pm - Wedding Anniversary, CH
- 6:15 pm - Charismatic, CR # 104
- 6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, January 4

- 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm- MASS, CH**
- 1:00 pm - Polish Community, CR #104
- 1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club



REMINDER:

PLEASE REMIT TO THE PARISH OFFICE A LIST OF YOUR PARISH MEETINGS, GATHERINGS, CHOIR PRACTICES, ETC. WE NEED TO UPDATE THE PARISH FACILITIES SHEDULE.

A Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen.

Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

*Wishing you and your family a blessed
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

~Fr. Geoffrey and the Pastoral Staff