

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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## 4th Sunday of Lent

### March 15, 2015

### Lactare Sunday

#### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Geoffrey Baraan	Pastor
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Helen Cabiles	Finance Council Chairperson
Linda Canlas	Pastoral Council Facilitator
Rev. Solomon Farinto	In Residence

#### 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

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 15, 2015

God did not send his Son into the world  
to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved  
through him.

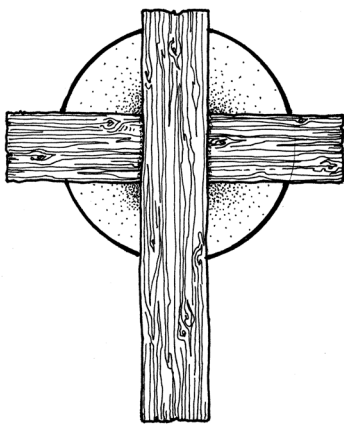
— John 3:17



### RAISED UP BY THE MESSIAH

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

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### ATTENTION.....

#### Bulletin schedule for Palm Sunday and Easter:

**PALM SUNDAY** - All bulletin items for the March 29 bulletin (Palm Sunday) needs to be in the parish office by Thursday, March 19.

**EASTER SUNDAY** - All bulletin items for the April 5 bulletin (Easter Sunday) need to be in the parish office by Thursday, March 26.

Thank you!

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the dissipation of the catechumenate's energy since almost everyone was born into the Church, Lent began to be seen more as a preparation to follow the Passion of Christ with devotion. In the city of Rome, creative spirits settled on "stational churches" as a way of keeping the energy flowing. Everyone would be directed to a certain "station" each day, and the name of that church provided a theme for the liturgy. So, for example, on certain Saturdays in Lent, everything centered on the church of St. Vitale. Now, this poor fellow had been thrown into a hole and covered in stones at his martyrdom, so the readings recalled Joseph thrown down the well by his brothers, and the wicked servants killing the son of the owner of the vineyard. Gradually, travelers to Rome noted the celebration and worked it into liturgical schedules back home. Eventually, calendars everywhere bore the curious footnote on a Lenten Saturday: "Station S. Vitale." This served the priority of getting ready to hear the Passion fairly well, but was hardly satisfactory for Lent's baptismal character. Now, at last, our liturgy is reorganized to serve the deepest level of our tradition exceedingly well. Lent, once again, is all about baptism.

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### GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick

### BLOSSOMS AND FRUIT

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.

—Walter Scott

# MASS INTENTIONS

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**March 14, 2015 - March 21, 2015**

**Saturday, March 14**

5:00 pm + Baltazar Pedagat

**Sunday, March 15**

8:00 am + Jose Marquez  
 10 :00 am + Bertram & Haide Hidalgo  
 12:00 pm For the People  
 6:00 pm + Lennert Von Clemm

**Monday, March 16**

8:00 am + Antonio Basilio

**Tuesday, March 17**

8:00 am + Cristina Magpayo Soriano

**Wednesday, March 18**

8:00 am + Maybelle Gatan

**Thursday, March 19**

8:00 am + Estelita Soriano

**Friday, March 20**

8:00 am + Noel Barquira

**Saturday, March 21**

8:00 am + Pedro Edano  
 5:00pm + Aida Branal

*Please pray for the sick...*

Esperanza Abdon, Ester Acda, Soledad Agoot, Johnny Ang, Susana, Aquino, Charmaine & Ricky Arciga, Alma Arreglado, Ma. Teresa Arigo, Rachel Austria, Ederlinda AVECILLA, Gay Badillo, Agapito Bagon, Eva Bancroft, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Nina Baquirano, Lolita Bascones, Fe & Miguel Bauzon, Alice Beans, Yoly Buhay, Bernabe Cabug, Evangeline Carrodus, Grace Chen, Teofista Coloma, Epifanio Vito Cruz, Epitacio 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, Nenita Dingcong, Theresa Diola, Angelina Dizon, Jose Domingo, Geraldine Dotson, Fely de Jesus, Albert Doble, Cezar Domingo, Juanita Estrella, Felisisima Fernandez, Milagros Farren, David Fournell, Emerita Fulinar, Janice & John Hutalla, Rosario Ilustre, Edith Inata, Reynaldo Joachico, Erlinda Kasilag, *Lita Kayas*, Eric Igos, Elvira Mariano, Janet McCulley, Emy Medrano, Digna Mendoza, Juliana Minoza, Florentina Morales, Eric Morton, Felix Nanat, Teofisto Pacete, Roquita Padua, Cora Paiso, Zeny Pantorial, Esperanza Paz, Marlen Peralta, Mae Peralta, Orlando Peralta, Jimmy Pingree, Roces Pineda, Roy Porlaris, Nestor Propacio, Sr., Benita Quintong, Cora Ragasa, Leo Reyes, Luisa Reyes, Felix Rivas, Charmaine Rivera, Anita Sacdalan, Susie Sacramento, Epifania Santos, Ernest Sarmiento, Fe Segundo, Jose Segundo, AJ Siat, Antonio & Luz Siat, Ross Siat, Ruby Soriano, Virginia Sosongco, Arnel Tayag, Joseph Thompson, David Topete, Leonard Torres, Manuel Trinidad, Joel Tubig, Tomas Trujillo, Pio Verdan, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villaflor, Joe Yumang, Dianne Zamora.

**ALL NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF THE MONTH.  
 PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD NAMES.**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

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**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or Psalm 23.*

**Second Reading** — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or Ephesians 5:8-14.*

**Gospel** — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**LENTEN OBSERVANCE**



All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of 18 and 59.

**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.



### **Saint Anne Youth Ministry**

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic for our Lenten meeting will be: Stations of the Cross with Popular Music, an audio resource from Anna Scally

"A journey you will never forget". Join three teens as they walk with Jesus on the road from where he was condemned to being nailed and dying on the cross. This will help you remember the last few hours of his life. This is a very special Youth Ministry evening and we encourage ALL high school students to attend!

### **ST. ANNE ADULT FAITH FORMATION LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY**

We are a people loved by God! Lent is a perfect time to make the journey toward the divine heart. Embedded in each week's readings and liturgy during this holy season is a divine summons to come closer to Christ.

All parishioners are invited to participate in weekly scripture sharing where we will have the opportunity reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings that reveal God's love for us and to respond with our hearts and lives.

#### **Sessions will be held on:**

Wednesdays, 7:45 pm (after the Mass) in the Church: March 25 (Note: no session on March 18 due to parish reconciliation service)

Thursdays, 9:00 am in the Hall: March 19, 26

Together, let us encounter Jesus, growing in faith and love. To know Him is to love Him!

### **INVITATION - COME AND SEE HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD**

Handmaids of the Lord invites single women, single mothers, married, separated, divorced, widows to come and listen to CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM here at St. Anne Church, Rm 103 on the following dates:

*March 15, Sunday at 1:00 pm,*

*March 21, Saturday at 1:00 pm*

*March 29, Sunday at 1:00 pm*

Couples for Christ is a worldwide Vatican-recognized family ministry. Handmaids of the Lord's mission is personal transformation, evangelization of others to a renewed life in the Lord, and service to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Please contact Lorraine Buhay 510-857-4817,

Aurora Drona 510-305-6778 or

Onnie Nepomuceno (510) 290-1993, for more information.

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

#### **REMINDER: MARCH 12 - NO THURSDAY CLASSES for Grades 6-7-8:**

Several CCD catechists will attend the in-service education and spiritual formation at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress on March 12-15. We would like to thank all those who have supported the CCD Fundraising Events and Recycling Program which made it possible for catechists to attend the 2015 L A Congress.

### **CCD CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

Pablo Twitchett:	Gr. 1, Treasure giving \$2.00.
Matthew:	Gr. 5, I helped get my Dad's shoes.
Miguel Carrillo:	Gr. 8, helped clean the house.
Jacob Quianson:	Gr. 2, Helped vacuum the house.
Dominik:	Rm. 104, I helped Mom clean up the mess & treasure giving \$1.00.
Noah:	I helped Mom get all my books.
Caitlin Goce Camat:	Rm. 103, I let my sister sleep in my room & treasure giving \$1.00.
Ethan:	Gr. 6, I gave my seat to someone who couldn't see.
Cassandra Hufana:	Gr. 6, I helped my sister with some problem.
Haylee Sunga:	Gr. 6, I played the flute fo my cousins.
Ara Karina Benoza:	Gr. 2, I helped my grandma down the stairs.
Ava:	Gr.3, I helped clean the backyard & treasure giving \$1.00.
Shelby Ray:	Gr. 1, I helped clean & listened to my parents.
Renato Limjoco:	Gr. 4, I fixed my bed & treasure giving \$1.00.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8627**

**March 21st** – K of C Choir singing at 5:00 pm mass

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Business Meeting, 8:00 pm, Rm #104

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Preparation after 8:00 am mass

**Brotherly reminder, membership dues are due.**

For Inquiry about the Knights of Columbus and activities,

Please contact: Pol Marzan, Grand Knight; (510) 566-8259

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**FINANCE CORNER**

**Weekly Collection Goals**

Sunday, March 8, 2015	\$12,239.50
<b>Budget</b>	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,760.50)

**Ignatian Spirituality Workshop**

Forty Weeks: An Ignatian Path to Christ with Sacred Story Scripture is a prayer process that leads to inner healing, spiritual freedom, and a deeper relationship with Christ. Rev. Bill Watson, SJ, president of the Sacred Story Institute will present the program March 17-21 at seven geographically dispersed locations in the diocese. **One of these workshops will be held at St. Anne's on Friday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.** For more information, <http://sacredstory.net> and [www.oakdiocese.org/ffe](http://www.oakdiocese.org/ffe)

**Pre-School Assessment Announcement**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and School are conducting a Needs Assessment for a potential Catholic Pre-School to service families in the tri-city area. If you have (or know a family who has) a child between the ages of 2-4, please take a few moments to take this survey by Monday, March 30:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RCHD95Q>

Ensuring that our children have the opportunity to start their faith education from the early years is crucial to our Church's mission of sharing the Good News.

**St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County**

St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County is collecting Easter supplies for our upcoming open house on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Children will build their own Easter baskets, play games, work on crafts, decorate eggs, and have lunch in our family dining room. We expect 150 children ages 1yr – 16yrs to attend so we are collecting medium sized Easter baskets (unassembled), Bunny Snacks, Plastic Eggs, Candy, Small Easter Plush/Toys, Activity and/or Coloring Books and Easter Themed Foam Self-Stick Craft Items. **Donations are needed by Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Downtown Oakland Campus at 675 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Oakland, CA 94612. If you can help, or to arrange donation drop off, please contact Melanie at [mdiegel@svdp-alameda.org](mailto:mdiegel@svdp-alameda.org) or call 510-877-9254. Interested in volunteering? Contact Muna at [mtexier@svdp-alameda.org](mailto:mtexier@svdp-alameda.org) or call 510-719-0774. Thank you for your continued support!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE**

Monday, March 16

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
- 7:30 pm - Lectors, CH
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #4

Tuesday, March 17

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 9:00 am - Individual User, SH
- 11:00 am - Memorial Mass, CH
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 7:30 pm - Music Ministry, CR #105
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CR # 106
- 7:30 pm - Easter Vigil Practice, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Wednesday, March 18 - **Reconciliation Service**

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-106, SH
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, CR # 106
- 7:30 pm - Reconciliation Service, CH

Thursday, March 19

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 9:00 am - Adult Formation, CR #104,105&106
- 5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103-106 & SH
- 6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Servites, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Music Ministry, CR #105
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, March 20

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 10:00 am Lenten Service, SH
- 10:30 am - Lectio Divina, CR #103
- 1:00 pm - Wedding, CH
- 5:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #102
- 5:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106
- 6:30 pm - Lenten Service, SH

Saturday, March 21

- 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH,**
- 8:45 am - SPRED - CR #104,105 & 106
- 9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #106
- 9:30am - Lectio Divina, CR #103
- 10:00 am - Memorial Mass, CH
- 10:00 am - Faith Formation, SH
- 11:00 am - Indonesia Community, CR #105
- 12:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #104
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103
- 6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH
- 7:30 pm - Servites

Sunday, March 21

- 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm-MASS, CH**
- 10:00 am - Unity Choir, CR #106,
- 12:00 pm - Music Ministry, CR #106
- 3:00 pm - Confirmation - ALL FACILITIES
- 7:30 PM - Servites, CR #102
- 8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

*This week in our Lenten Journey...*

## **Lenten Penance Service**

Wednesday, March 18, at 7:30PM in the Church

Lent is a season of penance where we reflect on the things that distance us from God and make a heartfelt return to the one who is loving and forgiving. Come experience the God of second chances in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## **Seder Meal**

Friday, March 20@ 6:30PM in the Parish Hall

Passover is the great Jewish feast of redemption and liberation, the memorial of the Israelites' deliverance from their bondage in Egypt. The word Passover means "deliverance," since in the story of the Exodus God "passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt" (Ex. 12:27). Passover is also known as the Feast of Unleavened Bread, since in their haste to flee Egypt, "the people carried off their dough, still unleavened" (Ex. 12:34). The lamb offered at each paschal meal recalls the first Passover sacrifice, whose blood protected the Israelites from the avenging angel of Yahweh (cf. Ex. 12:21-33). Passover is a festival of great rejoicing, which reveals how God "led us from captivity to freedom, from sadness to joy, from mourning to feasting, from servitude to redemption, from darkness to brilliant light."

The ritual meal which commemorates the events of the Exodus is called the Seder. The primary aim of the Seder is to transmit to future generations the story of the Exodus, the central event in Jewish history. Ideally, a family gathers around a table in its own home to celebrate the Seder, sharing in a meal which symbolizes their consciousness as a people and their faith in the future. The Exodus story pertains to all persons, since it tells of the right of all persons to be free. Join us for this ever ancient ritual as we journey through lent together!