

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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21st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 23, 2015



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 23, 2015**

*As for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD*  
— Joshua 24:15b



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**UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH: CHURCH AS CATHOLIC AND HOLY**

*My dear friends in Christ,*

*Finally, finally after a very hot and brutal weekend, we have a nice and refreshing weather. I hope and pray that rain will soon come to water our land. Of course everyone knows how much I love rain and how much I love driving in the rain! Rain gives me that wonderful feeling of serenity and peace. So you know where I am when it rains! And we know that the love of God continues to rain down on us through the Church in many different ways through our liturgical celebrations! The Church as we know is HOLY and CATHOLIC! What does it mean?*

*Jesus said in the gospel of John, "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

*Holiness has been described in many different ways. When we speak of the Church as holy we refer to the fact that Christ's love for the Church makes it holy. Therefore holiness means that love becomes the motive and the goal of the entire Church. As members of the Church we are to love each other as Christ loves his Church. Since the Son of God came as the visible sign and expression of God's love for all, Jesus' mission then is universal. It means that the love of the Church cannot be confined to just one group or family but it must be offered to all.*

**WHAT DOES THE CHURCH DO TO BE HOLY!**

*Because of its relationship to the Blessed Trinity the Church having been sanctified by Christ shares in Christ's power to sanctify others! However this holiness is imperfect in that we, the members of the Church, have not yet reached perfect holiness. But through renewal and through our liturgical and sacramental life of the Church, we can experience the holiness of God*

**HOW IS THE CHURCH CATHOLIC?**

*The word "catholic" comes from the Greek word *katholikos*. This term was first used by St. Ignatius of Antioch in his letter, "Wheresoever the bishop shall appear, there let the people be, even as where Jesus is, there is the Catholic Church!" So it means "universal" in the sense of "having the character of totality or wholeness." There are two aspects to this understanding.*

*First, there is the understanding that comes from the fact that the Church possesses the full and complete means of salvation bestowed upon it by Jesus Christ. Second, there is the universality that comes from the Church's mission to the entire human family. Of course the local Church, we the faith community, the parishes, is an expression of the universal Church that is one, holy, catholic and apostolic.*

*Your grateful servant,*

*Fr. Geoffrey*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

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**August 22– August 29, 2015**

### **Saturday, August 22**

5:00 pm + Xuyen Nguyen

### **Sunday, August 23**

8:00 am + Cirilo & Rosalina Alonzo

10 :00 am + Robert & Marietta Galila

12:00 pm + Jose & Marciana Manabat

6:00 pm For the People

### **Monday, August 24**

8:00 am + Pablo Braga

### **Tuesday, August 25**

8:00 am + Mary Xuyen Nguyen.

### **Wednesday, August 26**

8:00 am + Teresito Calamba, Sr.

### **Thursday, August 27**

8:00 am + Thiep Patrick Vu

### **Friday, August 28**

8:00 am Arsenio Tecson, Jr. - Spe. Int.

### **Saturday, August 29**

8:00 am + Gemma D. Magno

5:00 pm For the People

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

Melencio & Betty Abalos, Ping Balingit, Ben Banatao, Sean Bocato, Ed Carlos, Jesus Carpio, Juanita Castro, Jem Catapang, Delia Cera, Genovevo Draculan, Mina Fernando, David Fournell, Annalyn Galasinao, Divina Galasinao, Rex Galasinao, Vendala Galasinao, Maria Gomez, Erlinda Hernandez, Jenny Jarasa, Gualberto Marchan, Jose Mendoza, Cora Paiso, Victoriano Reyes, Felix Rivas, Adoree Rivera, Angelita Rojas, Joseph Albert Sison, Marlise Schwedhelm, Kathryn Sunga, Cristina Tambunting, Lydia Villacorta.

**All names will be removed at the end of each month.**

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD NAMES AND GIVE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER SO OUR MINISTRY CAN FOLLOW-UP.**

### **MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

To experience the blessings in the Promises of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for yourself and family, there is a need to be devoted to Him. The Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is being promoted in each home of interested people within Union City, Newark, Fremont, Hayward, and other cities all over Alameda County on Friday Evenings as sponsored by the Fil-Am Association of Alameda County of St. Anne Parish.

For assistance, please contact:

Myrla @510-378-6376, Marina @510-862-1037 or 510-471-1556, Fely @510-557-9739 or Rorie @ 510-305-4109.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalms** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab;  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;  
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,  
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### **ST. ANNE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**

AUG 28, 6:30 pm - Rm# 104 - Cenacle

We welcome Fr. Solomon who replaces Fr. Andrews as our new Spiritual Advisor. We bid Fr. Andrews farewell and wish him well on his new journey in life. We will surely miss his wonderful reflections, mentoring, and friendship.

In September, we will start with our Cenacle Formation Manual, Vol. 1 and St. Faustina Diary in the interest of our new members and Spiritual Advisor. A bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church are highly recommended. New members are welcomed as we begin our new formation.

In preparation for the upcoming "Year of Mercy," we invite all Divine Mercy devotees to journey with us. Let us encounter a "Year of Mercy" outreach in prayer and action. For more information, contact any Divine Mercy member. POC Lou Castro @ 510-396-1162

### **BLESSED**

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous



## **Youth Ministry Signups!!**

Sometimes it feels like bulletin announcements are dead...okay maybe not totally dead...but on their last legs. So this is one of those announcements we'll put in the bulletin to let Parents and Families know that we are taking signups for **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY 2015-2016.**

Youth Ministry is the first year of the two-year Confirmation program. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, the Faith Formation Office and the Youth Ministry Office. If you have any questions please call the Youth Ministry Office at 471-7766 ext. 22 or email at [stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net).

## **SAVE THE DATE—Catholic High School Youth Rally**

ALL high school youth are welcome! The date is Saturday, October 17 at St. Bede Church. The theme for this year's Youth Rally is: **"You've Been Served...Now It's Your Turn!"** We will have a parent workshop this year as well...more info to come!

## **St. Anne Recycling/Composting Corner**

### **2015 Recycles collection as of August:**

Social hall events and parishioners = \$480.81

Faith Formation (catechists and students) = \$1556.34

Since 2010 school of Faith Formation (grades 1-8) has collected over \$9,300.

Since its inception in 2006 St. Anne has collected over \$15,000.

Over 25,000 recycles (aluminum cans and plastic bottles ONLY not including glass bottles, HDPE, bi-metals) have been diverted from landfill for 2015.

We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped in the festival for doing a tremendous job. We were given an awesome acknowledgment by Republic Services who inspected our generated waste throughput which clearly showed that we have reduced our waste by 50% from last year.

We would also like to thank the many high school volunteers who helped in all the numerous events held in the social hall. Your humble dedication and hard work is well recognized.

Thank you for your continued support to St. Anne Recycling and living the life of stewardship of time.

To donate your recycles please contact Jane Relopez @ 510-487-0417

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

*It's not too late to REGISTER...*

### **2015-2016 FAITH FORMATION (CCD)**

For NEW students (grades 1-8 First Year of Formation) & RETURNING students (grades 2-8 previously enrolled in CCD and students preparing for First Communion)

The Faith Formation Office is open for registrations:

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY**

**4:30 PM to 7:00 PM**

### **FIRST DAY OF CLASSES - SEPTEMBER**

**14, 15, 16, 17** - It is not too late to sign-up your child to CCD and First Communion program. We will continue to accept registrations on a drop-in basis for open class sessions. **For families who have already registered their children, you will receive your child's class schedule via EMAIL on or before August 31.** If you have any questions, please contact our office at 471-7766 ext. 20-21 or email: [stafaithformation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stafaithformation@sbcglobal.net).

### **SAVE THE DATES SEPTEMBER 12, 5:00 PM**

### **WELCOME CCD MASS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

- LET'S GATHER TOGETHER to mark the beginning of our 2015-2016 Faith Formation Year. *Our catechetical staff invites all NEW & RETURNING students and families to join us in the CELEBRATION OF CCD WELCOME MASS in the CHURCH. After Mass, we proceed to the HALL for our WELCOME SOCIAL with light refreshments, presentation of various CCD events and fellowship!*

## **SHEPHERDS FIELD OLIVE WOOD HANDCRAFTS**

"A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after masses on September 12 & 13th at St. Anne's Parish to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. As a tradition, many of the Catholic families in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood. These articles represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. In the past, they used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land. However, these days they are facing an economic hardship as very few tourists visit the Holy Land due to security issues. The percentage of Christians in the Holy Land has dropped to less than 2%. Therefore, if this hardship continues as it is now, we believe that in a few years, there will be no Catholics in Bethlehem or Jerusalem. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior; Jesus Christ is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate."

**Sunday, August 23, 2015**

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, August 16, 2015	\$12,734.00
<b>Budget</b>	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,266.00)

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Are you a baptized, adult Catholic who has received First Communion but were never confirmed? Maybe now is the time! St. Anne's is offering a preparation program for practicing Catholic adults, over 18 years of age, who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings starting in October. Confirmation for adult Catholics will be celebrated on Saturday, January 15, 2016 at Christ the Light Cathedral. To register, please complete a registration form (available in the Parish Office) and submit by September 20. A copy of your baptismal certificate is also required. For more information, please contact Debbie Nunes, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator at 510-471-7766 or email [stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com).

### 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

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul will be giving out school supplies to **NEEDY** families who have young children going to school. If you or you know someone who will benefit this project, please call Jean Liwanag at 510-415-0647 or the rectory office at 510-471-7766 and leave your name and phone number.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, August 24

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

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

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, August 25

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Wednesday, August 26

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

6:30pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104

7:00 pm - Perpetual Help, CH

Thursday, August 27

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR # 106

7:30 pm - Servites, CR # 102

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, August 28

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

10:30 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

4:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR # 105

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

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

Saturday, August 29

**8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH,**

9:30 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

10:00 am - Individual User, CH

12:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord CR# 105

1:00 pm - Baptism, CH

6:00 pm - Charismatic, CR #103

7:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, August 30

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

10:00 am - Unity Choir, CR # 106

7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH



### PARISH MISSION

Set aside Sunday evening, September 20 through Wednesday night, September 23 for a mission being held here in our parish. Catholic Lay Evangelist, Bill Wegner, from Good News International will be leading this year's mission. It will be a special time of renewal for our entire community. Plan to be there...and bring a friend!

