

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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## First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015

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### 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 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.

### 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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

**I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.  
— Jeremiah 33:15**



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*My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,*

*Last Sunday we gathered on the feast of Christ as our King!* A very important feast to remind us once again of the importance of making him number in our lives! His kingship is that of love. **He is a king who lives not in distant place surrounded by walls of insecurity and ignorance but a king who lives in us!** He offers himself as the wellspring of truth. **And because of him there is a better tomorrow!**

*This is what season of Advent reminds us! It reminds that there is HOPE, a better world for us because of the promise of our God revealed in the coming of the Messiah!*

*This Sunday we begin our new LITURGICAL YEAR OF ADVENT! The word “advent” comes from a Latin word---adventus – used for the coming of the emperor when visiting a town or a region of his empire. Advent season then is a time of waiting and preparation. In the gospel today from Luke, we reminded to “be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man!”*

*The GIRM or the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar state that the Advent season has twofold character: first, it is a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered and second, it is a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await for Christ’s Second Coming at the of time.*

*We know that Advent is not an easy season to celebrate.* This time of joyful expectation is easily overshadowed by Christmas preparations. That’s why we need to make a conscious effort to make this season of waiting a productive one. **We know that when we put our mind on it, it can really make a difference in our celebration of the feast of the coming of the Son of Man, the Messiah at Christmas. In our waiting, we must find a way to reflect on the importance of this feast.**

*There are two kinds of waiting.* There is **the passive waiting and there is the active waiting.** Passive waiting is when we simply wait for the time to pass, for the weather to change, for the ride to come, for the semester to be over so we can have a break. We wait for letters and phone calls from our families and friends. **Active waiting is when we become active participants.** This is what the Church wants us to do. It means that we need to do a lot of soul searching and change. It is about changing our attitude and doing something in our lives. One way of doing it is to take a moment each day before Christmas to see where we are in our relationship with our family, neighbors and friends. **Preparing our heart is most critical in our celebration of the feast of the coming of the Messiah. Our heart must be ready.**

With this, I must do something to make it happen. **What are some of my behaviors that I need to change that are reasons for hurts and pains in my life. Is there a lot of hatred in my heart? Is there a lot of resentment in my heart? Is there a lot of arrogance in my heart? Pride and envy?** Are these the ones that continue to fill our hearts? If these are the ones, then we need to do something about them! **These things have no place in the spirit of the season of Advent. The child Jesus deserves a better place. We need to start our own housecleaning now so that he will have a room in our hearts and life.**

*I remember talking to a husband who was about to become a father. He told me that the experience of anticipation of him becoming a father had changed him completely. He said that because of this, he was inspired to change. He promised to stop gambling, smoking, and drinking irresponsibly. He promised to become the best husband and father.*

*When I heard this from him, I was also inspired to share this with all of you. This is the meaning of the feast of Advent! It is about being inspired to change for the coming of the Holy Child.*

*I hope that we won’t ignore this very critical moment of our preparation. As I said before, it is so easy to lose focus and be caught up in the external preparations of the feasts.* This is not a time for arrogance and stubbornness. This is a time of humility and openness. **And certainly, this is a time for prayer.** Our waiting and preparation may call us to spend extra time in prayer. Do not lose sight of this reality! It is the internal preparation that is important. The words of the psalmist remind us that “no one who waits for him is ever put to shame.”

*May God bless you all! May you be filled with joy and peace during this Advent season! During this time of preparation we are invited “to reflect, to rediscover and to recreate the joy of Christ in the world!”* St. Paul says, **“You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand.”**

*Your servant In Christ,  
Fr. Geoffrey*



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

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**November 28, 2015 - December 5, 2015**

**Saturday, November 28**

5:00 pm + Belma Cayanan

**Sunday, November 29**

8:00 am + Aurea Poblete

10 :00 am + Cresencio Salindong

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm + Boy Fruto

**Monday, November 30**

8:00 am + Ernesto Salazar

**Tuesday, December 1**

8:00 am + Policarpio Fernandez

**Wednesday, December 2**

8:00 am + Rudy Cruz

**Thursday, December 3**

8:00 am + Virginia Wijangco

**Friday, December 4**

8:00 am + Rizalina Veloso

+ Rene Sarmiento

**Saturday, December 5**

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Peter Hernal

5:00 pm + Rolando Ramirez

*Please pray for the sick...*

Manuel Abad, Vincente Angeles, Ping Balingit, Sean Bocato, Wilma Canio, Ed Carlos, Jesus Carpio, Juanita Castro, Jem Catapang, Delia Cera, Mary Cipriano, Jerry Davis, Chito Chavez, Devon De Vera, David Fournell, Robert Giovanni, Maria Gomez, Erlinda Hernandez, Gualberto Marchan, Jose Mendoza, Cora Paiso, Alfredo Reyes, Ernesto Reyes, Gwen Rezentos, Sr. Felix Rivas, Adoree Rivera, Joseph Albert Sison, Marlise Schwedhelm, Cristina Tambunting, Jane Valentin, 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.

**MASS FOR THE SICK**

There will be a Mass for the Sick offered at St. Anne's on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available for those who are chronically or seriously ill, about to receive surgery or are suffering the difficulties and weakness of old age. A blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine will be offered to all at the end of the mass.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God

(1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**ST ANNE COUNCIL 8627**

**Dec. 2 - Regular Business Mtg @ 8:00 PM (for Nov)**

**Dec. 5- Caroling @ 4PM & 7PM**

**Dec. 6- Caroling @ 6PM**

**Dec. 12- Caroling @ 12PM & 3:30PM**

**Dec. 12- KofC Family Christmas Party @ 6:30 PM**

**Dec. 18- Caroling @ 7PM**

**Dec. 19- Caroling @ 12PM**

**Dec. 20- Choir @ Sambaing Gabi/ Membership Drive**

**Dec. 24- Caroling @ 7PM**

**Dec. 25- Christmas Day**

**Dec. 26- KofC Family Choir@ 5:00 PM mass**

**Dec. 30- Regular Business Meeting @ 8PM**

The Knights of Columbus is always looking for new members who would like to serve their Church, Family, & Community.

If you are interested, please contact:

**Arsenio C, Reyes - Grand Knight @ 510-378-0323**

**Ben Benitez- Membership Director @ 510-366-4293**

**St. Anne Youth Ministry Meeting—Advent 2015**

St. Anne Youth Ministry **will meet** and begin our focus in December at our meeting on Monday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The theme for our meeting will be: **Signs of the Season: An Look at Advent.**

Together we will explore the secular and religious symbols of Christmas that reveal many surprising and challenging messages. Music, video, and common-object meditation are just a few ways we will look at the season.

**St. Anne Youth Ministry Retreat**

There will be a Parent and Student meeting for those attending the St. Anne Youth Ministry retreat (December 4-6) on Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 106. If you have any questions please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 489-1990 ext 22 or email at: stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net

**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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Andrew
- Tuesday: World AIDS Day
- Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
- Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday



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

*All Classes resume this week – November 30, December 1-2-3.*

**COMMUNION PREPARATION (CP)**

*For 123 Communion Preparation students who are in their first year of Formation and attend Monday classes.... **Refusing To Love** – Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be considering what it means to turn away from God’s love. They will learn how sin can be overcome by God’s grace. In your own life, have there been times when God’s grace helped you to overcome your own sinfulness and brought you peace and forgiveness? Continue to keep these children in your prayers.*

**FIRST COMMUNION (FC)**

*For 118 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes.... **Eucharist: We Give Thanks & Praise** – Our children preparing for First Eucharist will be consider how listening to God’s Word proclaimed at Mass can help them come closer to Jesus and how to respond to God’s Word by helping others in their families and at school. *How does God’s Word encourage you to help others?**



**ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Take an angel from the Advent Giving Trees at the church entrances, and purchase a gift card. Attach the angel on the gift card and submit it to the parish office by December 13th. Experience the joy of giving this Holiday Season.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

The St. Vincent de Paul group and the Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable foods to make Christmas Baskets for the homeless and low income families in the community to be distributed on Saturday, December 19th. Please bring your donations and place them in the barrels at the entrances in the Church. If you know a family who would need a Christmas Basket, please call the parish office @ 510 471-7766 and leave the families name and phone number.

**Sunday, November 29, 2015**

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, November 15, 2015</u>	\$10,804.50
<b>Budget</b>	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,195.50)

### DIVINE MERCY

Dec 4, 6:30pm, Church – Choir Practice – Cita  
Dec 4, 7:00pm, Church – Divine Mercy Chaplet –Emma  
Dec 5, 9:00am, Room 104, Simbang Gabi Practice  
Cita  
Dec 11, 6:30pm, Room 104, Cenacle – Lou  
Dec 12, 9:00am, Room 104, Simbang Gabi Practice –  
Cita  
Dec 17, 5:00am, Church, Simbang Gabi Choir – Cita  
Dec 18, 6:00pm, 5199 Westport Way UC, Cenacle/  
Christmas – Lou  
Dec 19, 10am, Hayward Rehab/Wellness Center  
Caroling – Cita  
*“Today, penetrate into the spirit of My poverty and  
arrange everything in such a way that the most  
destitute will have no reason to envy you. I find  
pleasure, not in large buildings and magnificent  
structures, but in a pure and humble heart.” (Diary 532)*  
For more information or question, please contact Lou  
Castro, Coordinator, 510-396-1162 or any St Anne DM  
Apostolate

### THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king’s coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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### THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, November 30

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

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

Tuesday, December 1

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

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106  
7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #105  
7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Wednesday, December 2

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

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH  
5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal  
6:00 pm - SPRED, SH  
7:00 pm - Perpetual Help, CH  
7:15pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104  
7:30 pm - Adult Formation, CR #106

Thursday, December 3

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

2:00 pm - Rehearsal, CH  
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106  
5:00 pm - Faith Based Committee, SH  
6:30 pm - Youth Lectors, CH  
7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102  
7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH  
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR # 106  
7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, December 4

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

10:30 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102  
1:30 pm - Set-up & Rehearsal, CH  
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103  
6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104  
7:00 pm - Priest Concert, CH

Saturday, December 5

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

8:00 am - Faith Formation, SH  
9:00 am - SPRED, CR #104, 105, 106  
9:00 am - Divine Mercy, CR #103  
9:30 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102  
10:00 am - Anointing of the Sick Mass, CH  
1:00 pm - Individual User, CR #103  
6:15 pm - Charismatic, CR #103  
6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH  
7:00 pm - Ping Pong Club, CR # 105

Sunday, December 6

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

8:00 am - Faith Formation, SH  
9:30 am - St. Anne Seniors, CR #106  
10:00 am - Unity Choir, CR # 106  
1:30 pm - Charismatics (ELIM) - CR #103  
3:00 pm - Confirmation Classes—ALL FACILITIES  
7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH  
7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH



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# Annual Christmas Bazaar



Saturday: 5:00pm-7:00pm - December 5, 2015

Sunday: 9:00am-7:30pm - December 6, 2015

**St. Anne Parish Social Hall**



Sponsored by :  
Faith Formation Program,  
Liturgy & Environment,  
& SPRED

## Gifts items

Baked goodies      Craft items  
Christmas center pieces  
Christmas ornaments  
Succulent plants arrangements

**Eat & enjoy a variety  
of international foods**

*Make your own Children's Christmas ornaments*



Christmas stocking stuffers



## THE FILIPINO CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

presents



# Isang Gabing Kasayaban



An Evening of Music with the  
Filipino Clergy  
and Ensemble

Friday, Dec 4, 7PM  
St. Anne's Church, Union City

**\$25**

Please contact Rev. Carl Arcosa (9254326404 - Church of Good Shepherd, Pittsburg ) and Rev. Geoff Baraan (5104717766 - St. Anne's, Union City) for more information and/or ticket reservations. For the benefit of the delegates from the Diocese of Oakland to the 2016 International Eucharistic Congress in Cebu, Philippines.