

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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First Sunday in Lent February 14, 2016

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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 LENT FEBRUARY 14, 2016

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8*



My dear friends in Christ,

Now that the football season is over, our focus should be on our Lenten journey. On Ash Wednesday we began this journey: From DARKNESS to GOD'S TRANSFORMING MERCY!

In the history of the Church, the season of Lent has always been one of the key periods of the Church year. In fact we are reminded of its powerful meaning in our Opening Prayer for this weekend: "Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection and teach us to reflect it in our lives." Through his Son, his mercy endures forever!

This is what Lent means! It is a time of experiencing his forgiveness and mercy! It is a time of re-evaluating the quality and direction of our lives. It is a time for reconsidering our priorities both as Christians and human beings. It is a time to re-affirm our conviction of the equal dignity of every single human person---sharing the same mercy we received from God!

In the temptation account from the gospel of Luke, we hear, " Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." One wonders why Jesus was driven by the Spirit to the desert. We can look at this way by going back to Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. After his baptism, a solemn voice was heard from the heavens: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

It is important to note that Jesus' baptism was not simply a ritual. It meant that he had to recognize his own identity and mission. It meant then that being led out into the desert was a preparation for the great task for humankind. During his 40 days in the wilderness, in the desert, Jesus was subjected to harsh circumstances and conflict: to obey God's commandments or to succumb to Satan's disobedience. At the end, Jesus emerged victorious. Yet we know that the prince of temptation will continue to challenge Jesus. In the final sentence of the gospel today, it says, "The devil left him to return at the appointed time." The battle with evil was not over for Jesus. It will occur again and again at various stages in his life, right up to and especially at those last hours in the garden and on the Cross.

For us, too, the battle against darkness never stops. The selfishness, the greed, the anger and hostility, the jealousy and resentment, above all the desire to have rather than to share, to control rather than to serve will be with us. Temptations will always be there in front of us to stop us from experiencing the grace of transformation in the redeeming act of love on the CROSS.

As I said at the beginning of this reflection, the season of Lent is an occasion for us to discern and to reflect on the choices we have to make in this life. When we are led by the Spirit into our wilderness and decide, would I follow God's will or follow the temptations of Satan?

Yes my friends! We are in this together! There will be challenges and struggles. And we know that it is in our time of weakness when temptations are greater. That's why it is so important not to fall away from the group so that together we can face our struggles and our temptations. In times of his temptations, Jesus turned to our God for strength and peace. Remember our God will not desert us in the desert.

We have prepared many life-giving activities for you so that we will be immersed into the beauty of the Lenten season. During the Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm, we will have our powerful Stations of the Cross with Taize music, inspiring movies about faith and God's love, Fish Fry, Taize Prayer! Do not forget our PARISH MISSION with June Kirk as our presenter! She will share with us reflections on Care for Our Common Home: the EARTH, the PARISH and the SELF! June is our friend and member of the Interfaith Peace Project based in Antioch, California. But of course, we have our Lenten Reconciliation Service on March 10 at 7pm. I challenge you to come and not allow temptation to come to you during this time of transformation.

NO to Satan and YES to God! Remember that Lent is not what we give up, but it is about replacing our comfortable environment and favored activities with things that will draw us closer to God: increased prayer, faithfulness to the gospel, meditation and reflection. In the Jewish tradition, these are the signs of holiness.

Let us together pray for strength and wisdom so that together we can come to the beauty of Easter joy.

*In Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey*





Mass Intentions for the Week

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February 13, 2016 - February 20, 2016

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm + Rolando Gonzales

Sunday, February 14

8:00 am + Ignacio Iguico

10 :00 am + Hazel Woon

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm + Alfonso Hernandez

Monday, February 15

8:00 am + Sergio Ramos

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 am + Marina Ocampo

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am + Jean Sablo

Thursday, February 18

8:00 am + Emilio Guillermo

Friday, February 19

8:00 am + Luisa Aguila

Saturday, February 20

8:00 am + Eleuterio Tecson

5:00 pm + Amparo Reyes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36



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Please pray for the sick...

Ester Acda, Amelia Agustin, Ping Balingit, Sean Bocato, Wilma Canio, Ed Carlos, Jesus Carpio, Juanita Castro, Jem Catapang, Mary Cipriano, Eugene dela Cuesta, Devon De Vera, Bernando Dingcong, Pedro Dingcong, Alipio & Dolores Domingo, Victor Franco, Maria B. Garcia, Robert Giovanni, Maria Gomez, Erlinda Hernandez, Maria Hocke, Beverly Laniohan, Gualberto Marchan, Jose Mendoza, Cora Paiso, Jun Ragasa, Jr., Roan Ramirez, Alfredo Reyes, Timoteo Reyes, Sr., Ernesto Reyes, Agnes Rezendes, Gwen Rezendes, Bob Rodriguez, Mildred Salmo, Joseph Albert Sison, Marlise Schwedhelm, Freddy Sullivan, Cristina Tambunting, Jane Valentin, Lydia Villacorta.

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

A LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Mark your calendars!! A Lenten Parish Mission will be held at St. Anne's starting Monday, February 29 and ending Wednesday March 2 at 7:30 pm in the Church. June Kirk, a Board of Directors member for the Interfaith Peace Project will be conducting the mission. The theme is **Reflections On Care for Our Common Home: The Earth ~ The Parish ~ The Self**. This will be a great time to be renewed and reenergized in living out our faith.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS St Anne Council 8627

Feb. 20- Chapter Meeting and State Deputy Forum , District Leadership Training Session

(7:00 AM-12:30 PM/ ST. ANNE PARISH HALL)

Feb. 20- KofC Choir@ 5:00 PM mass

Feb. 24- Regular Business Meeting @ 8PM

Feb. 27- KofC Family Choir@ 5:00 PM mass

The Knights of Columbus are 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

St. Anne Youth Ministry will not meet this Monday, February 15, due to the President's Day holiday. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Souper Bowl of Caring RESULTS!

This is the final score...thanks to your generosity, the Souperbowl of Caring donation amounted to \$3,450.00! The money will be donated to St. Anthony Foundation and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Saint Anne.

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Youth Day

On February 24, nineteen members of St. Anne Youth Ministry will leave to participate in the 2016 LA Youth Day #Hopebound. **For the first time this year we will not be doing any on-site fundraising at St. Anne's. If you would like to donate to help our young people cut their cost, please email the Youth Ministry Office at: stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!**

DIVINE MERCY

February 19- room 104- Fr. Solomon
February 26- room 104- Cenacle and B'day celebration
February 27- Mini retreat- To be announced
Thank you for your support.
"Mankind will not have Peace until it turns with Trust to My Mercy"(Sis. Faustina Diary 300)
If you have any questions please call: Lou Castro- 510-396-1162 Carmencita Draculan- 510-449-4447

**ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION
(GRADES 1- 8)
COMMUNION PREPARATION (Monday CP)**

For 122 Communion Preparation students who are in their first year of Formation and attend Monday classes.... **REMINDER: Monday, FEBRUARY 15 - President's Day - NO CLASS**

FIRST COMMUNION (Tuesday FC):

For 118 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes.... **REMEMBERING** is the theme this week for children preparing for their First Eucharist. They will be recalling the words of Jesus, "Do this in memory of me," as they learn about the words and actions of the consecration at Mass. All are invited to ponder the great mysteries of faith that are contained in the words of consecration.

RE M I N D E R

FC student with One Parent/Guardian must attend ONE

EUCHARIST FAMILY GATHERING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Topic: Eucharist Retreat

4:45p-6:00p CHURCH - Group 1

6:15p-7:30p CHURCH - Group 2



The St. Anne Focus Work of Mercy for February is Clothe the Naked.

The St. Anne Lector Ministry, in cooperation with our St. Anne Parish Mercy in Action is sponsoring "Spread the Warmth", a campaign to collect jackets, coats, and blankets for the poor, the needy, and the homeless of our community, especially during these cold days of winter.

The imperative to clothe the naked is spoken of in both the Old and New Testament. The prophet Isaiah exhorts us: "When you see the naked, clothe them" (Is 58:7). In the Letter of St. James we read: "...If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:14-16).

One of the saints most emblematic of Christian charity is St. Martin of Tours, the Roman soldier who saw a poor man shivering in the cold and cut his cloak in two to share it with the beggar.

Clothing provides for two basic human needs: protection and dignity.

Please join us in our Mercy Action this month by bringing in your old but clean and usable or NEW jackets, coats, and/or blankets for children and adults. You may also drop them off in the bins provided in the church entrances during the weekends of February. You may also drop them off in the Church office.

"For I wasnaked and you clothed Me. Whatsoever you did for one of these least brothers, you did for Me."
Matthew 25" 35-36, 40

Sunday, February 14, 2016

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, February 7, 2016</u>	\$ 9,571.50
On-line Giving	\$ 1,808.08
<u>Total</u>	\$11,379.58
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,620.42)

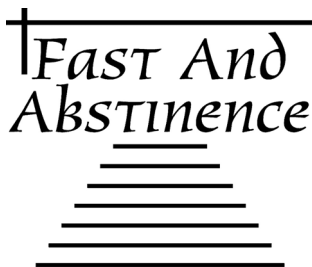
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**

Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on this First Sunday of Lent will welcome those catechumens and candidates sent by their parishes to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church.

In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. Those preparing for Baptism are invited to sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. From this point forward, they are no longer catechumens but are called the "elect."

For all those who are ready baptized, the reality of being chosen and claimed by Christ took place at their Baptism. Since they are already among the elect in Christ, these candidates are "called to continuing conversion," and thus their intention to be fully initiated and share in the Eucharist is recognized.

Our parish will be sending 3 adults and 7 children catechumens and 1 candidate to celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates with Bishop Barber at Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland later this afternoon. Please pray for their continued growth in the Spirit as they move into a period of intense spiritual preparation for initiation at this year's Easter Vigil.



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MAKE A WISH

When you love someone all your saved-up wishes start coming out.

—Elizabeth Bowen

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marellac

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, February 15 - **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

8:00 am - MASS, CH

9:30 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103

Tuesday, February 16

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, February 17

8:00 am, 7:30 pm - MASS, CH

10:00 am - Funeral Mass, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:15pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104

Thursday, February 18

8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

5:00 pm - Faith Based Committee, SH

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, February 19

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH, CR #104

7:00 pm - Spanish Mass Choir, CR #105

7:30 pm - Way of Mercy Stations of the Cross, CH

Saturday, February 20

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

7:00 am - Knights of Columbus, SH

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #104, 105, 106

9:00 am - Divine Mercy, CR #102

6:00 pm - Individual User, SH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

7:00 pm - Ping Pong Club, CR #105

Sunday, February 21

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

10:00 am - Individual User, SH

1:30 pm - Sacred Heart Prayer Group, CR #103

3:00 pm - Indonesian Community, CH, CR#105 106

7:00 pm - Community Prayer Group, CH

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH



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Reflections On Care for Our Common Home: The Earth ~ The Parish ~ The Self

All are invited to a Lenten Parish Mission that
will be held on

Monday, February 29
through Wednesday March 2 at 7:30 pm
in the Church.

The mission will be conducted by June Kirk, who had previously served as the Pastoral Associate here at St. Anne's. June has a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry, has completed training as a Spiritual Director and currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Peace Project.

This will be a great opportunity to be renewed and reenergized in living out our faith.