

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Fourth Sunday in
Lent
March 6, 2016



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Rev. Solomon Farinto	In Residence

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.

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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.

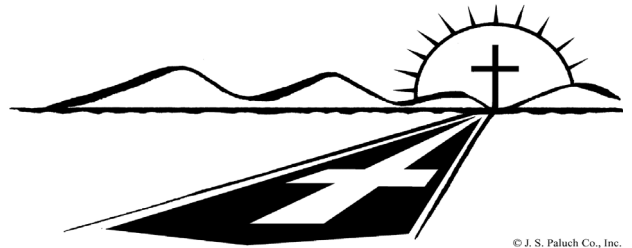
Holy Mass Schedule

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

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Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17



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My dear friends in Christ,

Last week we had an opportunity to gather as a community for our Parish Mission. It is an integral part of our Lenten journey towards the waters of life.

I would like to thank those who helped me put this together. I cannot mention all your names but you know who you are! I would like to thank especially Len Magers and Debbie Nunes for their collaboration in putting a reflective and prayerful Parish Mission. Those who came with cookies and refreshments, thank you! I would like to thank Jojo Paquia and Mama Rito for providing beautiful music during the three nights of our gathering. To Michael Viernes for helping us with the environment! Most of all I would like to thank June Kirk for her generosity of time and talent. Her words are spirit and life!

This is now the fourth Sunday of Lent! We are almost there! Where are we in terms of following the disciplines of Lent? In the Jewish tradition, almsgiving, fasting and prayer are important realities that will help us grow in holiness. Are we more prayerful? Do we share more of our resources? Are we giving up things that at one point hindrance to our relationship with God?

I know that many of us will try to conform to these things and can easily follow them. But I know also that many of us will have a hard time doing these things. In fact some of us will just totally ignore them. That's why we have forty days of Lent to give us many opportunities to be one in our journey!

Temptations are great and they will be here with us! And when we allow these temptations to come to us, we automatically compromise our dignity and relationship with God. We get hurt and we hurt others!

There is no question that there many of us where we find ourselves completely powerless from the element of darkness. You will hear people say, "Don't worry! You don't need to do these things!" We want to fight these temptations. Every time we try, we are more discouraged! But there is beginning to everything! That's why we need to start the process of coming into this road that will take us to the "waters of life!"

It is lonely out there sometimes, especially in the dark! And loneliness can take us to a place where everything will diminish, including our ability to find joy and freedom! This is when we fight and return to the road of freedom!

I am sure that so many of us have experienced setbacks in our journey! But we should know by now that our journey is not a straight line. Sometimes we lose ground! We get derailed from our own weaknesses. Pulled off the road for a while! But remember, when we return to the road again, we return to the place where we left it, not to where we started.

My friends, believe that God is with us in our journey! May God bless you always with his peace and life!

*In Christ's love,
Fr. Geoffrey*





Mass Intentions for the Week

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March 5, 2016 - March 12, 2016

Saturday, March 5

5:00 pm + Ramon & Ramona Timbang, Sr.

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am For the People

10 :00 am + Nory & Rody Mercado

12:00 pm + Cenon Lansangan

6:00 pm + Nicandor Dizon

Monday, March 7

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Peter & Pinkie Ho

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am Spe.Int.-Anna Nguyen & Peter Nghiem

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 am + Provo Igros

Thursday, March 10

8:00 am + Consuelo Tecson

Friday, March 11

8:00 am + Joachim Chieup

Saturday, March 12

8:00 am + Norberto Jovero

5:00 pm + Norberto Jovero

Please pray for the sick...

Ester Acda, Amelia Agustin, Ping Balingit, Sean Bocato, Michelle Boja, Wilma Canio, Ed Carlos, Jesus Carpio, Juanita Castro, Jem Catapang, Mary Cipriano, Eugene dela Cuesta, Bonifacio Delos Santos, Devon De Vera, Bernardo Dingcong, Pedro Dingcong, Alipio & Dolores Domingo, 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, 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.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Bulletin articles for the weekend of March 10 & 20 need to be in the parish office by Thursday, March 10. Bulletin articles for the weekend of March 26 & 27 need to be in parish office by Thursday, March 17.

Come join the St. Anne Pilgrimage and pass through the Holy Door at the Cathedral of Christ the Light

Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Meet at St. Anne Church at 9 a.m. to carpool or meet us at the Cathedral

Pilgrimage activities:

Mass presided by Father Geoffrey

Rosary

Eucharistic Adoration

Prayers/Silent Reflection

Obtain an Indulgence during the Jubilee of Mercy through this Holy Pilgrimage

The power to grant indulgences belongs to the Roman Pontiff and those who have explicitly received from him the authority to concede them (Apostolic Penitentiary, *Manual of Indulgences*, Norm 5).

In a letter from September 1, His Holiness Pope Francis gave the conditions to obtain the indulgences during the Jubilee of Mercy. The conditions are as follows:

For able-bodied Catholics

ALL the following conditions are to be fulfilled:

Make a pilgrimage and pass through the Holy Door. In the Diocese of Oakland, Bishop Barber designated the Cathedral of Christ the Light as the only Holy Door in the Diocese. Every Diocese will have at least one Holy Door available.

“The practice of *pilgrimage* has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a *viator*, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God’s mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us. (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, n. 14)

Go to confession.

Receive Holy Communion “with a reflection of mercy.”

Make a profession of faith (Credo).

Pray for the Pope and his intentions (i.e. One Our Father, three Hail Mary and Gloria).

Those conditions “may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work; it is, however, fitting that Communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day the work (i.e. the Pilgrimage to the Cathedral) is performed.” (Apostolic Penitentiary, *Manual of Indulgences*, Norm 20).

For the elderly, confined and the ill

The Pope explained that they can obtain the indulgence by “living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial”, OR by attending Mass and community prayer “even through the various means of communication.”

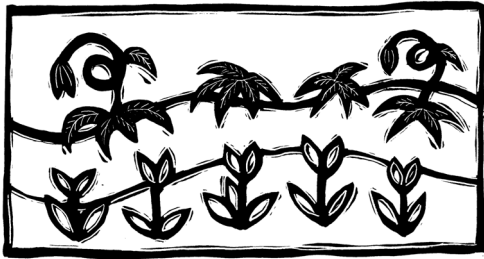


St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be **“Sin and Reconciliation.”** Together we will look at our relationships with God, with others and with ourselves...what we do in life that strengthens and weakens those bonds, and how the Father will always welcome us home despite the things we do to separate us from His love.

St. Anne Confirmation

Saint Anne Confirmation Candidates will meet on Saturday, March 12 at Union City BART for our annual Children’s Fairyland Service Blitz! Imagine Fairyland with over 100 teenagers coming in for a day of service—AWESOME! **Now the challenging news...please be in touch with your teachers in case we get rained out that day. Our make-up date in case of rain is Saturday, March 19.**



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DIVINE MERCY

In observance of the Lenten Season, Divine Mercy will not meet on Fridays to avail all members to participate in the Parish Lenten and Jubilee Year of Mercy activities. We will return to our regular weekly schedule in April.

- Mar 10, 2016 - Parish Lenten Penance Service
 - Mar 11, 2016 - Fish Fry/Faith Sharing/Movie - 6:30 PM - Church
 - Mar 18, 2016 - Taize Station of the Cross - 7:30 PM - Church
 - Mar 25, 2016 - Good Friday Service 12:00 PM Church
 - Mar 25, 2016 - DM Novena, 3 PM - Church
 - Mar 26, 2016 - DM Novena, 3 PM - Hall
 - Mar 27, 2016 - DM Novena, 7:30 PM - Church
 - Mar 28, 2016 - DM Novena, 7:30 PM - Church
 - Mar 29, 2016 - DM Novena, 7:30 PM - Church
 - Mar 30, 2016 - DM Novena, 6:00 PM - Church
 - Mar 31, 2016 - DM Novena, 7:30 PM - Church
 - Apr 01, 2016 - DM Novena, 6:00 PM - Church
 - Apr 02, 2016 - DM Novena, 7:00 PM - Church
- For more information, please contact Lou Castro, 510-396-1162

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

COMMUNION PREPARATION (Monday CP)

*For 123 students who are in their first year of Formation and attend Monday classes....***Celebrating God’s Love** – As our children prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they are learning about the rite of the sacrament – Contrition, Confession, Penance and Absolution. Let us think about how important the Sacrament of Reconciliation is in our own lives as we seek “pardon and peace” in the words of absolution. Please continue to pray to keep these children in your prayers.

RE M I N D E R

CP student with One Parent/Guardian must attend ONE

RECONCILIATION FAMILY GATHERING

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Topic: The Gifts of Pardon & Peace

4:45p–6:00p Church - Group 1

6:15p–7:30p Church - Group 2

CCD MASS (5:00 PM SATURDAY VIGIL every Second Sunday of the month):

Our monthly celebration of CCD mass is on Saturday, MARCH 12. We invite all CCD students, catechists and their families to attend. A gentle Reminder to Catechists, Students & Parents who have volunteered to participate in the CCD Mass, please arrive 30 minutes before Mass for final instructions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; n 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: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- 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: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; 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]

Sunday, March 6, 2016

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, February 28, 2016</u>	\$ 9,983.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,951.08
<u>Total</u>	\$11,934.08
Rice Bowl Stewardship	\$ 1,193.00
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,258.92)

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
ST. ANNE PARISH SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

MARCH Mercy Focus:

FORGIVE ALL INJURIES

March 6	Kristo, a Passion play. Chabot College Arts Center in Hayward, at 4pm.
March 10	Parish Reconciliation, 7:00 p.m., Church
March 12	Pilgrimage to Holy Door of Mercy, Cathedral of Christ the Light, 10a.m.-12pm noon
March 16	Chrism Mass, Cathedral 6:30pm
March 17	Lenten Program: What does our Baptism call us to do? All Saints, Hayward, 7 p.m., Gym
March 24-26	Holy Triduum

APRIL Mercy Focus:

BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY

April 12-14	Mercy Series with Dr. Margaret Turek
April 23	Youth Confirmation
April 30	First Communion

MAY Mercy Focus:

VISIT THE SICK/COMFORT THE SORROWFUL

May	8 TH GRADE CCD Service Project
May 6	Divine Mercy - Visit Home for the sick/elderly: Eden West
May 14	Mass for the Anointing of the Sick, 10 a.m.
May 28	Red Cross Blood Drive , SMART & Knights of Columbus

CHARACTER

A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me.

—Anonymous

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, March 7

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 9:30 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #103-106
- 6:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #106
- 6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
- 7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 8:00 am - Maintenance, SH
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 7:30 pm - Festival, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #105
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH
- 7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Wednesday, March 9

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

- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
- 7:15pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104
- 7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #105

Thursday, March 10

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 10:00 am - Memorial Mass, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 5:00 pm - Faith Based Committee, SH
- 7:00 pm - Reconciliation Service, CH
- 7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CR #105
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, March 11

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 10:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102
- 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH, CR #104
- 6:30 pm - Fish Fry & Movie, SH
- 7:00 pm - Spanish Mass Choir, CR #105

Saturday, March 12

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

- 9:00 am - SPRED, CR #104, 105, 106
- 9:00 am - Parish Staff, SH
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103
- 6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH
- 7:00 pm - Ping Pong Club, CR #105

Sunday, March 13

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

- 1:30 pm - Sacred Heart Prayer Group, CR #103
- 3:00 pm - Confirmation Classes - ALL FACILITIES
- 7:00 pm - Community Prayer Group, CH
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH



Lenten Penance Service

This Thursday
At
7:30PM



Confession should be an
experience of
“peace and understanding”
-Pope Francis

Experience God's Mercy

