

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 4, 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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2016

*Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days.*

—Psalm 90:14



MERCY CORNER

“Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:14

“The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many peoples draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.”

Pope Francis, *The Face of Mercy*, (No 25), 2015

Focus Work of Mercy for September: Give Drink to the Thirsty

Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

ACTION: Donate to help build wells for water for those in need. Collect bottled water to distribute at a shelter for families. Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.

For further study and reflection:

Book: *Where There Is Love, There Is God*, Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Website: www.crs.org Catholic Relief Services assists the poor and vulnerable overseas. Over the past five years, CRS has assisted more than 2 million people worldwide in gaining access to clean water.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes, this “Treasures” column can seem to be a species of crib-notes for Catholic *Jeopardy*. Indeed, you may never know when knowledge of our particular vocabulary may come in handy. Such is the case with papal bulls, which conjure up all sorts of images, but are actually not what you might expect. A bull is a papal letter on a matter of great consequence, such as a decision about a crisis in the Church, the declaration of a doctrine, the summoning of a council, or the canonization of a saint. It has a more solemn intention than a mere letter or even an encyclical, a teaching letter circulated through the whole Church. Its odd name comes from the Latin *bullā*, which is the stamp used to apply a signatorial design to the hot lead, or even molten silver or gold, that seals the decree.

The format for the bull is the name of the pope in Latin, followed by the title “servant of the servants of God,” also in Latin, and then the text. The title of the bull is always the first two words of the text. Some famous papal bulls are *Exsurge Domine* (Arise, O Lord), written against Martin Luther’s Ninety-five Theses in 1520; *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God), the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII; or *Humanae Salutis* (Human Salvation), by which Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

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INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It’s a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God’s will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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September 3, 2016 - September 10, 2016

Saturday, September 3

5:00 pm † Lourdes Ambrosio

Sunday, September 4

8:00 am † Virgilio Vilar

10:00 am Yeut Sut Ho - Spe Int.

12:00pm † Juanita Balaura

6:00 pm For the People

Monday, September 5

8:00 am † Joseph Arriola

Tuesday, September 6

8:00 am † Lydia Villacorta

Wednesday, September 7

8:00 am † Natalia Rayandayan

Thursday, September 8

8:00 am † Edward Florence

Friday, September 9

8:00 am † Geneveva Gallardo

Saturday, September 10

8:00 am Joh Ho - Spe. Int

5:00 pm For the People

Please pray for the sick...

Ester Acda, Amelia Agustin, Jose Albatana, Eliza Atienza, Michelle Boja, Jose Balingit, Anthony Bascones, Bernardo Dingcong, Pedro Dingcong, Albert Carino, Jesus Carpio, Rommel Caspellan, Devon De Vera, Eufrosina Doroquez, Paz Galaang, Milagros Galimba, Maria Hocke, Arthur Legaspi, Marvin Liavore, Randy Magaan, Rosa Martinez, Jose Mendoza, Roquita Padua, Esperanza Paz

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

NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST (S. H.E)

The New Ministry of St Anne Parish..."SERVANTS OF the HOLY EUCHARIST (S. H. E.) gathers every Sunday for a community prayer in front of the Tabernacle after the 6pm mass. All are welcome. For more information or anyone who is interested about this new ministry, please contact Faye Magpayo at 510-676-2258 or Luz Brillo at 510-579-2644.

FOLLOW YOUR PATH

You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.

—Abraham Lincoln

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalms — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,
or, for Labor Day, any readings from
the Mass "For the Blessings of Human
Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-
10]

DIVINE MERCY

"Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them." (Diary 848) (***This week, please pray for the elderly and those neglected.***)

Sep 9, 2016 - Cenacle, 6:30 PM, Room 104

Sep 13, 2016 - DVD Series: Greatest Story, 7:00 PM,
Parish Hall

Sep 16, 2016 - Cenacle with Fr Solomon, 6:30 PM, Rm #104

Sep 18, 2016 - SVDP Feeding, 11:30 AM, Decoto

Sep 23, 2016 - Cenacle, 6:30 PM, Room 104

Sep 25-30, 2016 - California 21 Missions Pilgrimage

Sep 27, 2016 - DVD Series: Greatest Story, 7:00 PM,
Parish Hall

Sep 30, 2016 - Cenacle, 6:30 PM, Rm # 104

Please contact Lou Castro @ 510-396-1162 or any of the Divine Mercy members for more information about schedule. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings and events. Let us together offer up works of mercy through prayers and service with humility.



St. Anne Confirmation – “A Call To Mercy”

The 2016-2017 Confirmation Preparation Program will begin on Sunday, September 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All currently registered Confirmation candidates and parents are asked to attend.

St. Anne Youth Ministry Registration

St. Anne Youth Ministry registrations are still open. St. Anne Youth Ministry is for high school students and is considered the first of the two-year Confirmation program. We will start Youth Ministry meetings on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you have questions regarding Youth Ministry, please contact Jim Soltau at (510) 471-7766 ext. 22 or at stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net

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 October 5, 2016. Confirmation for adult Catholics will be celebrated at Christ the Light Cathedral in January 2017. 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process by which adults learn about and experience what it means to be Catholic. If you are someone who has expressed an interest in learning about becoming Catholic, was baptized Catholic as a child but has not celebrated First Communion, was baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore what being Catholic is all about, then this process may be for you. Inquiry sessions are ongoing so you are welcome to participate in the process at anytime with your questions, your insights and your faith story.

For more information please contact Debbie Nunes, RCIA Coordinator at 510 471-7766 or email stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com

St. Anne School of Faith Formation (Grades 1- 8)

WELCOME CCD MASS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 5:00 PM

- We invite all NEW & RETURNING students and families to celebrate with us as we begin a new year of ministry, 2016-2017 Faith Formation Year, in the CHURCH. After Mass, please join us at the back of the church (PATIO area) for fellowship and light refreshments!

CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 12-13-14-15

For families who have registered early, schedule letters have been sent via EMAIL on August 31. For families with no emails, you can get your child’s schedule at the CCD office. **All Class Session schedules will be posted at the bulletin board located outside the CCD office starting September 8.**

LATE REGISTRATION - We will continue to accept registration on a walk-in basis for open class sessions. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 471-7766 ext. 20-21 or email: stafaithformation@sbcglobal.net

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS St Anne Council 8627

If you feel the need or have a calling to serve the church or those who are less fortunate than you, the Knights of Columbus are looking for a few good men. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Men’s Fraternal, Family and Service Organization in the world, but we can always use more help. We are men just like you: fathers, sons, brothers and friends who work together, worldwide, to support our Churches, Bishops, Priests, Seminarians, Communities and charitable causes through volunteer hours and fundraising activities. We have many activities for which you can surely help by joining us .

For more information, please contact Membership Director Leo Abalos at (510) 383-6851 or email: leogabalos@yahoo.com or Grand Knight Peter Petit @ (510) 755-4960 email: peterpetit_sr@att.net.

BIBLE SHARING CLASS

Three years ago, we started a Friday and a Saturday Bible Sharing Group here in St. Anne. We study the Gospel for the following Sunday in English and Tagalog. We have now added a Wednesday group that meets at 9:30 every Wednesday. We invite you to join us.

Our Name: BEC or Basic Ecclesial Community or Bibliarasal

Our Goal: We use the Bible to study, to pray in order to obey God’s will. Ginagamit ang Biblia sa pagaaral, pagdarasal para mabago ang ating asal.

- Wednesday 9:15am Home
- Friday 10:15am Room 102
- Saturday 9:15am Room 102

For more information, please call Liwayway- 510-207-1409 or Marlene- 510-759-5846

Sunday, September 4, 2016

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, August 28, 2016	\$ 10,258.50
Online Giving	\$ 2,251.08
Total	\$ 12,509.58
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$2,490.42)

MARRIAGE PREP MINISTRY

Marriage Convalidation for Civilly-Married Couples

Are you a civilly-married Catholic couple? Would you like to have your civil marriage convalidated ("blessed") in a sacramental marriage through Church? If so, please consider joining St. Anne's Marriage Convalidation, which will lead to a sacramental marriage ceremony this coming **October 22, 2016, at 10:00 am** during this Year of Mercy. If interested, please schedule an appointment through the Parish Office (510) 471-7766.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Today's Gospel reading may sound a bit harsh at first, but it is meant to wake us up to the fact that God must be first place in our lives if we are to be a disciple of Christ. Find out how to live out God's design for your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Nov. 18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more info, contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org Weekends are presented in Pleasanton

HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS FIELD OLIVE HANDCRAFTS

"A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after masses on September 10-11, 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. Many of the Catholic families immigrated and left the Holy Land. 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, September 5

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

Tuesday, September 6

8:00 am - MASS, CH

6:00 pm - St. Vincente de Paul, CR #106

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #105

Wednesday, September 7

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

7:15pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104

Thursday, September 8

8:00 am - MASS, CH

6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

6:00 pm - CYO, CR # 105

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, September 9

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

10:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

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

6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

7:00 pm - Baptism Class, CH

7:00 pm - Spanish Choir, CR # 105

Saturday, September 10

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

8:30 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103

9:00 am - Individual User, SH,

9:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

10:00 am - Wedding Anniversary, CH

12:00 pm - Wedding, CH

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

3:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR # 106

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, September 11

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, All Facilities

7:30 pm - Servants of the Holy Eucharist, CH

THE DIFFERENCE

It is labor indeed that puts the difference on everything.

—John Locke

**PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE
CLOSED ON
MONDAY, SEPT. 5TH**





Faith Formation (CCD) Grades 1-8 will start the school year with a celebration of the mass on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 5:00pm. All parents, students and catechists are invited to attend. After mass please come to the back patio of the church for some refreshments. If you have not registered your child yet, registration forms will be available.

School will start:

Monday, September 12, at 4:45pm for all Communion Preparation (Year 1).

Tuesday, September 13, at 4:45pm for all First Communion students (Year 2)

Wednesday, September 14 at 4:45pm for all grade 3-5 of continuing education

Thursday, September 15, at 6:00pm for Middle School students grades 6,7,&8.

Growing in Faith Together

St Anne Confirmation Program (2nd Year) will start on Sunday, September 11, at 3:30pm in the hall. Youth mass will follow at 6:00pm. Parents are asked to attend the beginning of class.

St. Anne High School Youth Ministry (1st year) will start Monday, September 12, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Parents are asked to attend. Registrations are available for incoming Youth Ministry students.