

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 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

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*Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.*

—Isaiah 35:10a



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

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A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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2017 CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL

Details are listed below about the registration for the upcoming 2017 CYO Girls Basketball season. You can download the forms at our parish website (<http://www.saintannecatholic.org/home/cyo/cyo-signups>)

Saint Anne CCD students and parishioners only:

Monday, 12/5, Delanie Eastin MPR, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, 12/6, Kitayama MPR, 6:30 to 8 PM

Open Registration (new and returning players) residing within our parish boundaries

Open Registration (new and returning) – may turn in completed registration packets on:

Tuesday, 12/13, Delanie Eastin MPR, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Wednesday 12/14, IVCMS Gym, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Additional Open registration dates:

Wednesday, 1/04, IVCMS Gym, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, 1/10, Kitayama MPR, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Registration fees are \$125 and \$65 for uniform, if your child needs one. Please make checks payable to:

Saint Anne CYO

All forms must be filled out completely and all copies must be included before we can process your registration paperwork. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted. Registration is done on a first come basis. **Once a grade level is full, applicants will be placed on a waiting list.** Please contact Jonnell Galang anytime if you have any questions.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic men and women under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate Mediatrix of All Graces.

True devotion and consecration to Mary is a sure hidden path to holiness.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact the following for more information.

Cora Angeles @ 510-675-9771 or

Jean Agpasan @ 510-471-2499



Mass Intentions for the Week

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December 10 - December 17, 2016

Saturday, December 10

5:00 pm † Vincente Franco
† Ricardo Vales

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Cynthia Lynn Morrison - Spe. Int.
10:00 am † Valeriano Conde
† Francisco Baraan, Sr.
12:00 pm For the People
6:00 pm † Felipa Bermudez

Monday, December 12

8:00 am † Marj Villamarin
† Joachim Chieu

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am † Lucia Riego De Dios

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 am † Melchor Domingo
† Josefina Raguindin

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am † Ricardo Rodriguez
† Teodoro Cortez, Jr.

Friday, December 16

5:30 am Simbang Gabi Mass
8:00 am † Apolonio & Victoria Rodriguez
7:30 pm † Estela Austria

Saturday, December 17

5:30 am Simbang Gabi Mass
8:00 am Vener & Tessie Siasoco - Spe. Int.
5:00 pm Jason Cachola - Spe. Int.
† Joseph Phi Mieng

Please pray for the sick...

Ester Acda, Amelia Agustin, Jose Albatana, James Angeles, Eliza Atienza, Michelle Boja, Jose Balingit, Anthony Bascones, Bernardo Dingcong, Pedro Dingcong, Albert Carino, Jesus Carpio, Rommel Caspellan, Devon De Vera, Eufrosina Doroquez, Lourdes Estacio, Paz Galaang, Milagros Galimba, Maria Hocke, Lita Kayas, Arthur Legaspi, Marvin Llavore, Randy Magaan, Rosa Martinez, Digna Mendoza, 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

SIMBANG GABI/DAWN MASSES

Everyone is invited to attend the Simbang Gabi/Dawn Masses starting December 16-24, 2016 at 5:30 am. followed by a reception at the Parish Hall.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalms — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: *Las Posadas* begins

MISA EN ESPANOL

ULTIMO DOMINGO DE CADA MES ALAS DOS DE LA TARDE (2:00 PM)



There will be a **Confession Service for Vietnamese** on Sunday, December 18, 2016 from 2:00 pm –5:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Fremont, along Blacow Site

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Saint Anne Youth Ministry
2016-2017

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall to continue the season of Advent with **our famous YOUTH MINISTRY ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER AND CELEBRATION!!** ALL high school Youth Ministry students and Confirmation candidates and ALUMNI from the programs are invited to attend. Please bring a dish according

BY THE FIRST INITIAL OF YOUR LAST NAME:

YM Students, Confirmation Candidates and EMMAUS Peer Ministry

A to G: desserts!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

H to P: appetizer

Q to Z: main dish

Emmaus YA's : Drinks, Plates, Cups & Utensils

Please provide a serving utensil with the dish you bring!!

This is the last Youth Ministry meeting of 2016... Have a Blessed Christmas! Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2017!!

St. Anne Confirmation

Please pray for the Confirmation candidates as they are on their annual retreat this weekend at Mission Springs Christian Conference Center.

LA Youth Day 2017

Information packets are available now!! St. Anne Youth Ministry will be participating in the February 23, 2017 Archdiocese of Los Angeles Youth Day. The LA Youth Day trip is open to all high school students from St. Anne's and will be from after school February 22 and returning on Saturday, February 25. This is a unique chance to see the Young Church of Today in ACTION. If you are interested in signing up or finding out more information, please call or email the Youth Ministry Office at (510) 471-7766 ext. 22 or stay-outhministry@sbcglobal.net.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Everyone is invited to attend the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe (bilingual mass) at 8:00 am on December 12, 2016 followed by a reception at the Parish Hall. There will be a rosary @7:30 am before the bilingual mass.



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

COMMUNION PREPARATION (CP)

*For 118 Communion Preparation students who are in their first year of Formation and attend Monday classes.... **Reconciliation: Go, Seek, Find and Discover God's Treasure – WE TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY:** Children continue to reflect on the "Parable of the Lost Son". Let us explore our human tendency to take the wrong path, our need to be honest with ourselves, to be sorry and ask for forgiveness, and God's mercy always welcomes us home. Please keep these children in your prayers.*

FIRST COMMUNION (FC)

*For 117 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes.... **Eucharist: We Give Thanks & Praise – LISTENING:** The Bible is God's Word for us. We listen to God's Word at Mass during the Liturgy of the Words. God's calls us to act on it in our daily lives. Continue to pray for our young students.*

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY

There will be NO cenacle formation in December due to our Caroling schedules.

Mary's humility and obedience brought Christ into the world. May we all reflect this month how she accepted God's will by her love for Him and for all of us. May we too, bring Christ, the Prince of Peace, to reign in our hearts, home, parish, country and the world. May we be blessed with His grace to follow in His path with faith and humility.

Do you have the gift of singing or playing an instrument? Join us to practice and sing Christmas carols to Carehomes this December. Please contact Lou Castro @ 510-396-1162 or any Divine Mercy member for more information.

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, December 11, 2016

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 4, 2016	\$ 11,977.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,546.08
Total	\$ 14,523.08
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$476.92)



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 14th. 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 17th. Please bring your donations and place them in the barrels at the entrances of the Church. If you know a family who would need a Christmas Basket, please call the parish office at 510 471-7766 and leave the families name and phone number.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 12

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

9:00 am - Individual User, SH

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

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

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR # 102

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

6:00 pm - Staff Christmas Party, SH

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #105

Wednesday, December 14

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

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

6:30 pm - SPRED, SH

7:15pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104

7:30 pm - Adult Formation, CR #106

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103-106, SH

7:30 pm - Servites CR #102

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CR # 105

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 16

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

5:30 am—Simbang Gabi, CH, SH

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR# 103,106

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 - Spanish Choir, CR # 105

Saturday, December 17

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

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH

9:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #103-106

9:00 am - SPRED, CR # 106

9:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

1:00 pm - Baptism, CH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, December 18

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

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH

9:00 am - Indonesian Group, CR #104-105

1:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106

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

3:00 pm - Indonesia Group, CH, SH

5:00 pm - Servants of the Holy Eucharist, CR #102

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

Christmastide Mass Schedule

◆ Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Vigil)

Saturday, December 24 @ 5PM and 8PM

◆ Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Midnight)

Sunday, December 25 @ 12AM (MIDNIGHT)

◆ Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Day)

Sunday, December 25 @ 8AM, 10AM, 12PM (NO 6PM)

◆ Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Vigil)

Saturday, December 31 @ 5PM

◆ Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Day)

Sunday, January 1 @ 8AM, 10AM, 12PM and 6PM

