

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 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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*They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

—*Matthew 1:23*



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a “carol” anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. “Carol” comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren’t for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn’t make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn’t admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn’t make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol “Silent Night” comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church’s organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the “Silent Night Memorial Chapel” at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

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SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent’s scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today’s Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph’s courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God’s holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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December 17, 2016 –December 24, 2016

Saturday, December 17, 2016

5:30 am Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass
5:00 pm Jason Cachola - Spe. Int.
† Joseph Phi Mieng

Sunday, December 18

5:30 am Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass
8:00 am † Frank & Emily Sacramento
10:00 am † Rosalinda Cabardo
Inyang Family - Spe. Int.
12:00 pm † Dedicacion Duya
† Jesusa Cerezo
6:00 pm For the People

Monday, December 19

5:30 am Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass
8:00 am † Lilia P. Navarro
† Dec. Mem. of Moitoso Family

Tuesday, December 20

5:30 am Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass
8:00 am † Anthony Co
† Maria Soi

Wednesday, December 21

5:30 am Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass
8:00 am † Joakim Nguyen
Brian & Elizabeth Aguirre - Spe. Int.

Thursday, December 22

5:30 am Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass
8:00 am † Arnold Vasco

Friday, December 23

5:30 am Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass
8:00 am Mary Yip - Spe. Int.

Saturday, December 24

5:30 am Simbang Gabi/Dawn Mass
5:00 pm † Michael Tang
8:00 pm Jesus Carpio - Spe. Int.
Garcia & Austria Family - Spe. Int.
12:00 am † Gerard Bets

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, Lourdes Estacio, Paz Galaang, Milagros Galimba, Michael Lem Garcia, Maria Hocke, Lita Kayas, Arthur Legaspi, Marvin Llavore, Randy Magaan, Roberto Mariano, Vilma Martin, Rosa Martinez, Jose Mendoza, Roquita Padua, Roberto Portacio

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalms — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab,
8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17,
27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Thursday: St. John of Kanty
Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



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Saint Anne Youth Ministry 2016-2017

We have had our last Youth Ministry meeting of 2016...Have a Blessed Christmas! Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2017!!

St. Anne Confirmation

The next gathering for the St. Anne Confirmation program will be Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

LA Youth Day 2017

We currently have 10 spots open for the LA Youth Day...please sign up quickly!

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 stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net.

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 stantheadultfaithformation@gmail.com

FLOWER DONATIONS & CHRISTMAS TREES

Environment & Art Group is accepting potted white poinsettias and monetary donations towards flower arrangements and live Christmas trees. Please bring your monetary donations to the Parish Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-8:00pm. Deliver white poinsettias between Dec 19-24th. Thank you!

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

**RE M I N D E R
CHRISTMAS BREAK**

December 19 to January 2
NO CLASSES – School is closed.
Classes resume Tuesday, January 3rd
**WE WISH ALL A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS
and BLESSED NEW YEAR 2017 !!**

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY

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

Most Holy Virgin Mary has taught me how to love God interiorly and also how to carry out His holy will in all things. O Mary, You are joy, because through You, God descended to earth and into my heart. (Diary 40) Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busyness, Christ is born in the Bethlehem of our homes and daily lives. Take time and slow down, try to be still yet awake to the Divine Mystery that is so ever so present.(Edward Hayes)

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

SIMBANG GABI/DAWN MASSES

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



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 24 THRU
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26.**
**WISHING EVERYONE A
BLESSED CHRISTMAS
SEASON!**

BULLETIN DEADLINES

**BULLETIN ARTICLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF
DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2016, DECEMBER 31, 2016 &
JANUARY 1, 2017 NEED TO BE IN THE RECTORY
OFFICE BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.**

Sunday, December 18, 2016

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 11, 2016	\$ 8,655.19
Online Giving	\$ 1,814.47
Total	\$ 10,469.66
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$4,530.34)
Immaculate Conception 12/8/16	\$3,307.36

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
Gloria Ramos @ 510-489-1417

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 19

8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
9:30 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
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, CH

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR # 102-106, SH,CH
7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #105

Wednesday, December 21

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

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH, CH
6:00 pm - Youth Lectors, CR #101
7:15pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104
7:30 pm - Adult Formation, CR # 106
8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR # 105

Thursday, December 22

8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103-106, SH
7:00 pm - Clergy Caroling, CH
7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104
7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CR # 105
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102

Friday, December 23

8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
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 24

5:00 & 8:00 pm, 12:00 am MASS, CH

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
9:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102
3:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106
6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103

Sunday, December 25

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

2:00 pm - Spanish Mass, CH

MISA EN ESPANOL

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

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

