

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Solemnity of the Nativity December 25, 2016

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.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Rosendo Manalo, Jr.	Parochial Administrator
Rev. Solomon Farinto	In Residence
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
Bernard Liwanag	Deacon
Jim Soltau	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Brandon Akiona	Liturgy & Music Coordinator
Helen Rojas	Children's Formation Coordinator
Christine Suarez	Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator
Debbie Nunes	Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
Zella Yanos	Office Manager
Bengil Ranillo	Bookkeeper
Helen Cabiles	Finance Council Chairperson
Jessica Torres	Facilities Committee Chairperson
Linda Canlas	Pastoral Council Facilitator

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.



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
Confessions	Saturdays @ 3:30 pm

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016

*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.,*

—John 1:5



Beloved St. Anne Community,

My Felicitations! Christmas is a time when we commemorate the event of the Eternal Word assuming our human nature. By Mary's "fiat" to become the mother of the Savior, God came to dwell in time.

Christmas season is a reason to be joyful. We are filled with joy because our great God has deigned to become one of us. But we are also filled with admiration and awe at the Wonder of wonders lying in the manger: great and little, divine and human, powerful and helpless at the same time, giving himself in love to his creatures. This is the wonder of the Incarnation of the Son of Man.

It ought to show on our countenances and ring out in our greetings the spirit of joy so that others may see that the Birthday of Jesus means very much to us. Let our infectious joy gladden all persons we meet; let it be a generous gift to all not only to someone we love; let this season renew us in the Spirit of Christ, whose gifts are those love, joy peace and patience.

Allow me to take this important season to thank you all for the support and assistance. Your stewardships of Time, Donations, and Talents help our parish, Saint Anne Church, to continue her mission of gathering the flocks, feeding the hungry, and putting shelter to the homeless and make our community vibrant and active. Thank you so much for your selflessness and for embracing me as your servant and of God.

May the Lord, The Emmanuel, and His Blessed Mother smile on you not just only on Christmas season but in every moment in your lifetime.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!

Love and Blessings,

Rev. Fr. Jun Manalo

Parochial Administrator

*Merry
Christmas*

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**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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December 24, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Saturday, December 24

- 5:00 pm † Michael Tang
8:00 pm Jesus Carpio - Spe. Int.
Garcia & Austria Family - Spe. Int.
12:00 am † Gerard Bets

Sunday, December 25

- 8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm



Monday, December 26

- 8:00 am † John Carmelo Mendoza

Tuesday, December 27

- 8:00 am † Victor Gilbuena

Wednesday, December 28

- 8:00 am † Maria Carbonell
Jose & Leticia Aquirre & Family - Spe. Int.

December 29

- 8:00 am † Dominador Lostica

Friday, December 30

- 8:00 am † Constanacia Pelaez
7:30 pm Rizalde Garcia - Spe. Int.

Saturday, December 31

- 8:00 am Katrina Carpio - Spe. Int.
† Dedicacion Duya
5:00 pm For the People

Please pray for the sick...

Ester Acda, Amelia Agustin, Jose Albatana, James Angeles, Eliza Atienza, Michelle Boja, Jose Balingit, Anthony Bascones, Michael Rem Garcia, Bernardo Dingcong, Pedro Dingcong, Albert Carino, Jesus Carpio, Rommel Caspellan, Devon De Vera, Lourdes Estacio, Paz Galaang, Milagros Galimba, 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

LOVE

Let those who never loved before,
love now:

Let those who always loved,
love the more.

—Anonymous

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family.
Strength of character may be acquired at work, but
beauty of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

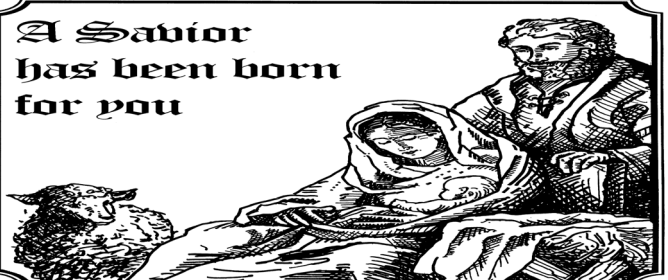
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Tuesday: St. John
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



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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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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MISA EN ESPANOL

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

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

**R E 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.

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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Sunday, December 25, 2016

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 18, 2016	\$ 13,494.02
Online Giving	\$ 2,308.08
Total	\$ 15,802.10
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	\$ 802.10
Simbang Gabi	\$5,279.63

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULT



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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 26

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

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

7:30 pm - Lectors, CR # 102

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 am - MASS, CH

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #105

8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Wednesday, December 28

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

7:15pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104

7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #105-106

Thursday, December 29

8:00 am - MASS, CH

6:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CR # 105

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 30

8:00 am - MASS, CH

10:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

1:00 pm - Individual User, SH

4:00 pm - Wedding Anniversary, CH

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

6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR # 104

7:00 pm - Spanish Choir, CR # 105

Saturday, December 31

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

9:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, January 1

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

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

All 2017 schedules for the use of the parish facilities need to be in the parish office ASAP. The office staff does not automatically schedule for the new year unless we have a written schedule from the parish ministries and organizations. Thank you!





Dear Lord,

At this time of season, please open our hearts.

May we learn to be givers, not takers, for only then can we feel blessed.

Make us instruments of your peace, that peace might fill our world.

May your abundant mercy touch our lives.

May our hearts so give and so receive as to expand to touch the stars.

May we learn to live with love, that we might know of heavenly bliss while still here on earth.

May the miracle of Christmas be a miracle in our hearts. Amen.

We wish you a blessed and
Merry Christmas!