

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017

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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:

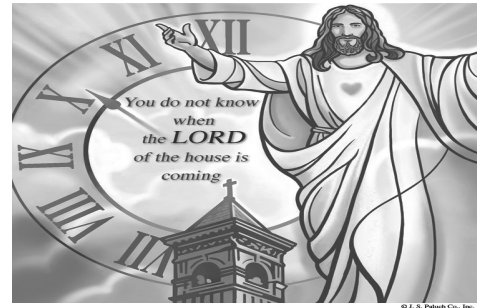
- by creating an environment that welcomes all;
- by being faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure;
- by celebrating God's love committed to giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty,
- clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless and
- by being the sign of unity and peace in the kingdom 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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*Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.  
— Mark 13:33*



**GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN**

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**BIBLE SHARING CLASS**

**We invite you to join us.**

**Our Name: BEC or Basic Ecclesial Community or Bibliarasa!**

**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.

Thursday at 11am to 1pm

Friday at 10:15 to 12:15pm

Saturday at 9:15am to 11:15am

Venue: Classroom 102 at St. Anne

Please bring your English or Tagalog Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church

To register for the first time or to get more information, please contact: Marlene Balingit 510-759-5846

If you can't come, we can email you the Guide and we can teach you how to do it in your home.



Want to join a vibrant ministry? **SPRED** or Special Religious Education at St. Anne is growing and needs your help! Join us as we gather to work on fun activities, hear the Word of God proclaimed, and enjoy a beautiful meal from 9:00-11:30 am on Saturday mornings. It's easy- all it takes to is a willingness to make new friends! Call or text Inez Albores @ 510-695-8953 or email ialbores@live.com to get started!

Everyone is invited to  
The Diocese of Oakland  
Kick-off of the  
**Simbang Gabi**

President : The Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ  
(Bishop of Oakland)

Cathedral of Christ the Light  
2121 Harrison St., Oakland CA 94612  
December 14, 2017 ; 7PM

Reception and Entertainment in the Event Center immediately following the Mass  
Contact Persons: Rev. Fr. Geoffrey Baraan - (510) 9182140/ Rev. Fr. Kenneth L. Sales - (510) 4564964

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

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**December 2, 2017 - December 9, 2017**

### **Saturday, December 2**

5:00 pm † Aurea Poblete

### **Sunday, December 3**

8:00 am † Guadalupe Catong

10:00 am For the People

12:00 pm † Juanito & Emiliana Gasacao

6:00 pm Racho Family - Spe. Int.

### **Monday, December 4**

8:00 am † Adoree Rivera

### **Tuesday, December 5**

8:00 am Peter Hernal - Spe. Int.

### **Wednesday, December 6**

8:00 am † Mila Macaspac

7:00pm † Lucila Start

### **Thursday, December 7**

8:00 am † Matilde Franco

### **Friday, December 8**

8:00 am † Alvarez & Battung Dec. Members

7:30 pm † Abelardo David

### **Saturday, December 9**

8:00 am † Jaime Magrata

5:00 pm † Valeriano Conde

### *Pray for the Sick, especially:*

Ester Acda, Argentes Albano, Trajano Albano, Rachel Austria, Erlinda Asagra, Perla Brillantes, Maricris Dologmandin, Isabelita Kayas, Manuel Gallardo, Lilian Gerardo, Ofelia Gonzales, Victorina Hernando, Marissa Magno, Josephine McNamara, Cora Paiso, Mirian Pangilinan, Rupert Palacios, , Madelyn Pasion, Teena Posas, Michael Seijo, Jess Suarez, Robert Tan, Arnie Zamora

*PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD NAMES AND GIVE A CONTACT PHONE NO. SO OUR MINISTRY CAN FOLLOW-UP*

*NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH*

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
DECEMBER 8, 2017  
IT IS A HOLIDAY OF**

**OBLIGATION.**

**THERE WILL BE MASSES AT  
8:00 AM & 7:30PM**



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## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;

Mk 1:1-8

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene

Wednesday: St. Nicholas

Thursday: St. Ambrose;

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)**

Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by enjoying a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with our spouse. The next weekends are held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville on January 12-14<sup>th</sup> or May 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org)

## **LIKE A CHILD**

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.—St. Nicholas



**St. Anne Youth Ministry 2017-2018**

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: **“Signs of the Season: ADVENT”** During the secular Christmas season, we are bombarded with messages on TV, on the Internet, in stores, in magazines and other sources that blare out the commercialism of the holidays. What a perfect time to escape from the distractions, gather as a youth community and look to scripture, prayer, and reflection to discover the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

**St. Anne Confirmation “Called To Mercy”**

The next gathering of Confirmation candidates and Parents will be on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be the retreat information meeting and is mandatory for all candidates.

**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](mailto:stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com)

**DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**

*(Jesus to St Faustina) Before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice. (Diary 1146). Lord Jesus may we be apostles of The Divine Mercy message and devotion with the help of St. Faustina. Help us to proclaim Your mercy so many may pass through the door of Your mercy while it is open!*

During the month of December, the Divine Mercy members will be visiting residents in care homes and rehabilitation centers & some friends. We invite anyone interested in joining us to bring joy & God’s love to the residents. We are in need of friends who can play any instruments or piano or just love to sing. Please contact any Divine Mercy member for a copy of our December Schedule.

POC: Lou Castro, 510-396-1162 or Emma Trias, 510-246-4541

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

**COMMUNION YEAR 1 (CP):** For 107 students who are in their first year of Formation and attend MONDAY sessions ....**Reconciliation: Go, Seek, Find and Discover God’s Treasure: WE FOLLOW THE TEN COMMANDMENTS** - Our children will review the Ten Commandments which are God’s laws that help us to love God and others.

**COMMUNION YEAR 2 (FC):** For 107 students who are in their second year of Formation and attend TUESDAY session .... **Eucharist: Go, Seek, Find and Discover God’s Treasure: WE LEARN FROM THE BIBLE** – This week the children will focus on the importance of listening to God’s Word and taking care that our hearts are good soil in which it can be rooted.

**ADVENT – Socks, Beansies, Scarves, Blankets**

**Drive:** As we begin a new liturgical year, Advent marks the beginning of our preparation for Christmas. Let us focus on kind acts by which we help our neighbors with material, physical & spiritual needs, and actions we can perform that extend God’s mercy to those in need by supporting our Advent Drive to help families in need at Homeless Shelters this Christmas Season, and praying for these families that God grant them Faith, Hope, Love & Peace.

**CCD MASS (5:00 PM SATURDAY VIGIL every Second Sunday of the month):** Our monthly celebration of CCD mass is on Saturday, **DECEMBER 9**. We would like to 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.

**THANK YOU, BULLETIN ADVERTISERS**

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**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, 2017** followed by a reception at the Parish Hall.



**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

<b>Sunday, November 26</b>	\$9,436.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,905.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,341.44</b>
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$3,658.56)
<b>Thanksgiving Day, 11/23/17</b>	<b>\$4,335.06</b>
<b>Bayanihan Dinner Dance</b>	<b>\$9,233.36</b>



### ADVENT GIVING TREE

Please take an angel from the Advent Giving Trees at the church entrances, and sponsor a needy person/family. Attach the angel on the gift card and submit it to the Parish Office by **December 10, 2017**. 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 (please no clothing) to make Christmas Baskets for the homeless and low income families in the community to be given on **Saturday, December 16, 2017**. Please place food donations in the barrels at the entrances of the Church or you may donate a food basket for a family. If you know a needy family who needs a basket, please call the parish office @ 510 471-7766 and leave their names and phone number.

### SIMBANG GABI/DAWN MASSES

Please join us for this Filipino tradition of a Novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas. It takes place from December 16th to December 24th. The masses will be celebrated at 5:30am each morning. Breakfast and fellowship to follow at the Parish Hall. Those who wish to donate gifts for raffle prizes, please contact the Parish Office at 510-471-7766.

### FLOWER DONATIONS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

Environment & Art Group is accepting potted white poinsettias and monetary donations towards flower arrangements and live 6-8 ft. Christmas trees. Please bring your monetary donations to the Parish Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-8:00pm. Deliver white poinsettias and Christmas trees by **December 17, 2017**. Thank you!

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

**Monday, December 4**

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

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

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

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

6:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #106

6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

**Tuesday, December 5**

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

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

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR# 106

7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

**Wednesday, December 6**

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

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

7:30pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104

7:30 pm - Adult Formation, CR #106

8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #105

**Thursday, December 7**

**8:00 am - MASS, CH**

6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

7:30 pm - Reconciliation Service, CH

7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

**Friday, December 8**

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

10:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

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

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

6:30 pm - Divine Mercy Choir, CR # 104

7:00 pm - Spanish Choir, CR # 102

**Saturday, December 9**

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

9:00 am - Grief Support Ministry, CR #105

9:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

12:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #103

1:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, SH

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

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

**Sunday, December 10**

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

9:00 am - Vision Screening, SH

10:00 am - FAUCEB, CR #105

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

2:00 pm - Marriage Encounter, CR #104

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

# Advent Penance Service

As we continue on our Advent journey towards commemorating the birth of our Savior, join us for our Advent Penance Service on:

**-Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:30PM**



## *An Evening of Christmas Carols*

Join us for a festive evening as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with scripture, faith-based dramatizations and music!

**Friday, December 15, 2017 @ 7:00PM (Church)**