

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Second Sunday of  
Advent  
December 10, 2017

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Rosendo Manalo, Jr.	Parochial Administrator
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Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
Bernard Liwanag	Deacon
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Helen Rojas	Children's Formation Coordinator
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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.*



## 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.

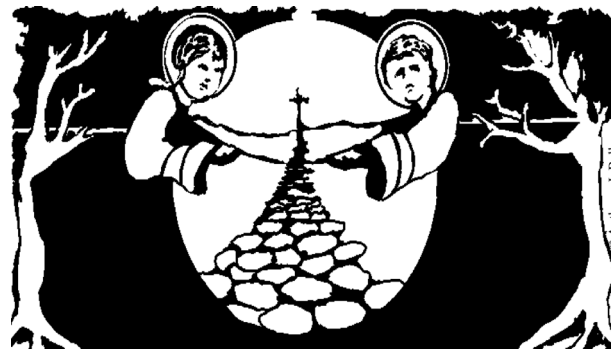
## Holy Mass Schedule

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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*Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

— Mark 1:3



**NEWS OF COMFORT**

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

—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!

**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.

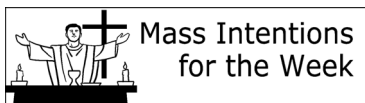
If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact the following for more information.

Cora Angeles @ 510-675-9771 or

Jean Agpasan @ 510-471-2499

**MISA EN ESPANOL**

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



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

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**December 9, 2017 - December 16, 2017**

**Saturday, December 9**

5:00 pm † Valeriano Conde

**Sunday, December 10**

8:00 am † Vincent & Mary Nguyen

10:00 am † Robert Alvarado, Sr.

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm Larry & Cora Rafael - Spe. Int.

**Monday, December 11**

8:00 am † Pascuala Saldana

**Tuesday, December 12**

8:00 am † Candelario & Carmen Perez

**Wednesday, December 13**

8:00 am † Lucia Riego de Dios

7:00pm † Lenny Albright

**Thursday, December 14**

8:00 am † Lucila Lopez

**Friday, December 15**

8:00 am † Digna Calugay

**Saturday, December 16**

5:30 am Simbang Gabi

8:00 am † Vincent & Mary Tran

5:00 pm Jason Cachola - Spe. Int.

*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

**DIOCESAN SIMBANG GABI KICK OFF  
CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT  
DECEMBER 14, 2017 @ 7:00PM**

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Diocesan wide Simbang Gabi Kick Off Mass. **St. Anne Church** has a bus for those who are willing to participate for a minimal fee of \$20 or less depending on the number of passengers. Capacity will be limited to 57 passengers only. The bus will leave St. Anne parking lot at **5:00pm**. Please contact the Parish Office @ 510-471-7766 to reserve a seat.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day

Monday: St. Damasus I

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at sunset

Wednesday: St. Lucy

Thursday: St. John of the Cross

Saturday: *Las Posadas* begins

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER  
(WWME)**

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.” Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending 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 [oak-landwwme.org](http://oak-landwwme.org)



St. Anne Youth Ministry 2017-2018

**Advent/Christmas POTLUCK CELEBRATION!!!!!!**  
**St. Anne Youth Ministry, Confirmation candidates, those home from college, and alumni are invited to the annual Youth Ministry Advent/Christmas Potluck Dinner and Party on Monday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Wear something to do with Christmas!!! We will once again participate in the annual 12 Days of Christmas hilarity and singalong!!**

Here's what to bring for the potluck...please don't come empty-handed:

**WHAT TO BRING:** Everyone is assigned by **last name** in the list below.

This potluck is for students in Youth Ministry, EMMAUS & Confirmation and alumni of any of these programs. Please come and celebrate with us:

**BY THE FIRST INITIAL OF YOUR LAST NAME:**

YM Students, Confirmation Candidates and EMMAUS Peer Ministry and alumni:

- A to D:           desserts
- E to M:           appetizer
- N to Z:           main dish

Please try to make it a home-made dish...a gift from you to our community! **Please no fast food/junk food!!!**

**St. Anne Confirmation "Called To Mercy"**

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

**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)

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**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:** Children will continue to reflect on the "The Ten Commandments" to learn more about moral choices and how they can begin to know the difference between a sin and an accident. Please keep these children in your prayers.

**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 – 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. Let us continue to pray for our young students preparing for First Communion.

**DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**

(Jesus to St Faustina) In the Old Covenant, I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind but I want to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the Day of Justice, I am sending the Day of Mercy. **(Diary 1588).** Lord Jesus, Thank You for "The Day of Mercy."

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

**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.



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**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

**FINANCE CORNER**

**Weekly Collection Goals**

<b>Sunday, December 3, 2017</b>	\$10,507.50
Online Giving	\$ 2,430.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,937.50</b>
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$2,062.50)



**ADVENT GIVING TREES**

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.

**FLOWER DONATIONS AND CHRISTMAS TREES**

Environment & Art Group is accepting potted white poinsettias, live 6-8 ft. Christmas trees and monetary donations towards flower arrangements. 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!

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE**

**Monday, December 11**

**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 - Divine Mercy, CR #104

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

**Tuesday, December 12**

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

9:00 am - Individual User, SH

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 13**

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

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

6:30 pm - SPRED, SH

7:30pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104

7:30 pm - Adult Formation, CR #106

**Thursday, December 14**

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

10:00

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

7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

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

**Friday, December 15**

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

10:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

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

6:00 pm - Baptism Class, CR #105

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

7:00 pm - Spanish Choir, CR # 102

7:00 pm - Christmas Concert, CH

7:00 pm - Deacon Support Mtg. - CR #106

**Saturday, December 16**

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

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

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

9:00 am - SPRED, CR # 104-106

9:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

4:00 pm - Servants of the Holy Eucharist, CR #105

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

**Sunday, December 17**

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

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

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

3:00 pm - Indonesian Group, CH, SH

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



## *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)**