

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017 Gaudete

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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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*Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17*

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REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a *presepio*, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)

“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; . . .” Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville on January 12-14th or May 18-20th. 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

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



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!

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST (SHE)

Servants of the Holy Eucharist (SHE) is inviting everyone to join us every Sunday after the 6pm mass for a community prayer in front of the **Blessed Sacrament** "we look forward to seeing and praying with you."

**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 16, 2017 - December 23, 2017

Saturday, December 16

5:30 am Simbang Gabi
5:00 pm Jason Cachola - Spe. Int.

Sunday, December 17

5:30 am Simbang Gabi
8:00 am † Mila Macaspac
10:00 am † Carlos Pantig
12:00 pm † Adoree Rivera
6:00 pm For the People

Monday, December 18

5:30 am Simbang Gabi
8:00 am Arsenio & Lily Tecson - Spe. Int.

Tuesday, December 19

5:30 am Simbang Gabi
8:00 am † Lilia Navarro

Wednesday, December 20

5:30 am Simbang Gabi
8:00 am † Schwyn Mary Nguyen
7:00pm † Johnny Agraviador

Thursday, December 21

5:30 am Simbang Gabi
8:00 am † Joakim Nhat Nguyen

Friday, December 22

5:30 am Simbang Gabi
8:00 am † Patrick Vu

Saturday, December 23

5:30 am Simbang Gabi
8:00 am Ho Family - Spe. Int.
5:00 pm For the People

Pray for the Sick, especially:

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

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**Jesus said: "I am the Way, and The Truth, and The Life
No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

John 14:6

Come and join us, you are welcome. every First Friday

Mass at the Church 7:30pm

Prayer Meeting/Novena 12:00pm, Rm #103

(Bringing lunch to share is appreciated though optional).

POC Fely Garcia @ 510-557-9739 or Dom Filardo @ 510-299-1293

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Thursday: St. Peter Canisius;
Winter begins
Saturday: St. John of Kanty



PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg

2018 BIBLE DIARY

Volunteers of Claretian Missionaries are here selling 2018 Bible Diary as they do yearly. These are great for Christmas

THANK YOU, BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Our weekly bulletin is subsidized completely by those companies whose advertisements appear on the last two pages. If you have the opportunity, you may thank them in the name of our parish by using their products or services. Should you desire to participate as a sponsor of our bulletin, you may contact J.S.Paluch Co. at 800-675-5051



St. Anne Youth Ministry 2017-2018

St. Anne Youth Ministry is now on Christmas break and will resume with our first meeting of 2018 on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

St. Anne Confirmation "Called To Mercy"

St. Anne Confirmation is now in Christmas break and will resume classes on Sunday, January 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

GIRL'S CYO BASKETBALL

Girl's CYO Basketball registration will be held at the following times:

St. Anne CCD students and parishioners only - may turn in completed registration packets on:

Monday, 12/11, Kitayama MPR, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Returning players only- may turn in completed registration packets on

Monday, 12/18, Kitayama MPR, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Open Registration – may turn in completed registration packets on:

Thursday 12/21, Kitayama MPR, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Monday, 1/08, Kitayama MPR, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Thursday 1/11, Kitayama MPR, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Please bring with you:

If your child is attending/enrolled in our Saint Anne CCD program: All completed forms from above, Copy of birth certificate, and payment (Must have also been enrolled in CCD program/Faith Formation 2017-2018 also).

If your child is not in our CCD program, but resides within the Saint Anne Parish boundaries (see Boundaries Map): All completed forms from above, Copy of residential utility statement (PG&E, Home Phone, Garbage or Water statement only), Copy of Birth Certificate, and payment.

Fees: \$100 - Registration and \$75 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. Registration is done on a first come basis and incomplete applications will NOT be accepted. Failure to register on time or submit **ALL** required documents and fees may result in your child not being placed on a team. **Applicants will be placed on a waiting list once the grade level is full.**

Make sure to download the Informational Letter for more details, the required Girl's CYO Basketball Form, and all forms above required to participate in CYO sports. If you have any questions please contact Jonell Galang at jgalangcyo@gmail.com

ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

(Grades 1- 8)

RE M I N D E R

CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 18 to January 4

NO CLASSES

Classes resume Monday, January 8.

We wish All a Blessed Christmas

And a Joyous New Year 2018

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

(Jesus to St Faustina) I am and will be for you such as you praise Me for being. You shall experience My goodness, already in this life and then, to the full, in the life to come. **(Diary 1707)**. Lord Jesus, may I think of You and praise and thank You more fervently and constantly in anticipation of what You have prepared in heaven for me and all those who love You! May your coming bring PEACE, LOVE & JOY to the hearts of everyone.

We invite anyone interested to join us in bringing God's joy to the hearts of residents and care takers in care homes and rehabilitation centers. Contact any Divine Mercy member for a schedule.

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

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

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

All 2018 schedules for the use of the parish facilities need to be in the parish office no later than December 29, 2017. The office staff does not automatically schedule for the new year unless we have a written schedule from each organizations or ministries. Thank you!

Sunday, December 17, 2017

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, December 10, 2017	\$9,017.79
Online Giving	\$ 1,935.00
Total	\$10,952.79
Budget	\$15,000.00
Less: 10% Religious Retirement	\$1,095.28
Over (Under)	(\$5,142.49)
Immaculate Conception 12/8/17	\$2,691.00



Try online giving for your weekly contributions. Go to our website at saintannecatholic.org and click on the green *Online Giving* button. You will be launched to our portal where you can create your own account and select a secure payment method like credit card, checking or savings account. You can select your giving amount and how often you would like to give: weekly, quarterly, yearly, etc.

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 18, 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.



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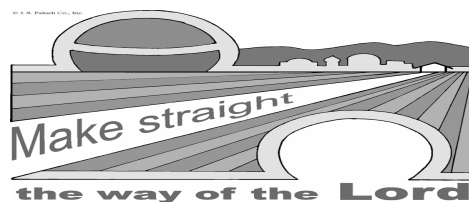
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017
WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON!

DONATE NOW



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

- Monday, December 18**
5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
8:00 am - MASS, CH
9:30 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
10:00 am - Funeral Mass, CH
6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104
7:30 pm - Lectors, CH
- Tuesday, December 19**
5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
8:00 am - MASS, CH
10:00 am - Funeral Mass, CH
7:30 pm - RCIA, CR# 106
- Wednesday, December 20**
5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
8:00 am & 7:00 pm - MASS, CH
5:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #105
7:30pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104
7:30 pm - Adult Formation, CR #106
- Thursday, December 21**
5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
8:00 am - MASS, CH
4:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH
7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH
7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
- Friday, December 22**
5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
8:00 am - MASS, CH
10:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102
11:00 am - Funeral Mass, CH
1:00 pm - Environment & Art, CH
4:30 pm - Faith Formation, CH
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 23**
5:30am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH
10:00 am - Baptism, CH
9:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102
6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103
6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH
- Sunday, December 24**
5:30 am - Simbang Gabi, CH, SH
8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, MASS, CH
5:00 & 8:00 pm - & 12:00 am MASS, CH
3:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106



Christmastide Mass Schedule

Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Vigil)

Sunday, December 24 @ 5PM and 8PM

Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Midnight)

Monday, December 25 @ 12AM (MIDNIGHT)

Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Day)

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

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Day)

Monday, January 1 @ 8AM, 10AM and 12PM

