

December 1, 2019 | First Sunday of Advent



St. Anne Catholic Church



Liturgical Schedule

Morning Prayer-Rosary	7:00 am
Daily Mass	8:00 am
Saturdays	8:00 am
	5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sundays	8:00 and 10:00 am
	12:00 and 6:00 pm
OLPH Novena & Mass	6:30PM—WED
First Fridays	8:00 am and 7:30 pm
	24hr Adoration
Confessions	Saturdays @ 3:30 pm
Youth Mass	2nd and 4th Sundays
	6:00 pm
Spanish Mass	2nd and Last
	Sundays @ 2PM
Indonesian Mass	3rd Sunday 3:00pm

Sacramental

Baptism

*Monthly
**No baptisms or classes are held during Lent. Must be scheduled with the Parish Office*

Funerals

Arranged in conjunction with the Mortuary

Matrimony

By appointment. Call Parish office at least 6 months ahead. Do not set any specific date without conferring with the Priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Parish Office



Our 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.**

How can we live out our mission?

Pastoral Team

Rev. Rosendo Manalo, Jr.	Parochial Administrator
Rev. Augusto Acob	Parochial Vicar
	Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
Benigno Calub	Deacon
Carlos Rabuy	Deacon
Bernard Liwanag	Deacon
Jim Soltau	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Brandon Akiona	Director of Liturgy & Music
Helen Rojas	Children's Formation Coordinator
	Office Manager
Zella Yanos	Bookkeeper
Bengil Ranillo	

We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!

Volunteer Chairpersons

Helen Cabiles	Finance Council Chairperson
Jessica Torres	Facilities Committee Chairperson
Linda Canlas	Pastoral Council Chairperson

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“You . . . Must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”
— *Matthew 24:44*



HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ’s new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the LORD” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.

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SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749) December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John’s message for the church’s spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict said that in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This “incarnational theology,” the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today’s pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as “windows into heaven”—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11–14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
World AIDS Awareness Day

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier

Wednesday: St. John Damascene

Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday

Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

ADVENT

Let’s approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

—Anonymous

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

November 30, 2019 - December 7, 2019

Saturday, November 30

5:00 pm † Evelyn Souza

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am † Fernando Cabiles

10:00 am † Luisa Fajardo

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm Karen Mina - Spe. Int.

Monday, December 2

8:00 am † Virginia Wijangco

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 am † Aurea Poblete

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 am † Floredeliza Aranzamendez

7:00 pm † Manuel Rosal

Thursday, December 5

8:00 am † Antonio Rativo

Friday, December 6 (FIRST FRIDAY)

8:00 am Maryann Carter - Spe. Int.

7:30 pm † Luzonica Martinez

Saturday, December 7

8:00 am † Carlito Pantig

5:00 pm † Matilde Franco



We lift up our sick and home bound in prayer:

Lita Abad	Marissa Magno	Siony Palacios
Apollo Bernabe	Reynaldo Marquez	Liberty Quirimit
Perla Brillantes	Ernesto Moselina	Danny Sancho
Danny Cabardo	Nieyona Moselina	Enzo Soriano
Maricris Dologmandin	Manny Moya	Robert Tan
Petronila Domingo	Rodolfo Munoz	Stephanie Tongson
Maria Magat	Onofre Okialda	Diety Trocino
Melchor Magat	Pepito Palacios	James Villo
		Richard Yu

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO INCLUDE NAMES AND PROVIDE A CONTACT SO OUR MINISTERS CAN FOLLOW-UP. NAMES WILL BE CLEARED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

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
Genoveva Bagoisan @ 510-471-9128**



(Jesus to St Faustina) **It is not always within your power to control your feelings. You will recognize that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance and contradiction, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who have made you suffer and wish them well (Diary 1628). Thank You, Jesus, for teaching me about my feelings when annoyed by people. Help me to love them and remain in peace. Whenever I think of them, remind me to pray for them.**

Dec 02 - Cenacle, Week 93, 6:30 pm, Room 104
Dec 06 - Adoration, First Friday, 3-6 pm, Church
Dec 06 - First Friday Mass, 7:30 pm, Church
Dec 09 - Prayer, Christmas Party, 6:30 pm, Room 104

POCs: Lou Castro 510-396-1162
Linda AVECILLA 510-449-2788

SHE "Servants of the Holy Eucharist" 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.

CONTACT PERSON:

Melody Alejandro 510.427.9936
Faye Magpayo 510.676.2258

BIBLE SHARING CLASS

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.

Friday at 10:15 to 12:15pm

Saturday at 10:15am to 12:15am

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 510-507-5020

If you cant come, we can email you the Guide and we can teach you how to do it in your home.

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**



St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic for our Advent meeting will be: **“Emmaunel – God Is With Us.”** Together we will come to a deeper understanding of the mystery of God’s presence in our everyday world.

St. Anne Confirmation Program

St. Anne Confirmation candidates will meet on **Sunday, December 8.** We will begin our meeting at a special time with ALL Parents at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Payment for the Confirmation Retreat will be due at that time. An Advent gathering will follow at the regular class time followed by the 6:00 p.m. Youth Mass.

LA Youth Day Trip February 19-22, 2020

This is an advance announcement for the Youth Day pilgrimage to the Los Angeles Youth Day, February 19-22, 2020. This year’s LA Youth Day theme is: **“20/20: Through God’s Eyes.”** This trip is open to those registered in the Youth Ministry, Confirmation and Emmaus Peer Ministry programs. More details to come!

**ST. ANNE CHURCH
ADVENT
RECONCILIATION
SERVICE
WILL BE ON
DECEMBER 12, 2019
AT 7:30 PM**



**RECONCILIATION
SERVICE**

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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 16-24, 2019.** 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.



SPANISH MASS

We have increased our Spanish Mass to twice a month to better serve our Spanish speaking community.
Our Mass in Spanish will be held every Second and Last Sunday of each month.
Join us!

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

All sessions resume this week – December 2-3-4-5

COMMUNION YEAR 1 (CP): For 100 students who are in their first year of Formation and attend MONDAY sessions**Reconciliation: Go, Seek, Find and Discover God’s Treasure:** As we enter a new liturgical year, our children will learn this week about the Advent season and the symbol of the Advent Wreath.

COMMUNION YEAR 2 (FC): For 106 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 Advent season, the importance of listening to God’s Word and taking care that our hearts are good soil in which it can be rooted.

ADVENT CANNED FOOD & PRAYER Drive: 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 7.** 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.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Sessions resume on Wednesday at 7PM in Rm 103
12/4: Mary, the Mother of God
12/11: The Mass
12/18: The Mass & Church Tour (continued)

RCIA

Do you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic? Contact us today!
See the Parish Website for full details.

adultfaithformation@saintannecatholic.org

Sunday, December 1, 2019

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, November 17, 2019	\$9,199.23
Online Giving	2,927.00
Total	\$12,126.23
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$2,873.77)



Online Giving

Try online giving for your weekly contribution. 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.



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 18, 2019**. 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 21, 2019**. Please place food donations in the barrels at the church entrances of 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 at 510-471-7766 and leave their names and phone number.



FLOWER DONATIONS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

Art & Environment Group is accepting potted white poinsettias, monetary donations towards flower arrangements and live 6-8 ft. Christmas trees. Please bring your monetary donations to the Parish Office, Mon-Fri, 9am-8pm. Deliver white poinsettias and Christmas trees by **December 16, 2019**. Thank you!

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 2

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH, CH
- 6:30pm - Youth Ministry, SH
- 6:30 PM - Confirmation, CR #106
- 6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104
- 6:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 am - MASS, CH

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

Wednesday, December 4

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

- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH, CH
- 7:00pm - Adult Faith Formation, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Boys Scouts, CR #102

Thursday, December 5

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 9:30 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH, CH
- 7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, December 6 (FIRST FRIDAY)

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

- 9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration, CH
- 10:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102
- 12:00 pm - Sacred Heart Prayer Group, CR #102
- 6:30 pm - Divine Mercy Choir, CR #105
- 6:30 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 7:00 pm - Spanish Choir, CR #102
- 8:00 pm - Schola Cantorum Choir, CR# 106

Saturday, December 7

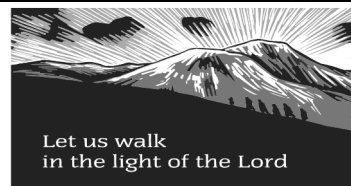
8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH

- 9:00 am - Individual User, SH
- 10:15 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102
- 3:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #105
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103
- 6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, December 8

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

- 9:30 am - Schola Cantorum Choir, CR #103
- 10:00 am - Choir of Unity, CR #106
- 2:00 pm - Spanish Mass, CH
- 3:00 pm - Confirmation, All facilities
- 7:30 pm - Servants of the Holy Eucharist, CH



Let us walk
in the light of the Lord



Congratulations to these children and their parents!

We welcome these children into our community of faith in Jesus Christ.

NOVEMBER BAPTISM

**SEBASTIAN JUAN MALICAD ALONZO
MAHA EMMANUELLE LIGACION HIPOLITO
ANALEIA ROSE PONCO LAMSEN
ARTHUR REY MAGADAN
LUKAS MATEO PANGILINAN
MOIRA JAYDE CARPO SILVAS**



Knights of Columbus Saint Anne Council 8627 Activities –December 2019

Christmas Caroling/Pageant Group Practice – 4PM, Sunday, December 1, 2019, Rm. 105

1st Wednesday Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lead Novena starting 6:30PM Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Council Officers Meeting – 8PM, Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Grand Knight's Residence

1st Friday Rosary Adoration of the Holy Sacrament – Lead Rosary starting 12AM, Saturday, December 7, 2019

Install Christmas Lights on Exterior Areas including Trees, Shrubs, Entrances – Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9AM to 12PM

Regular Business Meeting – 8PM, Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Room 105

Knight's Family Choir serving at 5PM Mass – Saturday, December 14, 2019 (Note: Choir Practice at 4PM, Room 105)

Christmas Tree Lighting, following 5PM Mass – Saturday, December 14, 2019; Council Caroling Group to perform the first two songs at the St. Anne "Christmas Around the World" Concert at the Church

Family Christmas Party at Parish Hall – 6:30PM to 9:00PM, Saturday, December 14, 2019

Knight's Family Choir serving at 5PM Mass – Saturday, December 21, 2019 (Note: Choir Practice at 4PM, Room 105)

Simbang-Gabi Breakfast Preparation – from 1PM to 4PM, at the Parish Kitchen/Hall, Saturday, December 21, 2019

Simbang-Gabi Breakfast Serving by Council / Assembly – following the 5:30AM Mass, Sunday, December 22, 2019 at the Parish Hall

**For any inquiry, please call or text message
Manny Bernal, Grand Knight at (510) 386-8426**



Calling All Women!
Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women
invite all to join them at their
Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 9:30 -12:30
Crowne Plaza

45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA
Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration

as we celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming birth of our Lord

with our speaker Father Erick Villa, the parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood.

A native of the Philippines, his story of faith began with his grandmother and her devotion to our Lady

and led him to the United States to serve the Lord and bring the joy he has found to others,

including the strong women of faith he guides as the Spiritual Director of Magnificat SOTI.

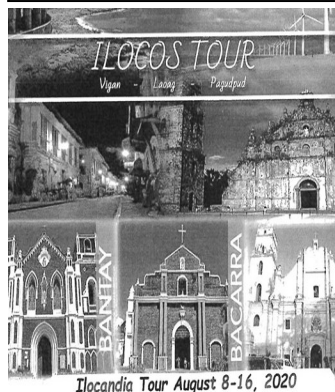
Men are always welcome to attend!
Tickets are \$33/\$40 after Nov. 30th.

For more info: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek>

Email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (WWME)

MARRIED COUPLES: Getting ready for the Holidays means lots of time spent planning. After the Holidays, why not plan to give yourselves some time together? Make a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** The next **Marriage Encounter Weekends** include: **Feb 21-23, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA.** For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact **Chuck & Annie** at: applications@oaklandwwme.org or **925-849-5466.**



ILOCANDIA TOUR **Ilocandia Tour with** **Fr. Gus Acob** on **August 8-16, 2020**

For more information and brochure, please contact gusacob@gmail.com or call 510-418-2750



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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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MY HEART, LORD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 7:30PM

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

32223 CABELLO STREET, UNION CITY, CA 94587

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION!