

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK/
INTENCIONES SEMANALES**

Sat: 5:00 PM Families of St. Anne
Sun: 8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Anne
10:30 AM Youth of St. Anne
12:30 PM Miembros vivos y difuntos de Sta. Ana
Mon: 9:00 AM Elders of St. Anne
Tue: 9:00 AM Families of St. Anne
Wed: 9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Anne
Thurs: 9:00 AM Youth of St. Anne
Sat: 5:00 PM Kevin Arokiaraj 10th Birthday Intention
Sun: 8:30 AM Elders of St. Anne
10:30 AM Families of St. Anne
12:30 PM Miembros vivos y difuntos de Sta. Ana

**THIS WEEK AT ST ANNE/
ESTA SEMANA A ST. ANA 12/12/09– 12/20/09**

Sat: Vigil – 2nd Sunday of Advent
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:00 PM Bi-lingual Mass followed by Social/Hall
2nd Collection – Religious Retirement

Sun: 2nd Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM 1st Communion Prep/Room 1&2
2nd Collection – Religious Retirement

Mon: 9:00 AM Hospital Communion/Sutter Delta
Hospital
9:45AM Rosary & Prayers for Peace/Garden
5:00 PM Children's Choir/Hall
5:30 PM Children's Guitar/Fireside
6:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group/Chapel
6:30 PM Family Faith Formation/CLC

Tues: 6:00 PM Women's Fellowship Christmas
Party/Fireside
6:30 PM Inquiry/Room 2

Wed: 12:00 PM Craft Club/Room 2
6:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul/Room 2
7:00 PM Bi-Lingual Reconciliation/Hall

Thurs: 6:00 PM Boys Ranch/Offsite
7:00 PM Choir Practice/Hall
7:30 PM Spanish Choir Practice/Chapel

Sat: Vigil – 3rd Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM Baptism - Connor Bilodeau
Tamales Sale

Sun: 3rd Sunday of Advent
11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting/Fireside
Tamales Sale
Hospitality Sunday

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING/
OFRENDAS DE LA SEMANA PASADA**

"Weekly church collection results will no longer be posted in the bulletin. Instead, summary results for the previous month will be reported to the parish the first Sunday of each month."

St. Anne is a "Fair Share Parish." As a Fair Share Parish we ask those who are able to give a weekly fair share offering of **\$48.00**. We also ask those who are able to prayerfully consider giving extra share for those who are unable to give. For your convenience, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) forms are available. This is an easy way to give your fair share each week. Forms are available in the foyer and office.

Your generosity is your return to the Lord for his goodness to you. Make an investment in the reign of God today!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS/
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA 12/14/09 – 12/20/09**

Mon: John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church
Nm 24:2-17a Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tue: Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-13 {Ps 34:2-23 Mt 21:28-32}

Wed: Advent Weekday
Is 45:6c-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs: Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2-10 Ps 72:1-17 Mt 1:1-17

Fri: Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-19 Mt 1:18-25

Sat: Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-25a Ps 71:3-17 Lk 1:5-25

Sun: 4th Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

PLEASE PRAY FOR/POR FAVOR

REZAN POR: Dolores Onofra, Michelle Gaspi, Elsje & Kathryn Copley, Bill Sears, Claudia Mac Donald, Tanya, Art & Helen, Jeanette Michaelis, Rudy Silva, Jonathan Price, Donna Stone, Teresa, Eugene Machado, Christie Gouveia, Lidia Samoian, Jeanne Keyes, June Ramos, Dorothy Diaz, Patrick Buckles, Linda, Norma Macias, Pete DuBois, Donna Koehler, Luisa Fong, Stan Nelson, Dominic Fruciano, Jeanette Schmid, Rick Peacock, Douglas Carr, Corinne, Maureen, Gary Blackwell, Joan Wisniewski, Craig Standridge, Cynthia Morga, Narcisa Estrelles, Quincy Hernandez, Steve, Barbara Stoiber, Marge Landoline, Amada Delgado, Susan Cooper, Markie Chadwich, Mamie Lusk, Manny Jardin, Katrina, Tamara Kuehl, Sandra Lizette Arteaga, Randy Fair, Mary Kirch, Bertha Cruz, Kathryn Thomas, Dana Wilson, Carmen Galbraith, Nicholas Gordon, Lillian Flynn, Katie Kuduk, Elva Petersen, Cheryl Turner, Salvadore D'onofio, Bev Rossi, Allan Jones.

Occasionally names are taken off the prayer list. If we have taken off the name of a person still in need of prayer, please call the office and we will gladly put them back on the list.

**PLEASE KEEP OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYER**

FAITH FORMATION

FF Singers did a beautiful sharing of the song "We Are the Church" at 10:30am Mass last Sunday. Thank you, children and families, for your spirited gift of song which enriched our liturgy. Hopefully, we will be singing again soon. Thanks, also, to Walt, choir director, for letting us sing with the choir.

Thank you, Catechists, for your dedication, preparation and presence with our parish children. Your catechetical ministry and gift of teaching, week after week, deserves a standing ovation. Your faith is being graciously shared and our children are benefiting deeply. You are a Christmas gift year-round!

First Communion Students: You have only one month before your First Reconciliation. Your attendance at every class, as well as your attendance at weekly Sunday/Saturday evening mass is essential. All students in Mr. Steve's, Ms. Becky's and Ms. Fran's Sunday First Communion classes are expected to come to the **RETREAT DAY, January 9th, Saturday, from 9am-12noon.**

First Communion Families save Tuesday, January 12th, to celebrate your child's First Reconciliation. It will take place in the Community Life Center at 6:30pm. The whole family is invited to share this special moment.

NO Catechist Meeting: Dec. 13th at 11:45am in Room 2 - Cancelled.

Monday night, December 14th, our Pre-K through 8th graders will close our pre-Christmas Faith Formation evening with a simple, prayerful Los Posadas pageant. It will be the last 20 minutes of our evening together, beginning at 7:20pm. Parents please join us.

Final FF classes before Christmas are: Sunday, December 13th, Monday, December 14th and Wednesday, Dec 16th.

Classes resume: Sunday, January 3rd 9:30am; Monday, January 4th 6:30pm; Wednesday, January 6th 7:00pm.

Adult Faith Formation resumes Monday, December 14th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room. Class will be on Christmas break beginning Monday, December 21st resuming Monday, January 4th at 6:30PM

Catholic Action Principles *Set Goals*

Unless you shape your life, circumstances will shape it for you. You have to work, sacrifice, invest, and persist to get the results you want. Choose them well. You can't start your planning until you know where you want to go.

God has given you the free will to choose your life's direction. Have others already done what you want to do? Study them and do what they did. Start anywhere, at anytime, and persist. Stop worrying what others think about what you can or can't do. Believe in yourself and your abilities. Have the self-confidence to challenge your current situation. This is your life to live; it's day by day and step by step.

Write down your goals. Only three percent of people have written goals and only one percent review those written goals daily. Be in that elite one percent. Visualize the attainment of your goals often. Goals are dreams with dates attached. You will only become as great and as happy as the goals you choose.

-Bill FitzPatrick,

TEEN MINISTRY:

Teen Ministry mission is to help Teens become closer to Christ through the Eucharist.

We hope everyone is enjoying the Season of Advent.

This week, we discussed Mary, our Mother and the Teens learned how to pray the Rosary. Special THANKS to Marie Fletcher for obtaining 40 Rosaries for the Teens!!!!

Next week will be a communal Reconciliation, and then we will be on Christmas break resuming on January 14th.

Youth Day: Registration forms need to be turned in by December 29! Thank you for everyone's support in purchasing Holiday items, the car wash, and fall festival. We will begin selling snacks at CYO basketball beginning December 12th at DB Elementary school.

Special THANKS: Matt and Amy Wisz for help on the parade of lights float. Rebecca Day for providing the music for the night, Dennis Lopez and his neighbor Steve for providing the trailer and all the Teens/Jr. High kids for making the night a success! **We won Best Church for the 2nd year in a row.**

Volunteers needed: if you would like to volunteer for Teen Ministry, please Contact Michelle Castinado at 925-240-1832 or 925-437-0015



"Pray for my Uncle Bill. He surprised us by dressing as Santa and coming down the chimney into a lit fireplace. He's in the hospital with a rump roast."

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Blessed are the Sorrowing

Sutter Delta Medical Center is offering an eight-week Widow and Widower support group at no charge, starting on Thursday, Jan 14th, 2010 at 2:30 PM in the Edna Fallman Educational Center. The loss of a spouse is probably the hardest thing you will ever experience. It begins a long hard journey. Come and share your experience with others who are going through the same loss. You will be provided with input on the various aspects of grief and you will have the opportunity to talk about your own loss and listen to others. Going to a support group is not a sign of weakness, but rather a desire to work through your grief. If you have any questions, please call Al Fleischer at 513-0978.

St. Anne's gets credits through script for Ace Hardware and Safeway. Sign up.

Nurses Notes

Winter Safety Tips for seniors

Walking on Snow and Ice

If you must walk on snow or ice, take special precautions to avoid falling. The U.S. Department of Defense gives many detailed tips, including:

1. Try to stay on the sidewalk, if you must step off the curb, stay as close to the edge of the street as possible. Hazardous driving conditions may keep motorists from stopping on time or braking effectively.
2. Remember that heavy snow muffles the normal sounds you expect to hear that alert you to oncoming vehicles.
3. Try to avoid carrying heavy packages while walking on ice or snow.
4. Take it slow, wear non-slip shoes, and wear brightly colored gear or reflective gear if possible.

Hypothermia

Extremely cold outside temperatures can kill, whether you are outside in the weather or are inside living in a home with insufficient heat. One dangerous body reaction to extreme cold is hypothermia, or a serious lowering of the core body temperature. Fifty percent of hypothermia deaths occur in persons over the age of 75. Even mild cold can cause hypothermia in the elderly because of compromised circulation or respiratory conditions. The American Geriatric Society (AGS) lists warning signs of hypothermia in the elderly as shivering, cold skin that is pale or ashy, feeling tired and weak, problems walking and slowed breathing or heart rate. If the body temperature falls below 95 degrees F, a person is hypothermic and medical help should be sought immediately. Wrap persons who are hypothermic with a warm blanket, covering the body and the head. Warm fluids are OK, but alcohol and caffeinated beverages are not helpful.

Next Week: Hypothermia – Part 2

PLEASE- Remember to use the phone in the office or at the AV area in the hall and not a cell phone to call 911. Your cell phone will reach Sacramento CHP and precious time will be wasted.

Your Faith Community Nurses

Rosary for Peace

Please join our Prayer Ministry in saying the Rosary and prays for peace. They meet Monday Mornings after the morning mass in the garden weather permitting. For more information, please contact Fran Hodge at 925-513-8606.

Covenant Corner

Thank you to all who gave of their treasure in donating coats for the St. Anne St. Vincent de Paul “Warm Coat” giveaway. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

The **Covenant Corner** is an opportunity for us to recognize those who use their gifts in service for others. We want to give regular thanks to those who do so much for all of us. So we invite you when you see someone doing something worth noting to let us know, by mail or email office@stannechurchbyron.com. Please keep the note 4-5 short sentences (maximum). Then we can get it in the bulletin.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

12/19 & 12/20

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

Greeters: Madonna Leeper & Joji Ponco
Lector 1: Art Meyers
Lector 2: Robert Meagher
Euch. Min: **Cup** – Jane Marchi & Bob Van Slambrook

Altar Servers: Team 8

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

Greeters: Shari Pica, Connie & Tim McCabe
Lector 1: Peggy Ann Valley
Lector 2: Marcos Pica, Jr.
Euch. Min: **Bread** – Jay McLaughlin, Linda Thomas & Stephanie Moore
Cup – Fran Hodge, Ernie Zucatto, Bob Rasp & Jack Thomas

Altar Servers: Team 11

Hospitality: Linda Humbert & Carla Silva

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

Greeters: Wright-Broughton Family
Lector 1: Rebecca Kubik-Boyd
Lector 2: Adam Strauss
Euch. Min: **Bread** – John Dyer, Bernadette Van Slambrook & Fran LaPerle
Cup – Don LaPerle, Rosa Day, Ernesto & Rosana Navarro

Altar Servers: Team 13

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Elizabeth Sherman

Hospitality: Suzanne Gillick & Mirna Cruz

SUNDAY 12:30 PM

Recividores: Eduardo & Leonor Romero
Lector 1: German Romero
Lector 2: Ruth Romero
Ofrendas: Rafael & Alicia Caballero
Ministros de Eucaristía: Humberto & Adriana Magana

Monogillo: Team C

PLEASE NOTE: Ministry Schedules for Oct - Dec are on the website under Ministries

Bi-Lingual Communal Reconciliation

On Wednesday, Dec. 16th, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offer to all parishioners. All families with children who have previously received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) are encouraged to come this evening as a family, in preparation for the beautiful Christmas season. It will begin at 7:00pm in the Community Life Center.

Toys for Tots

Our Family Faith Formation and Teen Ministry Children are sponsoring the annual Toys for Tots drive at St. Anne. New unwrapped toys may be dropped off during Mass and Faith Formation Classes between Monday December 7th and Sunday December 20th in the barrels located in the foyer. Please consider donating a toy/item appropriate for a teenager as there is a great need for this age group. All toys collected benefit the CCC U.S. Marines Corps. Toy for Tots Drive. For more information contact Michelle Lee at 925-240-5314.

Engagement & Stewardship Corner

A Focus on Talent Themes

INDIVIDUALIZATION

People strong in the Individualization theme are intrigued with the unique qualities of each person. They have a gift for figuring out how people who are different can work together productively

St. Anne Leaders with this Theme

Ken Landoline, Bob Sanocki, Jose Cruz-Zamora, Ed Konieczny,
Stephanie Moore

Quote

“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” - (1 Samuel 16:7)

To learn more about your *unique Talents and Strengths* please come by the office and purchase your very own copy of “*Living Your Strengths*” (comes with the StrengthsFinder Assessment) and meet with one of our very own Strengths Performance Coaches.



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship Happenings:

Friends & Fellowship Crafting:

❖ Wednesdays at Noon in Rm. 2

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15th 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside room. All women are welcome. For more information please call Carol Ruiz 925-634-1179 or email toppines@inreach.com

Women's Fellowship meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in Rm2

For membership information contact Anne Doran at adoran712@comcast.net or Peggy Ann Valley at peggy@peggyvalley.com

Women's Fellowship of St. Anne Catholic Church welcomes and strives to serve the needs of all women, offering opportunities to share gifts and talents and encourage and strengthen faith and friendships within our community.

Walk for Life – West Coast 2010

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23, 2010. Join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifer's for the 6th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortin hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. For more information visit our website at www.walkforlifewc.com. To volunteer or to arrange buses contact us to (415) 586-1576 or email questions to info@walkforlifewc.com.

Tamales Sale

Tamales will be on sale after the masses next weekend. All proceeds benefit St. Anne.

Upcoming Events at St. Anne

Monday, December 14th

Rosary & Prays for Peace/Garden Area after AM Mass

Wednesday, December 16th

7:00 PM Bi-Lingual Communal Reconciliation/Hall

Monday, December 21st

Rosary & Prays for Peace/Garden Area after AM Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th

Family Mass - 4:00 PM

Mass of the Shepherds - 11:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate our Lord's birth in song and carols of the season

Mass begins at Midnight

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

9:30 AM

Misa en Espanol

11:30 AM

Monday, December 28th

Rosary & Prays for Peace/Garden Area after AM Mass

Friday, January 1, 2010

New Year's Day Morning Mass at 9AM in the Chapel

Saturday, January 2, 2010

Monthly Labyrinth Walk 10:00AM – Noon in the Life Center Hall

Saturday, January 9, 2010

First Communion Reconciliation Retreat

Friday, January 29, 2010

King Tut Bus Trip

Friday, January 29, 2010

Women's Fellowship Crab Feed/Hall. See below for more info.

Women's
Ladies Only



Fellowship
Crab Feed

Friday, January 29, 2010

St. Anne Community Life Center Hall, Tickets: \$40.00

Cocktails: 6:00 PM; Dinner: 7:00 PM

Door Prizes, Raffles and lot's of fun

Tickets on sale after masses, in the church office or call Karen Barsanti at 858-9303

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) On Tuesday December 15th 10:00 AM– 2:00 PM Viky Lizarraga from Catholic Charities will be at St. Anne to prescreen those who are in need of supplemental food assistance (food stamps). If food runs short in your home please come by to see if you are eligible. For more information you can contact Viky at 925-825-3099 ex 307. Se habla Español.