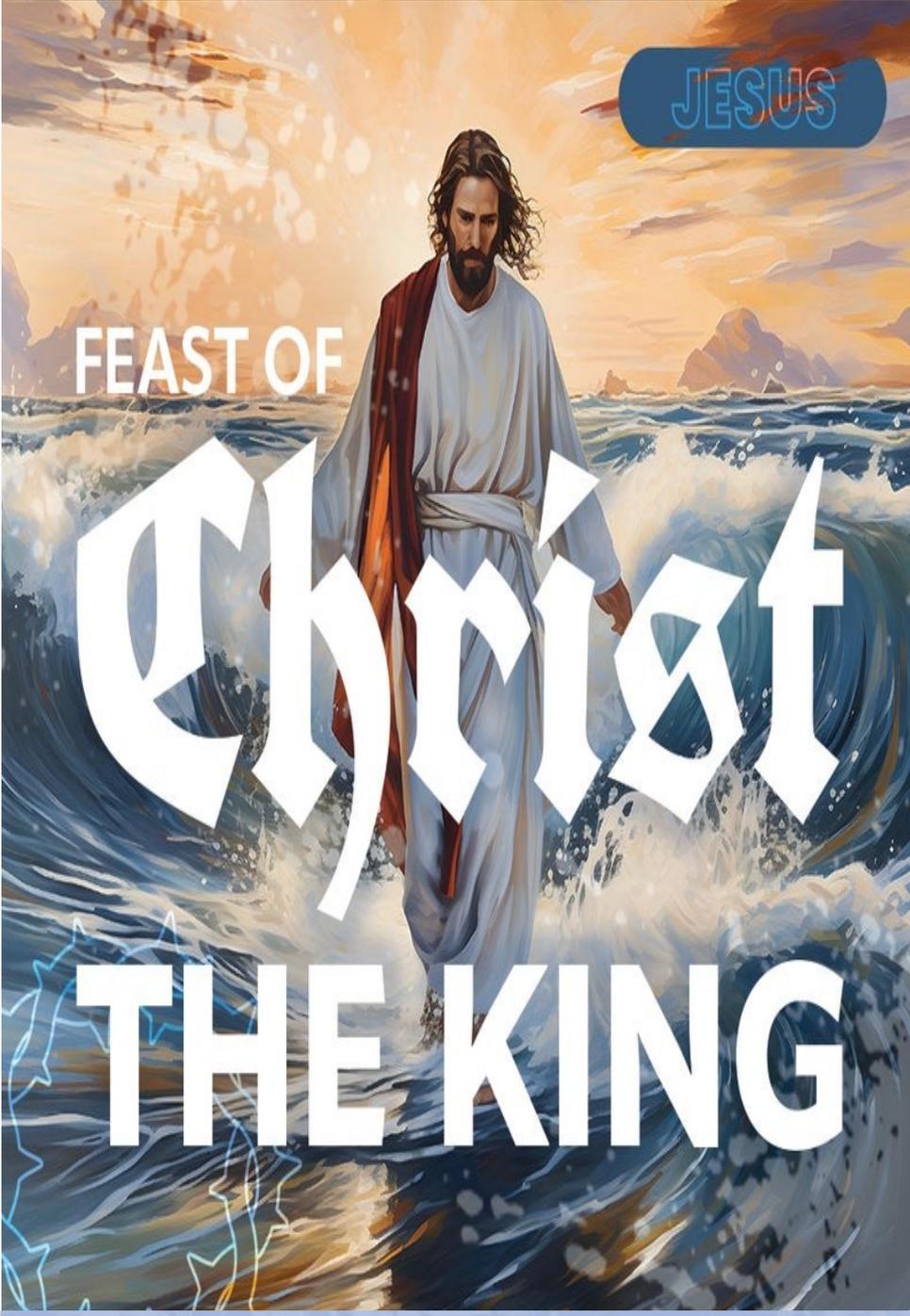




St. Anne Church  
Union City



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekday**

Monday-Saturday: 8:00am  
Wednesday: 7:00 pm  
First Friday: 7:30 pm

**Weekend**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am  
12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

**Youth Mass**

Every 2nd and 4th Sundays  
at 5:00 pm

**Spanish Mass**

Every 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

**Indonesian Mass**

Every 3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Every Friday after the end of  
8:00 am Mass to noon  
(except First Friday)



## *From the desk of Fr. Ben*

Dear Friends,

**One of my favorite lines in all spiritual writing comes from Frederick Buechner**, who said, ***“Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.”*** As Thanksgiving approaches, his words take on a powerful meaning for me as a priest and pastor. Priesthood is not simply a role or a set of tasks. It is the sacred intersection between the deepest joy God has placed in my heart and the deepest hunger of the people He entrusts to my care. Over the years, I have come to recognize a “deep gladness” that runs through my priesthood—a God-given joy that carries me forward each day:

- the joy of celebrating the Eucharist
- the privilege of preaching God’s word
- the grace of accompanying people in sorrow and in celebration
- the blessing of witnessing Christ alive in families, children, elders, and the poor
- the quiet certainty of knowing: *“This is where God wants me.”*

This gladness is not a fleeting happiness. It is the deep, steady joy that springs from the call God planted in me long before ordination—a joy that continues to nourish and sustain my ministry.

At the same time, everywhere I look—in our parish, our neighborhood, and our world—I see the tremendous needs people carry:

- hearts burdened by grief, fear, or loneliness
- families struggling to stay whole
- young people searching for direction and meaning
- the poor reaching for dignity and stability
- parishioners longing for faith, guidance, and community
- a society overwhelmed by division, noise, and anxiety
- a Church seeking authenticity, renewal, and credible witness



These are not abstract categories. They are the lived realities of the people we walk with every day.

### **Gratitude: The Beginning of Every Vocation**

My vocation as a priest—and your vocation as a disciple—begins with gratitude. Buechner tells us that vocation rises out of “deep gladness,” but gladness cannot exist without the ability to see our blessings.

In anxious times, our eyes often drift to what we lack, what we wish were different, or what others seem to have. Yet Christian vocation begins not in scarcity but in abundance. It grows when we stop long enough to pray, *“Lord, I am blessed. I have received more than I often recognize.”*

Gratitude reorients the heart. It reminds us that even when life feels imperfect or uncertain, God remains faithful and generous. That gratitude becomes the soil in which our vocation takes root.



**God Begins With What We Have, Not What We Wish We Had:** Many hesitate to live their vocation because they believe they don’t have enough—enough time, talent, money, energy, or confidence. Yet Scripture turns this thinking upside down. **The miracle of the loaves and fish did not begin with abundance. It began with a child who said, “I don’t have much... but I’ll share what I have.”**

Five loaves. Two fish. Not enough to feed a family—let alone a crowd. But it was the **willingness to offer** that made room for the miracle. This is the heart of vocation: not perfection, not abundance, not waiting until we feel ready. It is offering what we have—our compassion, skills, presence, patience, generosity—and placing it in God’s hands. When we give what we can, God does what we cannot.

This Thanksgiving, take time to reflect on your own “deep gladness”—the passions that make you come alive, the talents that feel natural, the quiet joy that gives your life meaning, the desires God has woven into your soul. Whenever your gladness meets someone’s need, you are living your vocation.

In this time of global conflict, spiritual weariness, and social fragmentation, the world needs us Christians who live their vocation with courage, humility, and joy.

**Happy Thanksgiving to my amazing church family. With gratitude for each of you,**

***Fr. Ben***



## Sacramental Information

**Reconciliation** **Saturdays at 3:30 PM**  
Please proceed to the reconciliation room in the church or call the Rectory Office for appointment.

**Baptism** **Monthly**  
We offer the Rite of Baptism for Infants monthly (except during the Lenten season). Please visit [www.saintannecatholic.org/baptism](http://www.saintannecatholic.org/baptism) for all information. Registration must be made with the Parish Office. Space is limited on a first come per served basis.

**Christian Burial** **At Need**  
Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Mortuary first. Due to the current State and County Health Orders, restrictions may apply. Our clergy are available to celebrate Vigil services as well.

**Holy Matrimony** **Varies**  
Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your wedding date to begin the marriage preparation required by the Diocese of Oakland. Due to the current State and County Health Orders, restrictions may apply.

**Holy Orders** **By Call**  
Is God calling you to the Priesthood, Diaconate, or Religious Life? God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.  
Call us today to setup a discussion with one of our clergy where you can continue discerning God's call.

**Holy Communion** **Ongoing**  
We have a few programs available for those who have not yet received their First Eucharist. Please see our Faith Formation sections for more information.

**Confirmation** **Ongoing**  
We have a few programs available for those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please see our Faith Formation sections for more information.

**Anointing of the Sick** **Request**  
If you or someone you know are in need of receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call our parish office to schedule.

## Hours of Operation

### Parish Office

*Phone calls and in person visits (outside counter)*  
Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Please ring the red bell for service.

Come visit us for  
Mass Intentions, Votive Candles ,etc.  
We look forward to seeing you!

## New to Saint Anne?

**Welcome! To register, please visit our Parish Office or register online at [www.saintannecatholic.org](http://www.saintannecatholic.org)**

**We are here to serve you!**

## Our Parish Vision

**Patterned in the spirituality of Saint Anne, we aspire to be an all-embracing, Christ-centered Catholic community fostering collaboration, cooperation, and communion with each other.**

## Our Parish Mission

We, the people of Saint Anne Parish are called to be witness of our Catholic Faith.

- We are called to faithfully listen, live, and grow in our understanding; and evangelize the message of Jesus.
- United, we gather together to ensure that our Eucharistic celebrations are welcoming, vibrant and meaningful.
- We uphold the dignity of the human person, the importance of family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Christ.
- By virtue of our common priesthood through Baptism, we carry out our missionary endeavor to share the gifts God has given us to the homeless, hungry, and underprivileged in our community.

## Our Parish Prayer

Loving and eternal God, we gather in thanksgiving as your people of Saint Anne Parish, listening to your word and celebrating the presence of your Son, Jesus, in the bread and wine we share. Teach us to love and serve each other as Jesus loved and served us. Guide us with the Holy Spirit so that we may become worthy to be one in the Body of Christ. Amen.

# The Word of the Lord Weekly

## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

"And the LORD said to you,  
"You shall shepherd my people Israel  
and shall be commander of Israel." (2 Sm 5:2)

#### Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

#### Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile all things for him,  
making peace by the blood of his cross  
through him, whether those on earth or those  
in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

#### Gospel:

He replied to him,  
"Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

### Observances for the week of November 23, 2025

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
**Monday:** St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
**Tuesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr  
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day  
**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent



### Devotions, Explained!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ – the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

### Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,  
I see the kingdom you love,  
the one full of the broken and forgotten.  
I see the crown you wear –  
thorns out of love for me.  
I pick you as my King,  
Mold my heart to be a worthy  
member of your kingdom.  
Amen.

### Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

#### Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/  
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

#### Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Lk 21:1-4

#### Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/  
Lk 21:5-11

#### Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,  
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

#### Thursday:

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,  
74/Lk 21:20-28

#### Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/  
Lk 21:29-33

#### Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/  
Lk 21:34-36

#### Next Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



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## Worship & Meditation



### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering – it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely – a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word – *remember* – literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him – paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

# Nurturing the Faith for All Ages



## **Saint Anne High School Youth Ministry 2025-2026**

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This

week we celebrate with our Thanksgiving potluck!! Next week we will meet on December 1 as we begin the season of Advent with "People Must Know."



## **St. Anne Confirmation Program 2025-2026**

St. Anne Confirmation will meet this afternoon, Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topics for our gathering are "The Church Year" and "Who is Jesus Christ?" The

Youth Mass will follow at 5:00 p.m.

## **November 23, 2025 • Solemnity of Christ the King (34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)**

This Sunday the Catholic parishes of the United States take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Based in Washington, D.C., the Catholic Campaign, or CCHD, describes its mission on the [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) website: "to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education." Your challenge this week is to learn something about CCHD and to discuss as a family what contribution you can make financially to support the work of CCHD across the country. If there is a CCHD project in your local community (and you can find that out by going to [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)), consider a visit to learn what CCHD is doing and how you might get involved. © Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center / [www.pastoral.center](http://www.pastoral.center). All rights reserved.

## **SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION CCD 2025-2026**

Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion & Continuing Catholic Education.  
**(Grades 1- 8)**

**Thanksgiving Break, Nov 24 - 28, 2025  
No School**

**Registration is closing soon!  
Sign up Online: [saintannecatholic.org/cff](http://saintannecatholic.org/cff)**

*Come Join*  
St. Anne's  
**Children's Choir**  
First Sundays of the Month at 5pm  
Second Saturdays of the Month at 5pm

**REHEARSALS**  
One hour before Mass starts  
(YouTube video links emailed a week before scheduled Mass)

For more information :  
**SYBIL PAULE**  
[sighbill@gmail.com](mailto:sighbill@gmail.com)

**"Bingo Night" at St. Anne. Join us on December 7, 2025 (Sunday) at 6:00 pm at the Parish Social Hall for games, prizes, fun and fellowship! All for a good cause: This fundraising is for the Social Hall's floor stripping, cleaning and polishing. Tickets are \$30.00 (for 5 game cards, 1 marker and snack). See you there!**

*Prayer Corner*



**November 22, 2025 - November 29, 2025**

**Saturday, November 22**

5:00 pm † Venus Cortez, Marcial & Clarita Fulgado & Carmelita Gonzales

**Sunday, November 23**

8:00 am † Mercelita Iguico  
 10:00 am † Porfiria Tabar & Reynaldo Start  
 12:00 pm Merell Venzon - Spe. Int.  
 5:00 pm For the People

**Monday, November 24**

8:00 am Nervin Siasoco - Spe. Int.

**Tuesday, November 25**

8:00 am † David Ruizzorrilla

**Wednesday, November 26**

8:00 am † Ramon Chito Barredo  
 7:00 pm Chim Pham - Spe. Int.

**Thursday, November 27**

8:00 am Camacho, Carpio & Pacis Families - Spe. Int.

**Friday, November 28**

8:00 am Bengan Family - Spe. Int.

**Saturday, November 29**

8:00 am † Fe Carmen Dequina  
 5:00pm For the People



*We lift up our sick and home bound in prayer:*

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| Rolly Apostol      | Janet Lacap       | Beatrice Park    |
| Cindy Abapo        | Ampy Leus         | Josephine Ramos  |
| Crismarie Agbayani | MariSSa Magno     | Danny Sancho     |
| Jose Caluya        | Jovita Marquez    | Jay Soriano      |
| Paige Brady        | Elaine Martin     | Deity Trocino    |
| Mary Campos        | Vienvenar Mendoza | Tomas Valenton   |
| Pacita Castillo    | Malosi Meredith   | Norma Veloso     |
| Veronica Chiong    | Tomas Miranda     | Roseann Cabrera- |
| Arlene Doyle       | Ricardo Morelos   | Ward             |
| Millette Fulgar    |                   |                  |
| Lita Kayas         |                   |                  |

**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.**

To request Special Intentions of the Mass, Memorial intentions, intentions for the sick, or intentions for recently deceased, please contact the parish office.

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

*Stewardship Corner*

2025	Plate Collections + Online Giving	Over/ (Under) Weekly Budget of \$15,450.00
<b>09/29-10/05</b>	\$17,170.00	\$1,720.00
<b>10/06-10/12</b>	\$15,833.00	\$383.00
<b>10/13-10/19</b>	\$15,508.00	\$58.00
<b>10/20-10/26</b>	\$13,618.11	<b>\$(1,831.89)</b>
<b>10/27-11/02</b>	\$23,555.00	\$8,105.00
<b>11/03-11/09</b>	\$16,869.00	\$1,419.00
<b>11/10-11/16</b>	\$13,892.00	<b>\$(1,558.00)</b>

**Second Collection 11/16/25  
 Diocesan Campaign for Mercy  
 \$2,771.00**



**SHARE THE WARMTH.  
 MAKE AN IMPACT.  
 SUPPORT OUR  
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*This fall/winter,  
 act generously and  
 experience the joy of  
 giving.*

Help sustain our church regardless of the weather. We offer Online Giving as an additional option to strengthen our church's community and support our ongoing mission and ministries. We value this spiritual home, which relies on our **time, talent, and treasure.**

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

**Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device. Visit our church website: [saintannecatholic.org](http://saintannecatholic.org) today and click on Donate to sign up and get started.**

## Called To Serve



Did you know that the ministry of ushers/greeters is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church? In the Old Testament, they were called "gatekeepers."

Their ministry was so important that they were given living quarters in the temple! Here at St. Anne Church, we could use some new volunteers to help out in the usher/greeter ministry. Here are the Mass days and times we need Ushers. You are welcome to help at the Mass you normally attend and as much as your schedule allows.

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm

For questions or to sign up, please contact Ben Benitez at 510-366-4293 or speak with one of our current ushers at Mass. We would love to have you join us!

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### VIRTUS Safe Environment Training

All those who minister (volunteers, employees, and clergy) in the Diocese of Oakland are required to complete the Safe Environment Training. The training is mandatory-first before starting work or volunteering and then every three years thereafter. Please check your email if you are due to retrain. Visit <https://oakdiocese.org/safe-environment> or existing login and / or new volunteer registration.

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## Support Team

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# Knights of Columbus®

## 2025-2026 Activities

EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 1ST FRIDAY NOVENA WITH SHE MINISTRY. WEAR YOUR RED SHIRT

EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 5PM- KNIGHTS CHOIR. REHEARSAL IN RM 103 @ 4PM. WEAR WHITE CHOIR SHIRT

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7P- OFFICER'S MEETING IN RM 104.

EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7PM - COUNCIL MEETING IN RM 104. WEAR RED SHIRT

## JOIN US!

**LEAD, SERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND**

WE ARE CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN WHO

WE SHARE A DESIRE TO BE

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**Society of St. Vincent De Paul  
510-516-3573**

We're inspired by the Gospel to serve our neighbors in need. You're invited to help us! We appreciate contributions through collections, donations on the parish website, or checks and gift cards delivered to the parish office. Maybe you can join us or volunteer for a few hours. The parish website has more information about our ministry:

<https://saintannecatholic.org/st-vincent-de-paul>

## November Activities

### **11/3, Monday**

6:00 to 7:00 pm in Room 106: Monthly Meeting

### **11/7, Friday**

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Prepare and deliver food bags for unhoused neighbors.

### **11/9, Sunday**

11:00-1:00: Serve lunches at the St. Vincent de Paul Store on Decoto Road.

### **11/14, Friday**

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Set up for the walk-up food distribution.

### **11/15, Saturday**

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Walk-up food distribution

### **11/22, Saturday**

10:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Help prepare bags for the Outreach Lunch.

## October Assistance

115 lunches served at the St. Vincent de Paul Store

78 households (157 people) served by the food distribution in Room 106

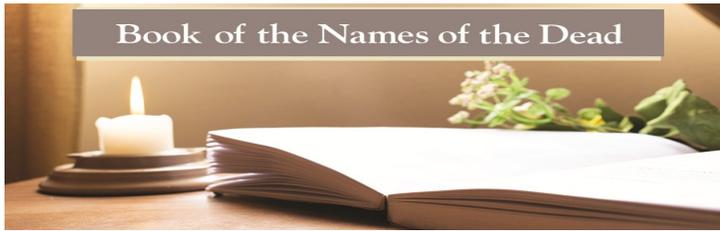
\$125 in pantry food (4 people)

\$460 in gift cards (2 people)

\$500 in rent assistance (2 people)

\$100 for transportation assistance (4 people)

Book of the Names of the Dead



## ALL SOULS

During the month of November, we will be praying for the souls of the dead. The Book of the Names of the Dead will be available for all parishioners to write down the names of their deceased family and friends.



St. Anne will only have ONE mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday 11/27/25 @ 10:00 AM



All Parish Departments will be closed on Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2025 and Friday, November 28, 2025

A Blessed Thanksgiving Day to Everyone!!



Prepare the way of the Lord!

Advent Penance Service



St. Anne Catholic Church  
32223 Cabello Street, Union City

December 2, 2025 @ 7:00pm  
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING  
OF PRAYER  
& RECONCILIATION





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32223 Cabello Street, Union City, CA 94587

# SIMBANG

*Gabi*

**December 15-23, 2025**

**Mass Time**

**7:00 p.m**

Please join us for our traditional Simbang Gabi Masses on December 15-23, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. To support our Simbang Gabi, Mass Intentions forms are now available at the church main entrance or at the Parish Office during weekday. Please see our volunteers. Thank you!!!