



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YOU ALSO  
MUST BE  
**PREPARED.**

— MATTHEW 24:44 —

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekday

Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

First Friday: 7:30 pm

(except during Lent)

### 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)**

— SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 —

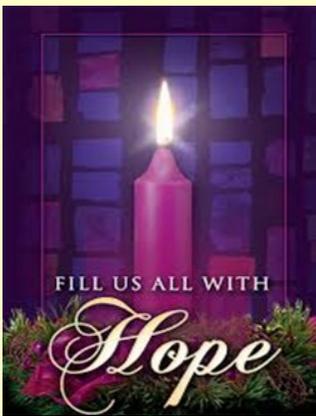


## *From the desk of Fr. Ben*

Dear Friends,

O Come O Come Emmanuel.

How does one “stay awake” as our Lord commands us? We receive this holy exhortation as we enter a new liturgical year. In Advent, we begin at the beginning, reflecting on the Incarnate Son of God dwelling as a precious Child in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We eagerly anticipate the celebration of His birth at Christmas. As the liturgical year unfolds, we will prayerfully navigate through each moment of His life—from the events of His childhood to His public ministry, and ultimately, to His death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven.



Our Lord’s call to stay awake encourages us to be attentive to how His human life inspires us, inviting us to unite with Him and share in the glorious gifts of holiness in this life and eternal salvation in the next. After exhorting us to stay awake, the Son of God said, “For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” While we acknowledge His coming over 2,024 years ago in physical form, this exhortation is not solely a reflection on that past event; it’s also an invitation to continuously recognize the profound impact of His historical coming on our lives today. Advent is a season that invites us to contemplate Christ’s first coming in Bethlehem, His daily presence in our lives, and His final coming at the end of time. These moments are intricately connected, as each prepares us for the next.

From Heaven, the Son of God continually descends to us, inviting us to conceive Him in our souls by grace, to be attentive to His divine presence within us, and to nurture that presence so that He may grow and live within us, making us true members of His Body, the Church. Staying awake means being aware of Christ’s presence in every moment, cultivating a living, growing personal relationship with Him. This Advent, ask yourself: How am I nurturing my relationship with Jesus to be ready for His coming?

Jesus calls us to be prepared at every moment, “for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” This promise assures us that He will return one day to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, but it also reminds us that He relentlessly pursues us here and now, communicating through grace and inviting us to be transformed, to love Him, and to manifest His love to the world. As we mature in our faith, God often speaks in subtler ways, inviting us to listen with the ears of our hearts. These gentle whispers of grace call us to be attuned to His presence, ready to respond in the quiet moments of our days.

HAPPY ADVENT!

*Blessings,*

*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:

O house of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isa 2:5)

#### Psalm:

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

#### Second Reading:

You know the time;  
it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.  
For our salvation is nearer now than when  
we first believed. (Rom 13:11)

#### Gospel:

"So too, you also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:44)

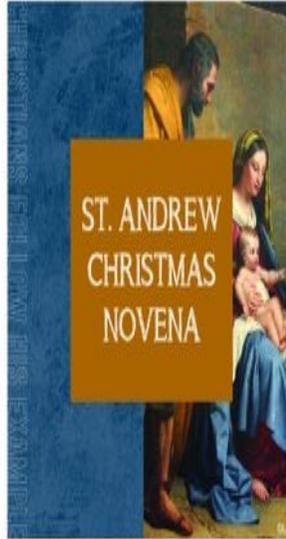
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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake!

### Observances for the week of November 30, 2025

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent; Respect Life Sunday  
**Wednesday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
**Thursday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent



### Devotions, Explained!

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve. St. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ, and in saying this prayer Christians follow his example of prescient faithfulness throughout the days of Advent.

### Prayer for Advent - Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!  
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.  
Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.  
Inspire us with new visions.  
Be with us as we climb closer to You.  
Amen.

### Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

#### 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

#### Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
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 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 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 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

#### Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/  
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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## Worship & Meditation



### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— 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, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This week we introduce the season of **Advent** with our theme: "Announcing the Good News To The Shepherds – People Must Know." Our gathering will help students understand the significance of the shepherds in the **Advent** story and relate their experience to our own calls to spread the good news.



## St. Anne Confirmation Program 2025-2026

St. Anne Confirmation students will be on their annual retreat next weekend, December 5-7 at Mission Springs Conference Center in Scotts Valley. Please remember them in your prayers.

## November 30, 2025 • 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent

The first reading for this Sunday is one with which we are familiar. It is the passage from the Book of Isaiah (2:1-5) describing what the world will be like when the Messiah comes. The image of people beating swords into plowshares—taking instruments used to kill people and changing them into instruments which help grow food to feed people—is a powerful one. Your challenge in this first week of Advent is to spend some time reflecting on how you are peacemakers (as a family and as individuals). Do you bring people together by your words and actions or do you create conflict? Then decide on one action you can take to make the world a more peace-filled place. Do you want to pray for peace in our world, our country, and our families? Do you want to write to government leaders to advocate for a more peaceful approach to a particular issue? Do you want to take a stand for more gun control? How do you want to bring peace? © *Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center / www.pastoral.center. All rights reserved.*

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

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

**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 29, 2025 - December 6, 2025**

**Saturday, November 29**

5:00 pm For the People

**Sunday, November 30**

8:00 am † Evelyn Maria Souza  
 10:00 am CJ Gonzales - Spe. Int..  
 12:00 pm † Pepito Poblete  
 5:00 pm † Paul Voigtlander

**Monday, December 1**

8:00 am † Natividad Dacuycuy Yanos

**Tuesday, December 2**

8:00 am † Virginia Wijangco

**Wednesday, December 3**

8:00 am † Aurea Poblete  
 7:00 pm † Alberto Pagtakhan

**Thursday, December 4**

8:00 am † Manuel Rosal

**Friday, December 5**

8:00 am † Joselito Abapo  
 7:00 pm † Remigia Naguit

**Saturday, December 6**

8:00 am † Dec. Mem of Pablo & Gonzales Families  
 5:00pm † Francis Roque



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

Rolly Apostol	Janet Lacap	Beatrice Park
Cindy Abapo	Ampy Leus	Josephine Ramos
Crismarie Agbayani	Mariisa 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 30, 2025**

*Stewardship Corner*

2025	Plate Collections + Online Giving	Over/ (Under) Weekly Budget of \$15,450.00
<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>
<b>11/17-11/23</b>	\$16,002.00	\$552.00

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



**SHARE THE WARMTH.  
 MAKE AN IMPACT.  
 SUPPORT OUR  
 MINISTRIES.**

*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!

LET ALL THAT YOU  
DO BE DONE IN

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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

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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

**HUSBANDS, FATHERS, BROTHERS, SONS,  
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**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>

### December Activities

#### **12/12, Friday**

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

#### **12/14, Sunday**

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

#### **12/19, Friday**

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

#### **12/20, Saturday**

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

10:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Monthly Meeting

### November Assistance

209 lunches served at the St. Vincent de Paul Store

90 households (260 people) served by the food distribution in Room 106

\$100 in pantry food (4 people)

\$205 in gift cards (1 person)

It's time for our  
**GIVING  
TREE!**



**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 (Walmart, Smart & Final, Target, Food Maxx,) & mark the dollar amount. Monetary donations are preferred with reference "St. Vincent De Paul"  
**Submit it to the Parish Office no later than December 16, 2025**  
Experience the joy of giving this Christmas Season.

**ALTAR  
FLOWERS**

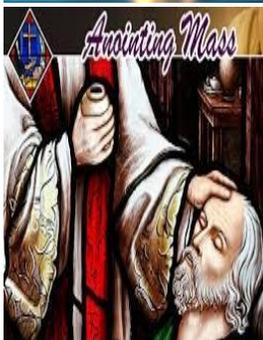
**Art & Environment Group Flower Fund**

We are accepting monetary donations for floral arrangements or potted green plants/ red poinsettias to beautify our church sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons. You may drop off your donation at the Parish Office or send by mail. Please call Zella at the Rectorry Office 510-471-7766. Thank you!!



**S.H.E. MINISTRY**

would like to invite everyone to please join us every First Friday of the month in the church for adoration and prayer from 9:00am to 6:45pm



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
ST. ANNE CHURCH**

Every 2nd Friday of the month there will be Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 12:00pm. Come experience the healing power God's unconditional love. Invite and bring family and friends.

"They anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them" Mk. 6:13

2026



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Join us for an unforgettable Western Theme New Year's Eve

Dinner Dance Fundraiser for St. Anne Church

Catered by Texas Road House

MUSIC: Ruben Victorio, DJ and Saxophonist

**ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH SOCIAL HALL**

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6:30PM- MIDNIGHT

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Contact: Art Pasion

Grand Knight

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Artpasionr@yahoo.com





*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**



**St. Anne Catholic Church**  
32223 Cabello Street, Union City, CA 94587

# SIMBANG

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**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!!!