



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN TO TEACH.

— MATTHEW 5:1 —



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday

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

In recent days, our nation has witnessed renewed tension, protests, and acts of violence that grieve our hearts and trouble our common life. These moments test not only our public institutions, but also our personal convictions and our Christian discipleship. As followers of Christ, we are called to resist escalation, to watch our rhetoric carefully, and to refuse language or actions that dehumanize others. Justice is never served by hatred, nor peace by fear. Due process, respect for human dignity and the common good must guide our response—especially in conversations around immigration, public safety, and social unrest.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has dominated media coverage amid widespread controversy. While some argue that reducing the presence of undocumented immigrants in the United States is a legitimate policy goal, the methods used to pursue that mission have caused deep and, in many cases, irreversible harm to families and communities across the country. This reality underscores the urgency of de-escalation and the moral responsibility to ensure that enforcement, rhetoric, and public discourse never strip people of their dignity or humanity.

In a statement released on January 25, **Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**, echoed the words of Pope Leo XIV, calling the Church and the nation back to the heart of the Gospel. Quoting the Holy Father, Archbishop Coakley reminded us that ***“the Gospel must be proclaimed and lived in every setting, serving as a leaven of fraternity and peace among all individuals, cultures, religions and peoples.”*** With this in mind, he urged calm, restraint, and respect for human life, emphasizing that public authorities have a grave responsibility to safeguard the well-being of all in service to the common good. As a nation, he said, we must turn away from dehumanizing rhetoric and acts that threaten human life, boldly proclaiming with Pope Leo: ***“Peace is built on respect for people.”***

Following the tragic shooting in Minneapolis, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda also called for prayer and a restoration of peace. He reminded us that while we rightly thirst for God’s justice and hunger for His peace, neither will be achieved until we rid our hearts of the hatreds and prejudices that prevent us from seeing one another as brothers and sisters created in the image and likeness of God. This call applies to everyone—to our undocumented neighbors, to elected officials, and to those entrusted with the difficult responsibility of enforcing our laws. All need our humble prayers.

As Pope Leo prayed during the Angelus, we too lift our hearts to God for peace—in Ukraine, in the Middle East, and in every place where violence, fear, and division threaten human life. Let us also pray fervently for a just, humane, and compassionate solution to the immigration challenges facing our country. May we, as a parish and as a people of faith, be instruments of Christ’s peace—choosing dialogue over division, restraint over rhetoric, justice over fear, and love over all.

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 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**

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:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst
a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
(Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.
(1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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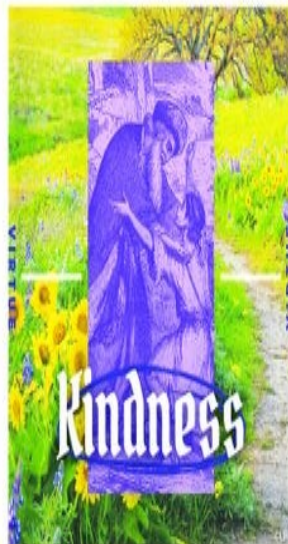
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the
persecuted. These are radical words in a
world that insists the opposite: blessed
are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful.
Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have
what it takes to be radical?

Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life
Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop
Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day



Virtues, Explained!

Also known as benevolence or
beneficence and derived from
the theological virtue of charity,
kindness is a way of seeing others
through the eyes of God, who has
adopted us as His own.

Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,
You are good and gracious, every
moment of every day. You invite
us to be meek, merciful, clean of
heart, peacemakers. Give us the
grace to seek these virtues, and
to seek you. May your blessing
accompany us on our way.
Amen.

Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a,
9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday:

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday:

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16



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Worship & Meditation

THE CROSS
OF JESUS
IS NEAR

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime.
The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it
didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis
of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until
proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud,
and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the
burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and
deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words
of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult
you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against
you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew
5:11-12).** Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight,
and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his
name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike
— more patient, more compassionate, more detached from
human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where
do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe
someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe
someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments,
the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when
we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow,
mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

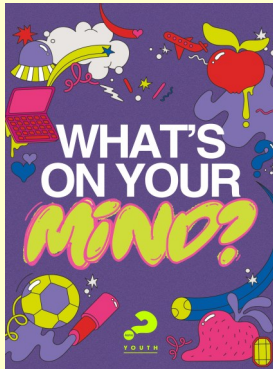
— Father John Muir

Nurturing the Faith for All Ages



St. Anne Confirmation 2025-2026

St. Anne Confirmation candidates will meet on Sunday, February 1st with Parents. at 2:30 p.m. The topic of our gathering is: **Family Life and Radical Love (Mercy)** Youth Mass will follow at 5:00 p.m.



Saint Anne High School Youth Ministry 2025-2026

St. Anne Youth Ministry will be meeting Monday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be "The Happiness Factor." In our gathering we will look at the ways happiness is determined and how young people can be proactive in being happy.

February 1, 2026 • 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Gospel is Jesus' beatitude teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes provide us with a blueprint for being people of faith and justice. Your challenge this week is to take one beatitude each day. Read the beatitude in the morning, and ask God for the strength to practice that attitude throughout the day. Then in the evening, reflect on whether or not you lived that particular "attitude of being" in your life during the day. Thank God for your successes, ask for forgiveness where you failed, and pray for the courage and strength to live that beatitude in the future.

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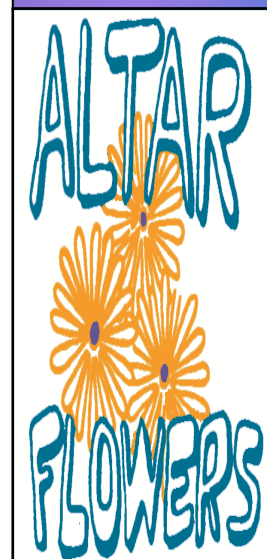
2025-2026

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

CCD-CYO Mass, Feb. 14, 2026 5pm, Sat

CCD Email:: 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



Art & Environment Group Flower Fund

We are accepting all year round monetary donations for floral arrangements or potted green plants to beautify our **church sanctuary**.

You may drop off your donation at the **Parish Office** or send by mail.
Thank you!!

Prayer Corner



January 31, 2026 - February 7, 2026

Saturday, January 31

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am † Constante & Jean Frias

10:00 am † David & Virginia Ruizzorrilla

12:00 pm Liwayway Ramos & Matthew Silva - Spe.Int

5:00 pm † Rogelio Chavez

Monday, February 2

8:00 am † Candelaria del Rosario

Tuesday, February 3

8:00 am † Jose Diosana

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 am † Wilfredo Realiza

7:00 pm † Alberto Pagtakhan

7:00 pm † Nomer Galang Basilio

Thursday, February 5

8:00 am † Cerilo Valles

Friday, February 6

8:00 am † Mario & Dominga Ramos

7:00 pm † Milagros Puno

Saturday, February 7

8:00 am † Vilma Martin

5:00 pm Jane Relopez - Spe. Int.



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

Diosdado Antolin
Cindy Abapo
Crismarie Agbayani
Jose Caluya
Paige Brady
Mary Campos
Pacita Castillo
Arlene Doyle
Leah Fabular
Millette Fulgar
Lita Kayas

Ampy Leus
Marissa Magno
Jovita Marquez
Elaine Martin
Vienvenar Mendoza
Malosi Meredith
Tomas Miranda
Shiela Orlino
Beatrice Park
Helen Ramos
Josephine Ramos

Danny Sancho
Wilfredo Servando
Jay Soriano
Stephanie Tongson
Deity Trocino
Tomas Valenton
Adel Veridiano
Martel Veridiano
Norma Veloso
Roseann Cabrera-
Ward

**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, February 1, 2026

Stewardship Corner

	Plate Collections + Online Giving	Over/ (Under) Weekly Budget of \$15,450.00
2025/2026		
11/24-11/30	\$18,283.00	\$2,833.00
12/01-12/07	\$16,462.00	\$1,012.00
12/08-12/14	\$15,150.00	\$(300.00)
12/15-12-21	\$14,139.00	\$(1,311.00)
12/22-12/28	15,465.00	\$15.00
12/29-01/04	25,865.00	\$10,415.00
01/05-01/11	\$14,191.11	\$(1,258.89)
01/12-01/18	\$14,139.00	\$(1,311.00)
01/19-01/25	\$14,213.00	\$(1,237.00)

Second Collection
Vietman & Philippines Typhoon Disaster Relief
\$5,118.00



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

***This 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 mo-
bile 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
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

Christ

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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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Around the Parish



Knights of Columbus®

2026-2027 Activities

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 1ST FRIDAY NOVENA WITH SHE MINISTRY. WEAR YOUR RED SHIRT

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7PM- OFFICER'S MEETING IN RM 104.

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

EVERY 4TH 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,
NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS
AND PUT CHARITY AND COMMUNITY FIRST

WE ARE ST. ANNE COUNCIL #8627
For inquiries please call, text or email
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LEARN MORE
&
JOIN



CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY *VIVAT JESUS!* JESUS LIVES! SEMPER!



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

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.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please contact the parish office at 510-471-7766 if you would like a statement of your contributions made to the church for your income tax reports. Leave you name, address, phone number and email address and your statement will be emailed or mailed to you. Thank you!



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>

February Activities

2/1, Sunday

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

2/8, Sunday

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

2/13, Friday

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

2/20, Friday

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

2/21, Saturday

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Walk-up food distribution
10:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Monthly Meeting

January Assistance

123 lunches served at the St. Vincent de Paul Store

103 households (224 people) served by the food distribution in Room 106

\$550 in gift cards

\$150 in pantry food (4 people)

\$2,000 in rent aid (2 people)

Summary of Annual Report for Fiscal Year (10/1/24 – 9/30/25)

Beginning balance on 10/1/24: **\$18,168.00**

Income: \$14,299 (\$11,482 from special collections and other donations from parishioners, \$2,817 from Alameda County Community Food Bank grant)

Expenses: \$24,134 (\$10,912 in rent aid, \$9,690 in utilities/food/other aid, \$2,840 food pantry supplies, \$692 operating expenses)

Ending balance on 9/30/25: **\$8,333.00**

In-person visits to neighbors-in-need: 97

In-kind aid (gift cards donated by parishioners and the estimated value of food from the Alameda County Community Food Bank): \$35,515 (\$34,305 in food, \$1,210 in gas/clothing/other)

Estimated hours of service by members: 1,700.00