

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 06, 2009**

**SAINT ANNE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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WRAPPED IN SPLENDOR

Today's readings begin with the announcement by the prophet Baruch: "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever" (5:1). This Advent scripture reading summons us to be wrapped in splendor. During this time of year when we purchase wrapping paper and wrap our Christmas gifts, the Church asks us to look at what has been "wrapped" around us. Are peace and justice, the hallmarks of God's splendor, the wrapping that others see when they see us? Saint Paul reminds us that this "wrapping" should show that our love for one another increases with the passing of each day. As we await the coming of the One who was wrapped in swaddling clothes at his birth, we pray that we will be wrapped in the splendor of God. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548) December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like An Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son. —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



*Please remember to use our parish website at
<http://www.saintannecc.org>*

ST. NICHOLAS THIS WEEKEND

Don't forget to come out and enjoy the arrival of St. Nicholas this Sunday night (December 6). He will be here at 6:00pm SHARP. If you are planning on attending, you are invited to bring a plate (dozen or so) of cookies to share with others.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION... AND... OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is also a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am and at 7:30pm. The Immaculate Conception is the day celebrating the conception of Mary without sin in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. God saw it to be fitting that his Son would be conceived in a human being protected from the start of her existence from every stain of Evil. This solemnity is always a Holy Day of Obligation for us, because Mary is the Patron Saint of the United States under the title of the "Immaculate Conception."

Later this week is another great feast day of Mary, at which we celebrate her under another title: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. This feast day on Friday is celebrated by Mexicans and by all the peoples of the New World. Our Lady of Guadalupe was sent to a site near Mexico City in 1531 to bring the Good News to the suffering peoples of North, Central and South America. Accordingly, Our Lady of Guadalupe is known as the Patron Saint of Mexico and as the Empress of the Americas, the heavenly queen of all the countries in our Hemisphere!

Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at the 4:30pm Mass next Saturday, December 12th followed by a pot luck reception. Parts of the Mass will be celebrated in Spanish. 0039

FR. THOMAS McNEFF (1949 – 2009)

Many of you may remember him from his time here at St. Anne as Associate Pastor. Fr. McNeff was called home to our Lord on December 2, 2009 of cancer. He was currently serving as Pastor of St. Jane de Chantal Parish (52nd & Austin).

It was back in 1985, that Fr. Tom formed a committee to make plans for our church renovation. When these plans were presented to the parishioners, votes were taken at the Masses and the community expressed a desire to move forward with the renovation. Our current church configuration is, in large part, due to his guidance and the work of many volunteers. He was buried this past Friday (December 4) from St. Jane de Chantal Parish. Please keep his family in your prayers.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

MASSES:

Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
Mon-Thurs: 8:30 AM
Fri: 8:30 AM Communion Service
Holy Days: 8:30 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

PARISH REGISTRATION:

New members are always welcome. Please phone or come into Rectory at your earliest convenience. Also see the registration form in the bulletin.

BAPTISMS:

Parents are expected to participate in a preparation session held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at a 12:00 PM service. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE:

Preparation is a must. Arrangements must be made at least four months in advance; preferably as soon as the engagement takes place.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Call as early as possible.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL: (708) 335-1766



St. Anne Holy Hour

Prepare For the Coming of Christmas
Through Prayer, Adoration and Song:

- Dec 1: Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 8: Mass Immaculate Conception 7:30 p. m.
- Dec 15 Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 22: Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.



Please join us for one hour of prayer.

Christmas "Giving Tree"

You may think that it is too early to talk about

Christmas....

BUT...

We need to get a head start!!!



We are calling upon your generosity again to donate *Christmas Presents* for needy children in our church and community.



Our "Giving Tree" will be located in the Hospitality Area of the church. There will be "tags" on the tree with a child's name, sex, and 3 "wishes".

PLEASE...

- ♥ Take a "tag" from the "Giving Tree"
- ♥ Purchase **one of the wishes** on the "tag"
- ♥ Bring the **WRAPPED gift** to church **WITH THE ORIGINAL TAG** taped onto the gift.



- ♥ We ask that you **return the wrapped gift on the following 2 weekends:**

❖ December 5-6

❖ December 12-13



Please keep in mind that if you do not bring a gift back to church, the child whose name is on the "tag" you took, may not have a gift for Christmas this year!!

And again, **"THANK YOU"** for your generosity!!!

If you have any questions,

Please contact the Religious Education Office (708) 335-2286


Please Pray for our St. Anne Servicemen, Servicewomen and Their Families:

- Fr. Bob**, Lt., Navy
- Nick Battistoni**, Air Force, Grandson of Maureen McDonald—Deployed to Iraq
- Angela Bulanda**, 1Lt., Army, Daughter of Robert and Elaine Bulanda
- Brian Campbell**, Army, Grandson of Paul & Mary St. Aubin
- Chris Churilla**, Sgt., Army, Son of Bill & Theresa Churilla
- James S. Dyer II**, MM3rd Class, Navy, Son-in-Law of Michael and Beverly Collins
- Donald English**, Army, Nephew of Steve & Millie Moore—Deployed to Iraq
- Erik Fischer**, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy, Son of Mike & Marian Fischer
- Mark Fischer**, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy, Son of Mike & Marian Fischer
- Milton Herring**, Major, Army, Brother of Norine Maney
- George Logan, Jr.**, Army, Nephew of Marilyn Mester
- Philip Logan**, Col., Army, Nephew of Marilyn Mester
- Amy Mackowiak**, SSgt., National Guard, Daughter of Tom & JoAnne Mackowiak
- Mike McFarlin**, Navy, Grandson of Richard and Margaret Shel-drake
- Ken Ohlson**, Lt Col, Air Force, Son of Bill & Phyllis Ohlson

- Kendra Ohlson**, Major, Air Force, Daughter-in-Law of Bill & Phyllis Ohlson
- Steven L. Pachuca, Sr.**, Pfc., Army, Husband of Stacey Farris
- David Salgenback**, Spc., Army, Godson of Rose Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
- Maria Sheldrake**, Navy, Daughter-in-Law of Richard and Margaret Sheldrake
- Jason Spaargaren**, Sgt., Army, Godson of Jim Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
- Keith Staros**, Marines, Nephew of Pat & Georgia Forde
- Glen Summers**, Sgt., Army, Grand-nephew of Sandra Harper—Recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital from injuries sustained in Iraq
- Mark J. Swiderski**, PFC, Army National Guard, Boyfriend of Sharon Forde—Deployed in Iraq
- Manuel L. Vasquez**, Sgt., Army, Son of Manuel & Maria Vasquez
- Derrick Velazquez**, Cpl., Marines, Son of Martha Taylor
- Shinane Velazquez**, 2nd Lt., Army, Daughter of Martha Taylor
- Kyle Walgenbach**, Pfc., Army, Cousin of Rose Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
- Jeffrey R. Witsken**, Col., Army, Nephew of Jim & Jo Austing



Please notify the Parish Office as your loved ones are released from active duty.

 Sacrificial Giving	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED WEEKEND OF: November 28-29, 2009: \$3,115.40
Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2,962.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 3.75
Loose Collection:	\$ 149.65
Adult Envelopes Used	107
Children Envelopes Used	5
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:	\$ 25.00
St. Paul Sharing	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 18.00
Operation We Care	\$ 1.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 575.00

AVERAGE ENVELOPE DONATION PER WEEKEND MASS

MASS	ENVELOPE TOTAL \$	NUMBER OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE / ENVELOPE
11/28/09 4:30 PM	\$714.00	19	\$37.58
11/29/09 8:30 AM	\$1,404.00	52	\$27.00
11/29/09 10:30	\$844.00	36	\$23.44
Totals	\$2,962.00	107	\$27.68



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Please pray for our sick....

- Laura Acevedo (Parishioner)
- Jo Austing (Parishioner)
- Rose Cameron (Parishioner)
- Robert Campa (Nephew of Pat Centner)
- Louise Gillon (Parishioner)
- Florence Glaenzer (Mother of Marge Isom)
- Mary Kolodziej (Niece of Dorothy Lazuka)
- Gabriel Lazuka (Grandson of Dorothy Lazuka)
- Chuck Long (Brother-in-law of Linda Kurz)
- Patrick Mulkerrin (Brother of Maureen Mulkerrin)
- Renee Oatis (Parishioner)
- Helen Ramberg (Parishioner)



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- Deaths**
- Yan Vischer (Cousin of Georgia Forde)
 - Dorie Coluzzi (Mother of Cathy Coluzzi)
 - Gerald Benner (Brother of Jessie Wakefield)
 - Robert Shapkauski (Former Parishioner)
 - Marian Karolich (Former Parishioner)
 - Rev. Thomas McNeff (Former Associate Pastor at St. Anne)



December 07, 2009 to December 13, 2009

- MONDAY – ST. AMBROSE**
8:30 AM – Parish Benefactors
- TUESDAY – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
8:30 AM – Fathers Michael Sweeney & Edmund Schreiber
- WEDNESDAY – ST. JUAN DIEGO**
8:30 AM – Purgatorial Society
- THURSDAY – ADVENT WEEKDAY**
8:30 AM – Ted Annweiler by Mary Annweiler
- FRIDAY – ST. DAMASUS I**
8:30 AM— Communion Service
- SATURDAY— OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
4:30 PM — Edward & Lillian Masier by Tom & Virginia Brown
Deceased Members of the Maiser Family by Tom & Virginia Brown
- SUNDAY — THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
8:30 AM – Carmen Ortiz by Frank & Shirley Garcia
Richard (Leo) Mancha by Monica McGathey
Elsy
10:30 AM – People of the Parish



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

**Saturday, December 12th
4:30 Mass**

Help us celebrate with our "Little Angels"
Hear the story of Juan Diego
Enjoy a Pot Luck Supper immediately following the Mass

Please bring a dish to share!!!

If you have any questions,
please call Religious Education Office 335-2286

Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, December 6, 2009

8:00 – Noon

St. Anne Church

Sweeney Hall

16801 S. Dixie Highway

Hazel Crest, IL

Pancakes

Sausage

Eggs

Bacon

Coffee—Tea—Milk—Juice

ALL YOU CAN EAT

\$6.00 per Adult

and \$3.00 per Child



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The Catholic High School Scholarship Committee thanks you for your support for our Spaghetti Dinner.

We made \$2044

All money goes directly toward assisting our parish families with Catholic High School tuition, which is now more than \$8000 per year.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHEF

DAN LIPPE

and to

MIKE FLYNN

for preparing an amazing feast!!

To **ALL** the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents to make this dinner a success, we thank you. Without you we could not have done it.

You are our BLESSING!!

Advent...



A Time of Waiting

Do you hear the Christmas music on the radio and in all the stores?
Are you inundated by companies "hawking" their wares in the media?
Are you anxious about getting your house cleaned?

- lights hung outside?
- decorations up?
- tree up and decorated?
- presents bought?
- gifts wrapped and shipped?
- cards sent?
- cookies baked?

WHEW!!!!

Exhausting, isn't it!!!

Is this what "preparing for Christmas" is all about?
We, as Christians, know that the answer has to be **NO!!**

Advent is our time to prepare for the coming of Jesus

- at Bethlehem
- and
- at the end of time

The Advent Season calls us to a deeper relationship with Jesus so that we can be transformed into His image and likeness and thereby be prepared for His Coming.

How can we prepare?

We recognize our own darkness and sin patterns in our lives.

We repent and ask God for His forgiveness and help to do better.

We walk closer to Him through Scripture reading, reception of the Sacraments and worship with our Church Community.

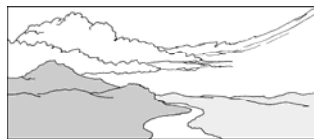
As we wait for Jesus to come, we are challenged to help bring about His Kingdom in the here and now.....

where peace and justice reign

where all people are welcomed and embraced

where all people will come to know the saving grace and unconditional love of God.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2009



God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.
— Baruch 5:7

St. Anne Church Fundraiser

RAFFLE

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - 12:00 pm
Drawing will take place at Sweeney Hall
at the Buffet Breakfast
16801 Dixie Hwy. Hazel Crest, IL

Ticket Price - \$25 each or 5 for \$100

1st PRIZE - \$5,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3-4TH PRIZE - \$500.00

5-6TH PRIZE - \$250.00

7-11TH PRIZE - \$100.00

12-26TH PRIZE - \$50.00

27-60TH PRIZE - \$25.00

Early Bird Drawing: 1 prize at \$200, 2 prizes at \$100,
and 2 prizes at \$50. Drawing will take place on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at the
Pancake Breakfast. All tickets for the Early Bird must be submitted by
11:30 am the day of the drawing.

Saint Anne Parish
16802 Lincoln Street
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November 30, 2009

To Father Kevin and the St. Anne Parishioners,

I want to thank everyone for all the kindnesses, cards, gifts, but most of all the prayers and love shown to me during my hospitalization and homecoming. Love all around.

Sincerely,

Jo Austing

Jo Austing

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THOSE TO SERVE AT THE LITURGY – DECEMBER 12-13, 2009

Subject to change	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Ann Fidanza Elly Bzdyl	Mary Van Den Handel Jim Dunlavy Martha Taylor Peg Dunlavy Elaine Weathers Oscar Griffin, Jr.	Beth Ragona Mary Lu Larsen Elizabeth Wakefield Joyce Grzan
LECTOR:	Barb Budzik/Joan Easter	Elyse Webb/Theresa Churilla	Marie Kielty/Jose Morales

WELCOME

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long-time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at St. Anne, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

- () New Parishioner
 () New Address
 () New Phone Number
 () Moving. Please remove from membership list.

Archdiocese of Chicago Website: www.archchicago.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Bishop Perry's Men's Prayer Breakfast

Catholic Men of Chicago Southland presents **Bishop Perry's Men's Prayer Breakfast** on **Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 8:30 to 11 AM** (Breakfast at 8:30, event starts at 9 AM sharp). This event will take place at **St. Victor Parish in Calumet City, Illinois**.

The main speaker will be **Father Frank (Rocky) Hoffman** from Relevant Radio. Father Hoffman's topic will be *Live it and Love it or Leave it*. Also His Excellency, Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago will have a message.

Father Frank (Rocky) Hoffman is a priest of Opus Dei and Senior Director of Mission, Programming, and Development for Relevant Radio. His "Question and Answer" column appears in *Our Sunday Visitor's The Catholic Answer Magazine*. Father Hoffman is a regular host of the *Go Ask Your Father* program heard weekdays at 1 PM on Relevant Radio. 4190

Get your tickets now and bring a man with you! Ticket pricing is \$10.00 for one man. \$7.00 each for two or more men. Make checks payable to: Catholic Men of Chicago Southland (CMCS), and postmark by Saturday, January 2, 2010, or call in your reservation to guarantee a seat. Inquiries contact Frank at (708) 935-2532 or email info@cmcsarchchicago.org. Mail your check to: **CMCS, P O Box 673, Homewood, IL 60430-0673**.