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Epiphany

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



The Adoration of the Magi, Albrecht Durer, 1504

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**MASSSES:** SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

**CONFESSIONS:** Mon. - Sat. 8:30AM; Sat. 4:00-4:45 PM

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## TRAVELING

I was just up at Lake Tahoe, but not for the skiing. I had no inclination to slide down steep, snow covered mountains. We get together as a family at Christmas and some members of my family like to ski and Tahoe seemed to a number of these kin to be just the place to gather. After all the wildfires, it was splendid to see all the white and to shiver in the cold.

Because of my shoulder surgery, I missed out on my vacation last Summer and so have been preoccupied with figuring out where I might go next.

Returning to where I have already gone is tempting; you know what it's like and what to expect. I love Italy and even lived there four years early in my priestly life. My "restaurant" Italian is still pretty good. I wouldn't mind casting my eyes on what has dazzled me before, but the world is very big and each Sunday when I read the travel section of the newspaper, I see a new place that looks attractive. I have never been to Scandinavia; I could go to Stockholm to see where I would go when I win the Nobel prize for peace. It pays to be prepared.

Some journeys are less about where you go and more about the travel itself. Jack Kerouac wrote whole books about long road trips he took; I recommend, "On the Road" and "Dharma Bums." Some people love cruises precisely because, once you get unpacked, you don't have to fuss with your bags until the end of the trip. You can sit all day long reading or looking out the window.

Every place has its own culture. I used to study with some Scottish priests, but I had a hard time figuring out what they were saying, so thick were their accents. At times I wasn't sure whether they were speaking English or some local dialect. People have told me that the French look down on you if you can't speak their lan-

guage, but I have never found that to be the case; rather I have always been treated very well.

I was annoyed when first I lived in Rome because you had to go to a different shop for every item on your list, a little store to buy your liquor and wine, another for pasta, another for tobacco products (where you could also buy stamps for some reason.) There was even a shop that just sold men's socks. Why didn't they have a Target or Kmart where *everything* was handy in one place? After I had lived there a year or two, I figured it out: in their way of shopping you got to know the shop owners by name and they knew you by name; I bought my vegetables from one particular woman; she knew I always bought lemons from her and called me over to her side of the bin one day and pulled out of a cardboard box the last bunch of lemons that she had set aside just for me.

For convenience, there's nothing to match a package tour, but I prefer to go out myself to look at the menus to decide where I might eat tonight and to observe what people are doing on the street. Are they in a hurry to get home or out for a stroll? A character in one of Marilynne Robinson's novels tells his son, "Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see." This is as true of home as it is of distant shores, but every now and again, it sure peaks the curiosity of a person to be away from home. Saint Augustine said, "The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

Msgr. Mike



## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join St. Anne Knights of Columbus on Sunday, Jan. 14th following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM masses for our Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. We will be serving our "world famous" homemade buttermilk pancakes (blueberry and chocolate chip options) along with eggs, sausage and fruit. The suggested donation is \$6 per person or \$20 per family with all proceeds going toward supporting local charities. Questions, call Steve at 714-418-7041.

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

#### POTATO BAR DINNER

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Guild famous potato bar on January 22nd. Plan on sharing a fun evening with new friends and old.

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the Parish Hall. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Joanne Groustra at 562-296-8705 or Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

### THANK YOU

A tremendous THANK YOU to all of our wonderful parishioners who were involved in cleaning the Church, decorating our Church and Hall, serving as Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, singing in our Children's, Adult, and Contemporary Choirs, Cantors, and to all who in any way have shared their time and gifts with our parish community and whose many hours of effort bring our parish to life, especially during this holiday season. Many cards, gifts, cookies and candies appeared in the parish office for our priests and staff. We are very grateful. We enjoy serving you and serving with you. Msgr. Mike, Fr. Ben, and Fr. Bob.

### TAX STATEMENTS

Parishioners who made financial donations to St. Anne Church during 2017 requiring a statement for the IRS will receive one in the mail the middle of January. Please review your statement to insure accuracy and contact the parish office if clarification is needed.



#### OUR MISSION:

Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.

### PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

The annual PSA will start in our parish on January 20th. The PSA provides an opportunity for us to join together as one church family in realizing our goals as well as join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Orange to support ministries and services that benefit our own parish as well as people in our area. The office staff **need assistance** stuffing 900 PSA envelopes on Wednesday, January 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If you are able to lend a hand, please come.

### WE SHARE ONLINE GIVING

One of the advantages of WeShare Online Giving is the ability to monitor your donations and make changes as needed. Donations may include weekly, monthly, one time or recurring, with the ability to choose when to give to any of our special collections, holy days, etc. There is no cost to the contributor for using this method of donation.

If you would like more information on WeShare, please visit our website and click on the "Online Giving" link or call the WeShare customer support team at 800-950-9952, option 1. The benefits of using WeShare include: 1) You are able to view your complete, accurate financial records at any time during the year. Contribution summaries can be printed out directly from your WeShare account in January for IRS documentation. 2) You can share your gifts any way you want to, when you want to, where you want to. 3) You can leave your checkbook at home. 4) You are supporting our parish consistently even if you are unable to attend Mass. 5) You may give on the go by accessing the site from your mobile phone or tablet. 6) You are able to set up your gift using a credit card, checking or savings account. WeShare uses SSL to ensure that your personal and sensitive data is transmitted safely. 7) Your funds are protected and automatically transferred to our parish. 8) The automatic record keeping insures fewer human errors. 9) You may combine using traditional methods of offering with WeShare.

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

I/8	✠ Nancy Dworzak
I/9	✠ Luz Amarante de Oliveira
I/10	✠ Burke & Keating families
I/11	✠ Nancy Dworzak
I/12	✠ Charlie Castagna
I/13	✠ Edgar Eugene Smith
	(✠ Rest in God's love and peace)



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mike Maloney, Merrill Butler, Steven Lang, Kay Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Greg Rousselo, Sylvia Bartolomucci, Bob Rattray

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## Around Our Diocese

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### DIVORCE & SEPARATION MEETINGS

Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church is hosting a 13 week program to support our brothers and sisters going through the emotional pain of divorce and separation. The meetings will be held on Monday evenings, January 22 through May 7, 2018, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. The sessions will address key challenges and unique family dynamics that occur as a result of this unexpected journey. They also offer a safe environment to share concerns and reconnect with a new understanding and new hope. Please come and open yourself up to experience healing and allow Jesus to restore your faith and renew your path. You may register anytime. The suggested donation is \$35.00 and includes a book, journal, and a daily devotional. For more information or to register, contact Barbara Weaver at 714- 614-5517. You can also register on the day of the group sessions.

### VOCATIONS BANQUET

You are invited to socialize, support and pray with our religious brothers, sisters, seminarians, deacons, and priests in our annual Vocations Banquet with Bishop Timothy Freyer on Saturday, January 27 at Holy Spirit Church (17270 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708). The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Celebration (Mass); followed at 6:30 p.m. for social hour and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. Tickets are available in the Holy Spirit parish office. For more questions, please call 714-963-1811.