

5 November 2017
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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

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

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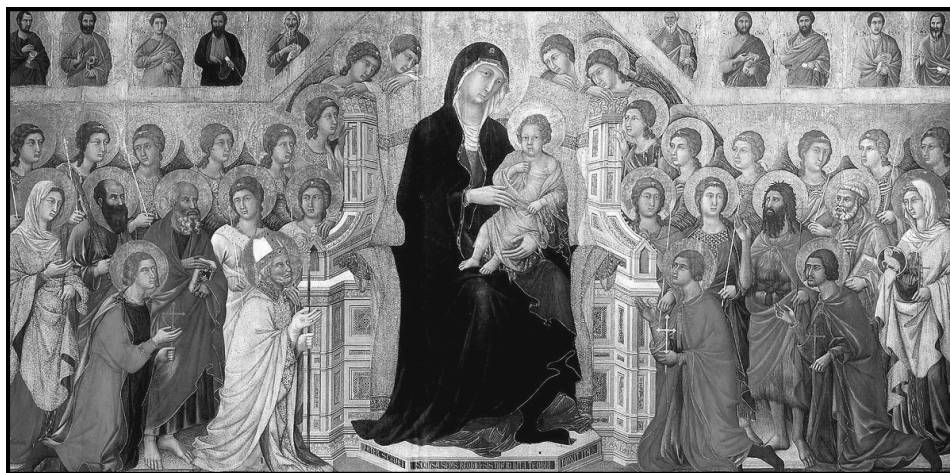
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IMAGINING HEAVEN

I wonder if I'll be bored in heaven. There everything will be perfect, always sunny, always temperate, never windy or rainy. We'll be finished with the aches and pains that



used to bother us. All the food will be delicious and, with glorified bodies, we'll never put on unneeded pounds or get sunburned. Look for me with a tan. We will all get along with each other; no one will be disagreeable. Martin Luther, John Calvin and Pope Leo X will sit quietly together, admiring the Holy Trinity. The only news you will find in the paper is the list of the newcomers to heaven. We will never have dishes to wash or carpets to vacuum or knick knacks to dust.

Well, that doesn't sound so bad, now that I think about it. In heaven I will finally have the time to read the books I never seem to get around to. I'm confident there will be comfortable chairs to sit in, although in most of the paintings I have seen of the saints assembled, they are arranged in rows on unseen raisers. I like that one of the ways to describe heaven is "eternal repose." When I first heard the term as a child I reacted negatively; that sounded to me too much like naptime. Nowadays I look forward to naptime.

But what will we do with our time? I will spend the first period of heaven catching up with my parents and friends who have gone before me, finding out how they are settled into their eternal repose. Then I'd love to chat with those who I've come to know through their writings, people like St. Paul, St. John, St. Francis de Sales as well as

Shakespeare, Chaucer, Walker Percy and Flannery O'Connor. Of course, I can imagine being introduced to many other individuals who are just as fascinating but who I'd never run into. I presume God's

mercy is extravagant so I expect there will be plenty of people up in heaven to meet.

Will we have hobbies? I suppose playing "Dungeons and Dragons" would not be appropriate but I can see my parents perfectly happy playing cards for days on end. Can we go on trips? Maybe not. If you're in heaven, where else would you want to go? Purgatory? I might be tempted to visit hell briefly just to make sure my enemies were there; but I will be more likely to recategorize them as I suppose I will be more forgiving by then. I can see myself running into someone I disliked in life and saying, "You are the last person I thought I'd run into here" and she will be saying the same thing to me. It is better to reconcile with everyone before you die so as to avoid such awkward meetings in heaven.

I believe we will all be astonished by heaven and how it works. After Jesus came to earth, born in a barn, none of the learned religious leaders thought of him as the savior of the world. But lowly shepherds came to see him and, later, large numbers of the poor came to him for food and for healing. They liked what he had to say about a coming kingdom of heaven. It was a surprising message: the poor are blessed and the mourners too and the persecuted and the meek and the hungry and, to no one's surprise, the merciful.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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, November 6, 2017. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562-936-0164 or Bob Hannan at 562-594-4762.

“Help Us Help Those In Need”

WOMEN’S GUILD

ADVENT PREPARATION

Our November meeting will focus on Advent with things you can do to prepare inside our hearts and outside with others. Plan to attend on Monday, Nov. 27th and be ready to get spiritual! We will be giving out the new “Little Book” on Advent. Come and get your copy! Hospitality begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited!

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 Lorraine Fiori at 562-296-5163.

GETTY MUSEUM TRIP

Join Msgr. Mike and fellow parishioners on Saturday, January 13th to experience two exciting new exhibits!

Giovanni Bellini : Landscapes of Faith in Renaissance Venice—Bellini’s works present characters and symbols from familiar sacred stories, set in a dimension of reality and lived experience to a degree unprecedented in the history of Italian painting.



Sacred Landscapes:

Nature in Renaissance Manuscript—

In Renaissance Europe, many people looked to nature for spiritual inspiration and to guide their contemplation of the divine. In manuscripts created for personal or communal devotion, elements of nature add layers of meaning to the illuminations, which were painted with careful observation of every minute detail. These landscapes remind readers to appreciate, and respect, the wonder of creation.

We will leave St. Anne parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and arrive back at 4:00 p.m. in a deluxe air conditioned bus. \$22.00 per person round trip. Please make your reservations, with payment, in the Parish Office.



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.

TENTING FOR TERMITES

The Church and Hall will be tented for termites on Wednesday—Friday of this week. Masses on Nov. 8—10 will not be celebrated at St. Anne. Morning masses available in neighboring churches include: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m.—St. Bonaventure, Huntington Beach 8:00 a.m.—St. Bartholomew, Long Beach 90803 8:30 a.m.—Holy Family, Seal Beach 8:30 a.m.—St. Hedwig, Los Alamitos

NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION

This weekend, the annual National Needs Collection will be taken up in our Diocese. This collection combines three national collections: 1) Catholic Campaign for Human Development— addresses the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education. 2) Catholic Communication Campaign—contributes to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. 3) Catholic University of America—provides funding for academic scholarships.

CONCERN AMERICA CRAFT SALE

This weekend volunteers for Concern America will be here at St. Anne Church with a Craft Sale featuring unique, quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase conscientiously. The gifts we find for special events, holidays, or to brighten our own homes are an exchange of caring with impoverished communities in developing countries. This year we have many new crafts from Bangladesh, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico. Inspired by nature, these beautifully handcrafted textiles, ceramics and wood products, honor indigenous traditions, and were selected to be reminders that when a Concern America product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions. Concern America, is an international development organization based in Santa Ana. You may view of selection of their crafts on their web site: www.concernamerica.org

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 11/6 ✠ All Souls
 - 11/7 ✠ All Souls
 - 11/8 ✠ All Souls
 - 11/9 ✠ All Souls
 - 11/10 ✠ All Souls
 - 11/11 ✠ All Souls
- (✠ Rest in God's love and peace)



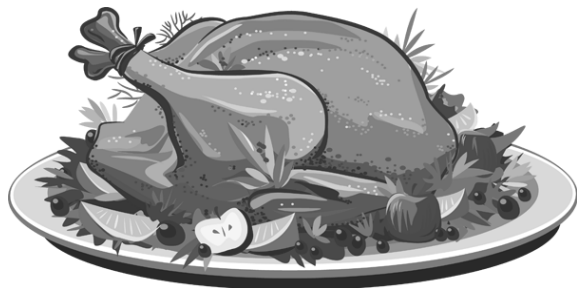
PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Ed Palacol, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Dixie Redfearn, Rosemary Hirsch, Mike Maloney

Around Our Diocese

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Once again the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce will be providing a Thanksgiving feast for people in our community who cannot be with family or friends on this special day. On Thursday, November 23rd, Bingo will begin at 11:00 a.m. and dinner will be served at Noon in the Parish Hall. Participants are asked to bring canned food items for donation to a local charity. Please RSVP to McKenzie at 562-799-0179 by Friday, November 17th.



PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Men interested in Diocesan Priesthood are invited to attend the next Priesthood Discernment evening on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. The purpose is to familiarize interested men with the life, prayer, and possible call to Priesthood in the Diocese of Orange. There is no commitment. The meeting will be held at the Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center, First Floor, Room 1D, Christ Cathedral campus. If you have any questions regarding the Priesthood discernment, please call Rev. John Moneypenny at 714-282-3036 or email fr.jmoneypenny@rcbo.org.