

3 September 2017
22nd 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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BACK TO SCHOOL

Every year the date of the first day of school seems to fall earlier in the calendar. I remember the first day of school for me at St. Boniface in Anaheim was always the Tuesday after Labor Day. (This was often followed by days of hot, dry Santa Ana winds coming off the desert which would make our whole class edgy.) The return to school was the end of summer liberation and the taking up of new challenges, some of which were pretty interesting. At school we faced a new teacher who might turn out to be friendly and nice, or no-nonsense and a disciplinarian. I enjoyed looking through the new textbooks, especially if they had pictures, though the books were rarely really new but hand me downs from the class before us. We were to cover them by cutting and taping together paper sacks from the market and we were never to write in them (not even in pencil) as the books would be used again the following year by other students. The kids in the class above us would try to psyche us out about our new subjects, "Now you'll have to learn long division and it is really, really hard." This anxiety tended to make us sentimental about our former teacher, "Sr. Mary was so nice to us; she taught us songs and didn't give us homework on weekends. What can't we just keep Sr. Mary?"

The first order of business of a new teacher was to establish order in the classroom. Without that, little learning could be accomplished. As students, we had to be taught who was in charge and what we were to focus on at school. We were told what subjects we would be studying, where to store our lunches, what kind of paper, pencils, pens and other items we would need. If we want to say something or answer a question, we must raise our hands and wait to be called on. No shouting out would be allowed. We were to sign all our work with our complete name. (I remember in the fifth grade there were four other Mikes with me in class.) We were told to sit in alphabetical order according to our last names. This was later adjusted once the teacher learned our names because the

short students in the back were getting their views blocked by the bigger students in front of them. When we were taking tests, we were to put our pencils down immediately when the teacher said so. I was grateful for this ordering. That way I got to know how to keep on the teacher's good side. Nobody wanted a reputation as "the teacher's pet," of course, but neither did you need to be the teacher's object of concern. No matter what, you didn't want the teacher to send home a personal note to your parents sealed in an envelope.

What I enjoyed most was learning stuff. I was curious by nature and that turned out to be an advantage for someone wanting an education. I was always raising my hand with questions. "Hold on, Mr. Heher," teachers said to me often enough "We'll be getting to that next week. Be patient." There was a dictionary in the front of the classroom on a stand; if there was a word a student didn't understand, the teacher called that one forward to look it up. My grandmother had been a teacher and she knew what kind of reference books to give her grandkids as gifts so we could look things up for ourselves at home. (This was an improvement over what she had given us before we started school, which were pajamas, and which didn't, in our book, count as presents at all.)

The surprise for me was making friends with my classmates. I had playmates who lived down my block but here at school there were so many more who were not just people to play with. I had smart friends who could answer my dumb questions so I didn't have to ask them in class. Other friends were great mimics and, when we got together at recess, they could sound just like our teacher—the same vocabulary, the same voice, the same mannerisms. At the start my friends were almost all other boys but in time I made friends with some of the girls who had similar interests to mine.

School was my introduction to the wider world beyond my house and neighborhood. It was my introduction to the outside world and I was finding it fascinating.

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 Tuesday, September 5, 2017. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the parish hall. There are no meetings in August. Our next meeting will be the Salad Supper on September 25th! To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Joanne Groustra at 562-296-8705 or Lorraine Fiori at 562-296-5163.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

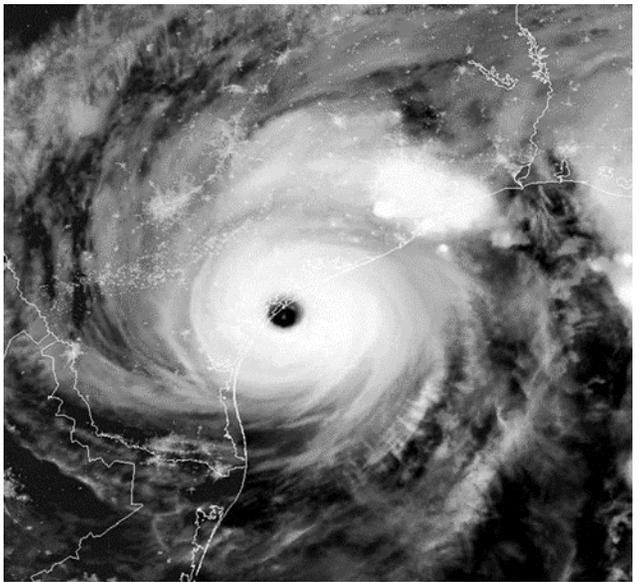
St. Anne needs volunteers, ages 10 years through adult, to altar serve at all masses! No experience is needed, training will be provided. In addition to the training, there will be many opportunities to shadow an experienced server. Typically an altar server schedule for masses is compiled every three months with accommodations made to fit busy schedules. For more information, call 562-431-0721 ext. 16 or email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

DONATIONS

If you would like to continue to lend your support to our Life, Peace and Justice ministry, please consider donating boxes of tampons for less fortunate women in our community. If you prefer not to buy tampons, you may donate money for members to purchase tampons by placing it in an envelope clearly marked Life, Peace & Justice and drop it through the mail slot in the parish center front door, in the barrel outside room I of the Parish Hall, or in the collection basket at mass.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th.



HARVEY RELIEF SECOND COLLECTION

In the days following Hurricane Harvey's landfall on the Texas coast, Eileen and I have checked in with each other almost every day. Both of us have family in Austin and we have been following the weather maps. Hers are doing fine but my brother and his wife were without power for a period. We were relieved to see the storm moving eastward away from Austin. But many in a large part of Texas were not so lucky. As the rain continues, there will be even more devastation and so our hearts remain in prayer at Mass for the people in Texas who have been affected by the storm. Archbishop José Gomez, Vice President of the USCCB, has asked all dioceses throughout the United States to take up a special collection to support the relief and rebuilding efforts needed after Hurricane Harvey. This will be our second collection this weekend.

These funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care as well as support to local dioceses in their care for those impacted by the hurricane. Our diocese will immediately remit all received funds directly to the USCCB.

In California fear of earthquakes keeps us awake at night and we spent many years in a very serious drought. We know what it is to be at the mercy of Mother Nature. Please be generous to those who have been devastated by wind and rain.



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.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

9/4	✠ Anthony Bell, Jr.
9/5	Andrew Cook
9/6	✠ Richard Sweet, Jr.
9/7	✠ Tom Lenore
9/8	For the Parish
9/9	✠ Burke and Keating Families
	(✠ 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, Jean Ramirez, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Msgr. Mike, Roy Roudine, Rosemary Hirsch

Around Our Diocese

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast presents author and dynamic speaker, Deacon Steve Greco, "You are the Light of the World. A City Set on a Hill Cannot be Hidden." All are invited to attend this inspiring testimony revealing Deacon Steve's tremendous zeal for souls and his deep relationship with Jesus Christ on Saturday, September 16 at 9:30 a.m. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites Anaheim—South, in Garden Grove. Registration by mail must be postmarked by Sept. 11. Please contact Anne at 714-420-5482 or visit www.magnificat-ministry.net for a flyer and registration information.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Men interested in Diocesan Priesthood are invited to attend the next Priesthood Discernment evening on Wednesday, September 13 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, 1st floor, room 1D on Christ Cathedral Campus. Questions? Call Rev. John Moneypenny at 714-282-3036 or email him at fr.jmoneypenny@rcbo.org.

BISHOPS' CLASSIC GOLF

The 19th annual Bishops' Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club. Reservations are now being accepted for the 12:00 p.m. tee-off and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event benefit the Children at Risk Program. For more information, contact Alba at 714-347-9668.