

8 April 2018  
Second Sunday of Easter

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Leendert van der Cooghen , Doubting Thomas, 1654

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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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## SAVORING

Until the advent of the internet I did not know I was so popular. There would be an occasional note in the mail or a personal thank you after Mass on Sunday. If I said something in my homily that concerned people, they would mull it over while driving home, walk into their homes and pull out a pad and pencil and sit down to write out their concerns. But, often enough, if the steam had worn off, they would get distracted or decide it wasn't worth all the effort to contact me. "Besides the knucklehead probably wouldn't pay any attention to it, anyway." If they did write, it would be Wednesday or Thursday before the postman delivered it, and only then would I find out by opening the envelope.

Now someone with a smart phone can send me a text message or a tweet during the offertory hymn. I might feel a slight buzz in my left pocket as we sing the Sanctus. I'm all for communication (and I email and text as much as anyone else) but I have learned the hard way, taking the needed time to sit with an idea or a feeling beforehand is just as important.

A good example of that is poetry. Poems, the good ones anyway, are words that paint a picture you didn't know you wanted to see until you saw it in the poem. Here's an example from one of my favorite poets, Mary Oliver:

### PRAYING

It doesn't have to be  
The blue iris, it could be  
Weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
Small stones; just  
Pay attention, then patch  
A few words together and don't try  
To make them elaborate, this isn't  
A contest but the doorway  
Into thanks, and a silence in which  
Another voice may speak.



Though those forty or so words are Mary Oliver's, I identified with them completely the first time I read the poem, including the procession from object to paying attention, to reflection, to putting words together, to thanks and then to the silence in which God's voice may speak (or whisper or inspire or challenge.)

Binx Bolling, the protagonist in Walker Percy's novel, *The Moviegoer*, says that the most important thing in life is to be engaged in a search which "is what anyone would undertake if he were not sunk in the everydayness of his own life.... To become aware of the search is to be on to something. Not to be on to something is to be in despair."

Besides being a novelist, Percy was a philosopher, so I am not surprised that "search" was his word for it. In the Bible we learn to look at the spiritual life as a pilgrimage. Moses led God's people out of slavery in Egypt toward the land God promised that he would give them, "a land flowing with milk and honey." Jesus went up to Peter, James and John and the other apostles with only two words, "Follow me," which they did. From his letters and from the Acts of the Apostles, we learn about the many places Saint Paul visited to preach the good news to both Jews and gentiles. These are lives in motion, like our own.

Every morning when I sit down to my computer, I go through my emails and text messages. Some of them I respond to, others I forward so someone else who can properly respond to the writer but the majority of them I simply delete. With the more annoying ones, those I didn't solicit or want to read, I scroll down and hit the unsubscribe button. To be swallowed by one's unsolicited emails is to be "sunk in the everydayness of...life." None of us want that.

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A KNIGHT?

All interested Catholic men are invited to a special Shrimp Boil dinner on Friday, April 13th in the Parish Hall. Meet our Knights and find out more about their projects during this fun, informal gathering.

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

#### ANYONE CAN BE PART OF A MISSION

On Monday, April 23rd, the Women's Guild will host a presentation by Sr. Eymard Flood "Anyone Can Be Part of a Mission." 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 Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

### TAMALE FEST

In keeping with our plan to have an on-going relationship with our sister parish in Santa Ana, we will have a Tamale Fest on Sunday, April 15th. The parents of St. Anne's School children are bringing warm, homemade tamales to our Parish Hall. They will be sold after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM masses. They are available in packs of 6 or 12, filled with pork, chicken or sweet corn. You can eat them for lunch that day, keep them in the refrigerator or freeze them for later. It is a wonderful opportunity to support the school and enjoy a homemade culinary delight. Please call JoAnn Rossi at 562-598-4967 if you have any questions.

### EARTH DAY

April 22, Earth Day 2018, is dedicated to Ending Plastic Pollution. Pope Francis writes "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" Visit the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge open the last Saturday of each month. Call 562-598-1024 for a guided walking tour to learn how plastic pollution affects our Refuge and future generations. For answers to questions, please contact Joe at 562-431-3284.



#### 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.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE YEAR

The Catholic Charities Auxiliary, who assist Catholic Charities of Orange County, are holding their annual Catholic Women of the Year for Volunteerism benefit luncheon on Monday, May 14th at the Hilton in Costa Mesa. During lunch, we will hear about the amazing women nominated from each parish in our Diocese whose volunteerism strengthens our communities. This year the St. Anne Women's Guild and St. Anne Parish nominated Lina Saw for her generous donation her time and talent at St. Anne and in our community.

If you are interested in joining us in honoring Lina, our 2018 nominee, by attending the luncheon please drop off a check for \$75 made payable to Catholic Charities Auxiliary at the parish office. A limited number of seats remain at our tables.



### FAITH FORMATION 2018/2019

Registration for PreK through 8th grade faith formation for 2018/2019 is now open! Registration packets will be sent home in student folders and in an email for those currently enrolled. New families can call the Faith Formation office at 562-431-0721 x 16 to receive a packet. First Communion formation takes two years and begins in 1st grade. Our students participate in the life of the Church by growing to know not only who Jesus is, but growing in love with God and embracing his amazing plan for their lives.

### CRS RICE BOWL



We changed lives this Lent, thanks to you! Please turn in your rice Bowl this week. A collection box is located in the back of the church or you can turn it in to the parish office.

### CAREER RENEWAL MINISTRY

Would you like help with your job search?

Career Renewal Ministry meetings resume this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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## Around the Diocese

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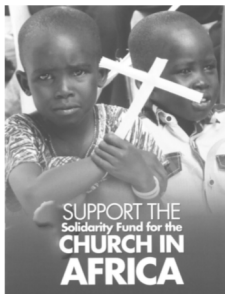
The Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17th. Every Catholic woman of the Diocese of Orange is a member and encouraged to attend. At the April meeting, Jordan Hoiberg will speak about Orange County Outreach ministries which provide meals, fellowship and other necessities for the homeless and those who are overlooked. The meeting will be at St. Julian Falconieri Parish, 1316 N. Acacia Avenue in Fullerton. The donation is \$18 per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and this special presentation. Mass is at 8:00 a.m., registration at 8:30 a.m., opening prayers at 9:30 a.m. and adjournment by 1:30 p.m. For reservations, please call Pat at 714-892-5219.

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Through your donation to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Thank you!

### SOLIDARITY FUND— CHURCH IN AFRICA

Next week, our parish will take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources, pastoral care and are challenged by high rates of poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that strengthen their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

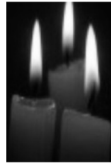


### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

All adults and teens (16 and over) are invited to attend a free human trafficking awareness class on Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Richfield Community Church, 5320 Richfield Ave. in Yorba Linda. The speakers are Sgt. Clay Cranford, author of "Parenting in a Digital World," Bradley Schoenleban - OC Deputy District Attorney and Oree Freeman and Jim Carson from the Orangewood Foundation. The goal of the to create awareness and guidance on how to parent and keep your children and grandchildren safe in the 21st century. You must RSVP to Outoftheshadows18@gmail.com.

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 4/9           ✠Al & Connie Bettcher
- 4/10         ✠Burke & Keating Families
- 4/11         ✠Eva McHenry
- 4/12         ✠James Davis
- 4/13         ✠Ray Gastelum
- 4/14         ✠Phaolo Lac Huu Hoang  
(✠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, Merrill Butler, Steven

Lang, Kay Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Gary Rousselo,  
Sylvia Bartolomucci, Bob Rattray, Joel Rivera, Jean  
Barbazette, Mark Hepp

\*If you would like to have your name added or removed  
from this list, please call the parish office.

## SACRAMENTS

In order to celebrate the following Sacraments at St. Anne,  
it is vital to be an active member of our Faith Community.

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism.  
Baptisms are usually celebrated the first Saturday of the  
month at 11:00 a.m.

**PreK-8 Faith Formation:** Applications for enrollment  
in next year's faith formation programs are available on  
April 8th.

**Confirmation:** Students typically begin the Confirmation  
process as a freshman in high school and complete the  
process at the end of their sophomore year.

**Marriage:** An appointment with one of our priests to  
begin marriage preparation must be made at least 6  
months before the wedding celebration.

**Funeral:** Contact the parish office to arrange funerals.

**Pastoral Care:** If you, or someone you know, wishes to  
have their name placed on our prayer net, or a visit and/or  
Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** In case of serious illness, contact  
the parish office.

⇒ If you want information about any of our many  
active ministries, please pick up a brochure from  
the vestibule.