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Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Saint Anne

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

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## WATCHING THE NEWS

I have been a news junkie since I became an adult. If circumstances prevent me on a particular day from watching the evening news when it is broadcast, I have a DVR that records the program for me, so I can watch it when I get home.

The news is not always good. The old saying, "If it bleeds, it leads," is still followed by reporters and anchors. The BBC news has cameramen who seem to get themselves into the very middle of the action more often than the others. It is a wonder they have not themselves been injured or killed.

Recently the fighting in Syria has been particularly gruesome. Planes drop their bombs on neighborhoods, blowing up houses and killing or injuring the people who have not been able to flee to a neighboring country. UN Secretary General António Guterres says the estimated 390,000 people trapped there are "living in a hell on earth", forced to shelter from the bombardment in overcrowded basements where access to food, water and sanitation is limited.

I see video of men running with wounded children in their arms. The camera turns and there is a dead body in the street. It swings up and you see a pro-government plane flying over, dropping more bombs. The little children, too young to understand what is happening or why, look out with disbelief. Why would someone do this to me? Who wanted to kill my playmate? Why?



I am tempted to change the channel or go out into the kitchen and pour myself a scotch. I see these scenes almost every night on the news. It is depressing. But then I remember that if it is depressing for me to see these scenes, think of what it must be like to be a young child in these circumstances day after day, for weeks at a time. What must it be like to grow up in such a place? How many family members have been lost or wounded? Our children here in Seal Beach are playing sports or doing their homework or

listening to music on their headphones while these children are hiding in a basement hoping the bombs do not fall on them.

Knowing specifically how people are suffering each day I take to be a kind of spiritual responsibility. When I pray for peace, I have

images in my head of those I hope will be given that peace, those small children, their terrified parents, neighbors and the courageous emergency workers. Though I can't do anything to stop the war, I can still witness it. I can know that these strangers are suffering and some of them are dying. I can pray for them and their peace.

I live a comfortable life. So do most of you. When the news reported is about partisan politics, I want to give up in disgust. But I keep watching each day because I want to know how the children are doing. I keep hoping I will hear news of their peace and healing.

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7th. 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

Have you ever thought about taking a Mission trip around the world? Find out about a Mission trip's lasting effects from Sr. Eymard Flood on Monday, April 23rd at 7 p.m. All women are invited to attend this inspiring presentation in the Parish Hall. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m.

#### 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.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Women's Bible Study is starting Monday, April 23 at 5:15 p.m. in the Hall before the Women's Guild Meeting. All women are welcome. If interested, reach out to Sharon Stark at sstark19@aol.com or 818-404-3216.

### CONFIRMATION

Registration for Confirmation 1 for the 2018-2019 school year is happening now! Please stop by the Parish Center if you have a graduating 8th grader interested in C1. Don't delay, spaces are limited and filling up fast.

### TAMALE FEST

The Tamale Fest was a great success! The parents from St. Anne School in Santa Ana sold 600 tamales after the 8:00 Mass, which was not even enough for the people in line. We will hold this event again in the near future. Please watch the bulletin for the date! Sr. Teresa, the principal, also shared the math books she plans to purchase for the children with donations received from our parish.



#### 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.

### FIELD TRIP TO THE CATHEDRAL

All parishioners are invited to join the Women's Guild for a tour of Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove on Thursday, May 3rd. Carpools will form in St. Anne's parking lot at 9:45 a.m. Our tour begins at 10:30 a.m. This free field trip is open to all members of our Parish. We have also been invited to attend Noon Mass in the Chapel at the top of the Tower of Hope! Please sign up at our upcoming General Meeting on April 23rd or contact Jule Benscoter at 714-504-8333 or 2jbens@gmail.com by Tuesday, April 24th.

### PREK- 8 FAITH FORMATION

Registration is now open to enroll your child, PreK through grade 8, in elementary and middle school faith formation classes for the 2018-2019 school year. Please call 562-431-0721 x 16 or email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org for more information.

It is important for children to be enrolled and remain in faith formation classes learning about their Catholic faith. Each year is a spiral curriculum that builds on the previous year. Faith formation classes equip your child to navigate their world with good values, strong morals, and discipleship. What children learn each year:  
PreK and Kindergarten: Learning about God and Jesus and how much they love us.

Grade 1: Understanding basic prayers, becoming aware of their behavior and how it affects others. (This is the first year of the 2-year commitment to receive First Communion).

Grade 2: Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Grade 3: Understanding the Apostle's Creed, history and theology.

Grade 4: Unpacking the rich tradition of the 10 commandments; this is the basis for examining their conscience as adults.

Grade 5: The sacraments, what they are, why they were given to us, and how they work in our lives.

Grade 6: Overview of the bible, old testament and prophets in detail, how we are God's people

Grade 7/8: Living our faith, understanding our behavior and calling as disciples and members of the church. Preparation for Confirmation, making adult choices, and living moral lives.

# Around the Diocese

## CATHOLIC WOMEN of the YEAR

Catholic Charities Auxiliary invites all parishioners to the 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 exemplifies the loving spirit of serving others in their parish and community. The cost to attend is \$75. If interested, please contact Rosie O'Brien at 949-380-1972.

## CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

The contemplative prayer ministry at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Huntington Beach invites us to join them on Saturday, May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a Centering Prayer Workshop. The cost is \$20 for program materials. To register fill out the registration form found at [www.ssj.org](http://www.ssj.org) in the "Upcoming Activities" section and return to the SSJ Parish Office by April 30th. For more information, contact Linda at [lmcgbri@earthlink.net](mailto:lmcgbri@earthlink.net).

## ST. HEDWIG MISSION CIRCLE

Maria Immaculata Mission Circle is holding their Annual Luncheon on Monday, May 7th at 11:30 a.m. at St. Hedwig's in Quinn Hall. There will be an opportunity drawing, great food, music and a raffle. All proceeds go directly to their missions in the Philippines. The Mission donation is \$15. For more information or tickets, call Mary Murray at 714-867-2511, or Mary Ann at 562-430-0744.

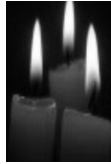
## SOLIDARITY FUND

Your contributions to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa provides pastoral care and support to the people of Africa as they face the many challenges that come from poverty and unemployment, disease and migrations by funding workshops, retreats, catechesis, and other projects that support the faith of our African brothers and sisters. St. Anne parishioners donated \$2,721 last weekend. Thank you for your generous support! If you missed the collection, visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

<b>2018</b>	As of 4/17/18	
	Registered Families	750
	Family Pledge Goal	200
	Families Pledged	163
<b>PSA</b>	Amount Pledged Goal	\$120,000
	Amount Pledged	\$118,892
Thank you to all who have prayerfully and generously made a pledge in support of our Church!		

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 4/23 ✠James Davis
- 4/24 ✠Nelly Munoz
- 4/25 ✠Mike Macke
- 4/26 Lea Alvarenga de Oliveira
- 4/27 Ricardo Reyes
- 4/28 ✠Bill Kneip
- (✠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, Julie Rivera, Jean  
 Barbazette, Mark Hepp, Noemi Baeza

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

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Center is open Monday through Friday from  
 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 4:00 p.m.

## 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. Baptism preparations classes for  
 parents and Godparents are held once a month on a  
 Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

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

**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.