

6 May 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Arcabas. Les Disciples b'Emmaus

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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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BEAUTY

The playwright, Jean Kerr, once observed, "I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin deep. That's deep enough. What do you want, an adorable pancreas?" I'm with her. They also say that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but I don't buy that. Some people tastes tend toward the sentimental and the cute; what would please them, I probably would not call beautiful.

I remember the first time I visited the Museum of Modern Art in New York City; I was with my folks and a friend. My folks were starting to make noises about going to lunch, so my friend and I were walking through the galleries rather quickly, not wanting to miss any of the famous paintings there that we had seen in textbooks but never in person. Then we came around a corner into a new gallery and were confronted with a painting so beautiful, it stopped us dead in our tracks. This painting's beauty demanded contemplation. We could not rush by this one, no, we could not.

A few weeks ago, I was reading an article in magazine in which a photographer described how he had taken a photo of a Russian woman who was 101 years old and who was holding a photograph of her husband who had died in the Russian revolution seventy years earlier. It was obvious she loved him still, though he had been long gone. She was beautiful, and the photograph of her holding the framed photo of her husband was also beautiful.

Isn't it beautiful when an individual or a group are absorbed in doing something they obviously love? Something beautiful comes across the face of a child captivated by what he or she is reading. Dancers are taken by the music they hear and each other. Basketball players who, after all their practice, now move down the court as if they were one body, none hardly having to think of where their team mates are; teamwork like that can be beautiful, unless it belongs to a team other than yours. Sometimes at a Farmer's Market, you will come across a tomato that is beautifully and perfectly ripe. It is firm but not hard; the red of it is lush, not salmon, like the ones you see in the reg-

ular market. You want to eat it right there, like an apple.

When I used to do my homework early in the morning before I went to school, I would turn on the television to keep me company. In those days at that early hour what was on TV were university level classes. One was about Russian literature, which I didn't pay much attention to, but I did learn the proper pronunciation of the names of writers like Pushkin and Dostoevsky. Another was about painting; the professor had all of these shapes layered over the paintings, showing which (circle, square, rectangle, triangle) went into the picture's pleasing layout. He was trying to tell us *why* a certain painting was beautiful. I thought that was a lot of hooey; you didn't have to know a lot of high brow information to know if a painting was beautiful; it is something one intuit. My mother came in to start the coffee and asked me who I had been talking to. "This guy on the television doesn't know what he's talking about, making paintings so complicated."

Looking over her shoulder briefly, she turned back to the coffee maker but said, "Get your homework done first. Then fight with the professor."

I had once been up all night because of a very long Easter vigil ceremony, leaving only an hour or so until I had to be over at the church for the early Mass. So I decided to go to the beach. Already there were a couple of surfers in the water when I got there. Not many minutes after that, the sky behind me had the slightest glow. I waited for the next, brighter glow which came quickly enough. Still very tired, I was also enchanted by the building radiance, the ocean itself now beginning to catch the dawning light. When it completely arrived, I went back to the church, which I did with a sense that I had seen the resurrection. When we find ourselves in beautiful places, we feel at home, not because we own them (most of the time we don't) but because we feel most alive within them.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

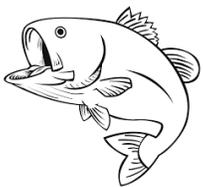
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus are teaming up with the Life Centers of Orange County to offer roses for a suggested donation of \$5 for two or \$30 per dozen on Mother's Day weekend, May 12th & 13th, after all masses. All proceeds go to benefit Pro-Life efforts at Orange County Life Centers. Please help make our Mother's Day Rose campaign another great success. For more information, please contact Tom at 714.679.5300.



ALASKA FISHING ADVENTURE



We are looking for a couple more fisherman to join the "Knights" of St. Anne Parish to fish in Alaska. It is a tremendous opportunity to get a great fishing package at a great price. The remaining spots need to be filled

ASAP. Details are posted on the K of C bulletin board in the walkway to and from the Church parking lot. The Alaska Fishing Adventure was first organized by Al Hentges, one of our past Grand Knights. A small part of this typically large catch gets donated to the Annual Al Hentges Memorial Fish Dinner where all proceeds go directly to support our local Seminarians. The trip dates are July 8th thru 14th. For additional info, contact Dave Davies at 562.708.9900.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

MAY CROWNING

The Women's Guild is honored to host an Evening of Marian Art, Music and May Crowning. Msgr. Mike will present slides on Marian Art followed by Lina Saw, our Catholic Woman of the Year nominee, crowning Mary while J. Jones provides music. This event will be held on Monday, May 21st at the Guild's monthly general meeting. Our social gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m. with presentations at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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.



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.

WILLS AND TRUSTS



During the week of May 21-26, the Orange Catholic Foundation will provide eleven Wills and Trusts sessions throughout the Diocese. St. Anne will be hosting one of the sessions on

Wednesday, May 23rd from 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Estate planning and having a Will or Trust in place are responsibilities that all of us should take seriously. All presenters are Catholic Estate Planning professionals. During the session, they will answer questions regarding estate taxes, probate, trusts, guardianship, selecting a personal representative, and steps on how to create or update your plans. Individuals and couples who attend will be offered a complimentary consultation to be used within six months. If you don't have a Will or Trust or you need to update yours, please try to join us. Mark your calendars now—more information will follow in the next few weeks.

CAREER RENEWAL

Do you or someone you know need help with job search, or need to update your resume? Come to a Career Renewal meeting on Thursday evenings from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—4/29/18 \$9,091

Online Giving week ending —4/29/18 \$1,660

Its easy to set up online giving by visiting our website and clicking on "Give Online."

WONDER

People go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains . . . and they pass by themselves without wondering.

St. Augustine

Around the Diocese

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP

The Diocese of Orange is offering a Children's Choir Camp this summer from June 25 - 29th at Christ Cathedral. The camp is open to all children in grades 1-4 and 5-10. Participants will develop choral singing and musical skills, and liturgical knowledge. The Camp will close on Friday, June 29th with the campers singing at the Noon Mass. Open to all children, the only requirements to enroll are a love of singing! For more choir camp information, call 714-971-2141, ext. 5529 or email Music@ChristCathedralParish.org



PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Men interested in Diocesan Priesthood are invited to attend the next Priesthood Discernment evening on Wednesday, May 9th 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. Questions? Call Rev. John Money penny at 714-282-3036.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

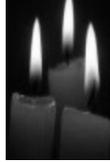
Before summer is upon us, why not make a short marriage encounter weekend to put that spark and romance back in your marriage. The next scheduled weekend is May 18–20th. For more information, please call Jim and Cheryl at 949-551-9156 or John and Maggie at 714-873-5136.

ODCCW

April showers bring May flowers. ODCCW is having a special meeting with the Luminous rosary, Crowning of Mary, and ending with the installation of new ODCCW officers. The meeting will be held at St. Martin de Porres Church in Yorba Linda. The donation is \$18 and includes mass, continental breakfast, presentation and lunch. For reservations, call Pat at 714-892-5219.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

5/7 ✠Mary Williams
 5/8 ✠Eileen Nelson
 5/9 ✠Burke and Keating Families
 5/10 For the People
 5/11 ✠Alma Giacomi
 5/12 ✠Jullien 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, Don Miller, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Merrill Butler, Steven 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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

In the Ecclesiastical Province of Los Angeles, which includes the Diocese of Orange, the Solemnity of the Ascension has been transferred from Thursday, May 10th to Sunday, May 13th.



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.

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