

17 June 2018  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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**MASSES:** 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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## PURGATORY

I have never been very clear about what purgatory will be like. Unlike hell, it is temporary; you do get out of there when your sentence is up. Unlike heaven, the weather is so lousy there (think, sweat lodge) you suffer until you “achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is all about purification.

Dante describes it as a mountain “of such sort that climbing it is hardest at the start; but as we rise, the slope grows less unkind.” I hope he is right about that.

If my recent experience is any indication I believe that purgatory is more like modern medical treatment. A lot of time is taken in making and traveling to appointments with doctors, who then send you to various clinics for tests (a little blood to check for this and that, an x ray to check out the lungs, an EKG to see what's happening in the chambers of the heart, etc.) At each step, your blood pressure is taken; it is a wonder that your upper arm doesn't turn black-and-blue. If you are lucky, new appointments are made for you to sit down with the doc to review the results of the tests but occasionally these tests must be repeated when the doc is not happy with the results. Or if you are really not so lucky, you end up in the hospital.

Did I mention that a patient rarely gets to speak directly to the people who set these appointments? The front desk asks you how they can direct your call. You mention a name or an extension number and you are switched to that particular phone. The person you are contacting is “away from her desk or on another call,” so you leave a message with your name, phone number and date-of-birth. They promise to get back to you within 24 hours;

most of the time they do at exactly the moment when it is least convenient for you.

There is always the question of payment: \$30 copay for each visit and then wrangling with the insurance company to make sure the other costs are covered, particularly medications, that sometimes are quite expensive.

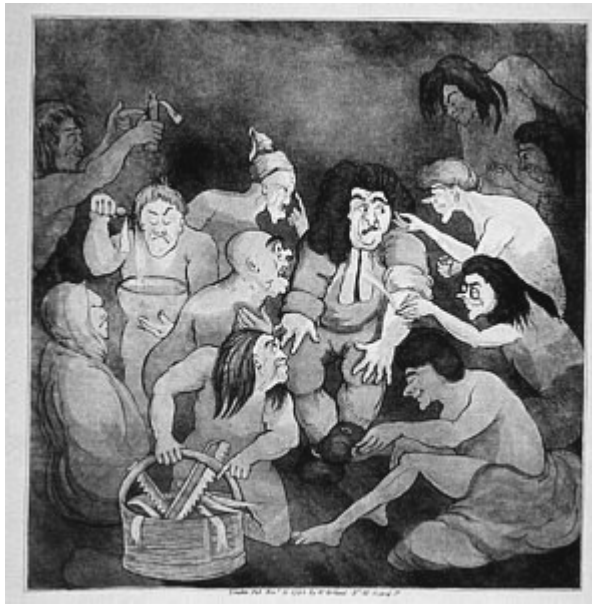
The strongest image of this purgatory is the waiting rooms at the doctors' offices. I always bring a book, because you can't be sure how long you will be sitting there. You feel like you won the lottery when the nurse opens the door and calls out your name. (Maybe in the future I should tip her, so she takes good care of me the next time I am in that office.)

When you meet finally with the doctor, the best you can hope for is to be told you are doing well and to come back in a few months for your next checkup. You are sometimes sent off to another doctor who specializes in whatever seems to be wrong with you.

The Catechism says that purgatory is a “final purification” for those who “fall asleep in God's grace and friendship.” I am convinced that we experience a lot of our purification while still on earth. The challenge is to not complain about it. Nobody wants a whiner around. Heaven will be like a tropical resort, I imagine, but before we

get there, we have plenty of difficult work for us to do both here and then, after death, when we find ourselves sweating in purgatory.

Msgr. Mike



## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### ANNUAL PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Please save your blood for the St. Anne Knights of Columbus Annual Blood Drive on Thursday, July 12th in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

#### NEW DEGREES

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Council 9594 is pleased to announce the new degrees bestowed upon the following members: 1st Degrees - Anthony Bell, Michael Broghammer, Scott Merkwon and Sean McCarthy; 1st & 2nd Degrees - Steven Dominguez, Patrick Henehan, Todd Merkwon and John Reimer.

#### 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, July 9, 2018. For more information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

#### BUNCO

Please join the Women's Guild on Monday, June 25th in the Parish Hall for our annual night of Bunco—a fun game of dice and chance. No skills or prior experience is necessary! Women's Guild members will be outside at all masses the weekends of June 16-17, and June 23-24, taking sign-ups of those who want to play. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per player. Check in is at 6:00 p.m. and the dice will roll at 6:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. For more information, please contact Sheryl Moore at 562-594-0631.



#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the Parish Hall. To support our events and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

### UNIVERSAL CHURCH COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will have a second collection for the Universal Church. This special collection combines the Catholic Relief Services Collection and the Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. It promotes and supports the works of our Holy Father, enabling him to respond with emergency financial assistance to our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.



#### 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.

### PASTORAL SERVICES INCENTIVE

If **four more people** pledge \$25 or more to our Pastoral Services Appeal, St. Anne will receive a \$2,500 incentive check for increasing the number of participating parishioners by 20% over 2017. Please pick up a pledge envelope in the vestibule today and send it in!

### ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, June 18th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary and Healing Mass. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Mass. All are welcome! For more information, please call Janice Herlihy at 562-594-6357.

### LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost your keys, sunglasses, umbrella or rosary beads? There is a basket on the counter in the vestibule which contains items that have been left in our church.

### BELOVED PARISHIONERS,

From July 1 to July 10, along with Fr. Eugene Lee, I will be leading a group of 15 people to Jamaica on a mission trip to serve the poorest of the poor. Jamaica's poverty is extremely dire and can be overshadowed by the glamorous resorts which Jamaica is known for. Sadly the vast majority of the poor are extremely disabled, mentally and physically. Many of them, including infants, are abandoned by their families and society. Without help they certainly will die. Fortunately, an order of Catholic religious brothers and sisters called the Missionaries of the Poor have devoted their entire lives to caring for the poorest of the poor. We will be assisting them during our time there. The poor have so much to teach us about charity and compassion. I am asking (begging) on the behalf of the poor brothers and sisters in Jamaica, that you might consider being part of this mission of love by making a donation, no matter how big or small, to help provide for their basic needs. 100% of the donation goes directly to the Missionaries of the Poor. During our time there, we will also be specifically praying daily for your special intentions. For more information, please pick up a sponsor letter located at the side or in the back of the church. Please feel free to contact me as well. Thank you so much for your prayers and generous support.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Ben

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## Around the Diocese

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### END GAME

On Wednesday, June 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Westminster, and Wednesday, June 27th from 6:00–8:30 p.m. at St. Irenaeus in Cypress, “Care, Prepare and Connect” will be presented. Participants will view the End Game film, get answers to questions about Suffering and End of Life Ethics, hear discussions on Advance Care Planning, explore ways to Accompany and Care Pastorally in our Parish Community, and how to Access Quality Care. For more information, call Jennifer at 949-757-3776.

### GUATEMALAN VOLCANO RELIEF

A large volcano in Guatemala continues to erupt, leaving entire communities covered in ash. The death toll from the volcano is expected to climb into the hundreds as rescuers make their way to villages devastated by the mixtures of hot gas and rock - known as pyroclastic flows - that swept down the volcano's slopes.

Catholic Relief Services is coordinating efforts to assist victims, open shelters and start a collection center to receive essential medicine, clothes and food. You may donate at <https://support.crs.org/donate/guatemala-volcano> or mail checks to P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Please write “Guatemala Volcano” on the memo line



# 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 6/18      †John Mulligan
- 6/19      †Fleurdeliz Gallego
- 6/20      †Nancy Dworzak
- 6/21      †Glenn Geoffray
- 6/22      †Jack Senske
- 6/23      Ordinations to the Diaconate  
            (†Rest in God’s love and peace)



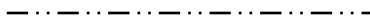
## PLEASE PRAY FOR



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, Noemi Baeza, Robert Dutro,  
Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco

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



**PLEASE NOTE:** On Saturday, June 23rd, confessions  
will be heard at 8:00 a.m. and Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m.  
due Ordinations to the Diaconate ceremonies.

## 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.