

22 July 2018
Sixteenth 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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SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Out of Vatican II came *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, which reminded everyone that “all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity.” This is not new; Jesus himself said, “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Too many people dispense themselves from striving for holiness, leaving all that to “the priests and nuns.” It is true that life gets complicated, especially if you are the parents of children and must work—sometimes two jobs—to be able to provide for them. But the fact that it is difficult should not be used as an excuse.

To help people know how to live their spiritual lives, Saint Francis de Sales wrote a book, *The Introduction to the Devout Life*, in 1609. It became very popular because it was filled with practical information.

Knowing that progress in the spiritual life is often slow, he advised, “Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. I mean, do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage. How are we to be patient in dealing with our neighbor’s faults if we are impatient in dealing with our own? He who is fretted by his own failings will not correct them. All profitable correction comes from a calm, peaceful mind.”

To the charge that it was impossible to live such a life in the midst of “the world” Francis responded, “devotion in no way spoils anything if it is true; rather it makes everything perfect. When it conflicts with any person’s legitimate occupation, it is without doubt false. ‘The bee,’ says Aristotle, ‘sucks honey from flowers without damaging them,’ leaving them as whole and fresh as it found them. But true devotion does even better. Not only does it not spoil any sort of life-

situation or occupation, but on the contrary enriches it and makes it attractive.”

“God wishes our perfection but also wishes our liberty,” he insisted. Holiness is not a specific role to be played or a certain way of acting. Read the lives of the saints and you will see that these were not people who were trying to be the kind of person they were expected to be. Rather growth in holiness leads to maturity in a person. We say, “grace builds on nature,” but Francis also believed that nature is nourished by grace.

I remember a time when someone told me how his friend told him some hard things about himself that he was not pleased to hear. “Was what he said true?” I asked.

“Sure,” he answered, “but he had no right, he had no right!” If I had known it then, I could have quoted Saint Francis, “Good advice should be received whether it is soaked in gall or preserved in honey.... Do not allow the contention which your spirit may have felt against those who have previously wished to correct you to prejudice you against the heavenly sight.” On second thought, I doubt that would have helped. He wasn’t in the mood.

All of us would rather not hear the difficult truths. Saint Francis knew that: “The Lord wishes to speak to us amid thorns and briars, as he did to Moses, and we instead want Him to talk to us amid pleasant, fresh breezes, as he did to Elijah.”

This time of year vacations are what is on our minds but once you are back from your vacation, let Saint Francis de Sales be your guide in deepening your spiritual life.

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ALASKAN FISH DINNER

The 15th annual Al Hentges Memorial Alaskan Fish Dinner will be held on Sunday, August 5th. There will be a 5:00 PM and a 7:00 PM seating. The suggested donation is \$20. per person, with *all proceeds going directly to support local seminarians*. Tickets will be available after all masses on the weekends of July 21/22 and July 28/29. This event is fun and popular – tickets sold out early last year. For additional information, please contact Ed Harkins at 562.505.4535.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you for an outstanding blood drive! The Red Cross collected 68 blood products, which means that our Church saved up to 204 lives, up to 54 more lives saved than last years drive. During this Emergency Appeal time, we value all who shared in our life saving mission.

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, August 6th. For more information, please contact Paul Pudenz at 562-370-5341.

“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. Meetings are not scheduled for July and August. Our next meeting will be the salad supper on September 24th! To support our events and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

LITURGICAL CHANGES

Bishop Kevin Vann has asked that during the Eucharistic Prayer, the faithful in the Diocese of Orange be asked to **kneel after the Agnus Dei** (Lamb of God) until processing to receive Holy Communion. The posture comes about from the sense of awe and devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Our Parish will implement this change soon.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for a bonfire this Wednesday, July 25th for food, music, games, and fun! We will be meeting at the bonfire pits on Brookhurst and PCH from 6-9 PM. Boys bring snacks and girls bring drinks to share. All teens need to bring a permission slip available by emailing Jyllian at ym@stannesealbeach.org.



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.

HOLYLAND

Next weekend, Bethlehem Artworks will be here selling beautiful hand-carved olive wood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Bethlehem Artworks is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to over 100 Christian families in the Holy Land whose primary livelihood is crafting religious articles. Your support enables Christians to remain in their homeland and continue a Christian presence spreading the word of Jesus.

CAREER RENEWAL

Do you want help in your job search? The Career Renewal ministry is meeting on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. For more information contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885 or Ted Rozolis at trozolis@earthlink.net.

SOLITUDE

Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself. —St. Teresa

TREASURES FROM TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

Around the Diocese

WORDS IN RED FINE ART EXHIBIT

Words in Red, “The Direct, Uncensored, Provocative Words of Jesus,” is a unique and compelling fine art event featuring more than 20 artists and over 45 paintings and sculptures that will run until July 29th at the Cultural Center on the Christ Cathedral Campus. Admission is free. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



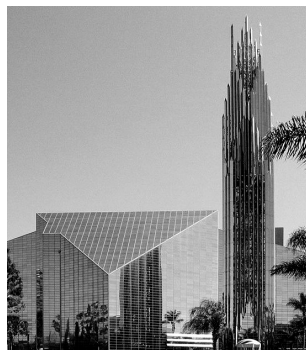
HOLY YEAR OF PREPARATION FOR CHRIST CATHEDRAL DEDICATION

With the dedication of Christ Cathedral approaching, Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, has launched a year-long celebration calling for spiritual reflection and formation across the Diocese of Orange. “The next 12 months will be a special Holy Year of Preparation of Christ Cathedral. After years of planning, prayer and Faith, and due to the hard work, diligence and dedication of many, we find ourselves, by the Providence of God, rapidly approaching the completion of the renovation of Christ Cathedral,” Vann said.

Currently undergoing dramatic renovations, Christ Cathedral will be dedicated on July 17, 2019. Once dedicated, the cathedral will be spiritual home of Orange County’s 1.5 million Catholics. “I would be most pleased if the faithful were on fire for Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that his Holy Name be always on our lips as we prepare this place for Christ forever,” Vann said.

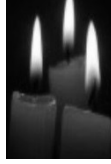
“The Holy Year of Preparation is a time to celebrate our connection to the universal Catholic Church through our bishop,” said Lesa Truxaw, Director, Office of Worship.

“The cathedral is an important part of that connection because it’s where the bishop teaches and celebrates Mass. Christ Cathedral will be a home where everyone across the Diocese of Orange is welcome.”



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

7/22 ✠Celeste Diane Ortmann
 7/23 ✠Loc Lechau
 7/24 ✠William Glenn Berby Jr.
 7/25 ✠Hap Pudewa
 7/26 ✠Art Richter
 7/27 ✠Maria T. Truong
 (✠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, Julia Poirier,
 Don Miller, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Jerome
 Gendron, Mary Maskell, Merrill Butler, Steven Lang,
 Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Gary Rousselo, Bob Rattray,
 Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette, Robert Dutro, Pat Giacomi,
 Janet Tedesco, Mike Maloney, Ernie Ramirez

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
 Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

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: For information and/or enrollment in faith formation programs please contact faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

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.

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