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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Loaves and Fishes by Chelle Fazal

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## SUMMER

Some people love summer because it gets so warm. This is especially true of people, like Canadians and Swedes, who have long and frigid winters. I was born in Nevada where it was plenty warm almost the whole year long; summer heat has no particular attraction to me. I have fair, Irish skin; I can get sunburned just standing outside after Mass on Sundays.

I remember an altar boy outing where the whole gang of us boarded a big bus and went off with a sack lunch for a day at the beach. I sat and played in the sun heedless of my white skin turning bright red. By the time I got home I could hardly take a shower or put clothes on over my skin for the pain. My mother asked, "What were you thinking?" even though she knew very well I had not been thinking at all. "There was no shade anywhere," was all I could reply.

When I was young I loved summer because we had three months of vacation. As would not likely surprise you, I never was short of things to do or make, projects to develop and complete, gardens to plant, friends to play with, books to read, music to listen to, TV to watch or mischief to get into.

But what I remember most about summer were the flavors: Cantaloupe was my favorite, once I scooped out the yucky seeds in the middle; watermelon came next but only because the seeds were harder to isolate; I was told that if I swallowed one, a watermelon would grow in my tummy, a fate to be avoided at all costs. Bananas were delightful too, but it took some time to figure out when to eat one—too early it would be hard, too late and the skin would start to turn black and the inside would be

mushy. (But a mushy banana could be turned into banana bread by my mother; a slice of that tasted even better than fresh banana.) Tomatoes were delicious in those days and so was white corn, which my dad would barbeque in the husks and then we would husk them and smear the hot corn with lime juice. It made a big mess but there was nothing better.

On a summer afternoon, nothing quenched better than cold water right out of the hose. After that you could turn the water to spray a friend or your brother if he was driving you up the wall. None of our neighbors had a pool; it would have been cool to swim the summer away, but a hose with plenty of cold water was more than sufficient for our purposes.

Of course, summer was the time for hot dogs and hamburgers with mayo, mustard and ketchup. On high feasts we would add a slice of tomato and lettuce, and carefully toast the buns—not too long or it would turn black but long enough to get them golden brown. Some burgers got so tall you had to stick a toothpick in the finished product so it wouldn't cascade across your plate. For Memorial Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, my mom made the most wonderful potato salad. I regret I never asked her to show me how to make it myself.

People praise the Creator when they see a majestic sight or watch a sunset or hear a rousing song. Me? I praise the Creator for the flavors he gave us. Mmm, mmm, good.

Msgr. Mike



## Fr. Ben's Mission Trip

### POOR ARE OUR GREATEST TEACHERS

There's a well-known expression that says, "Christianity is a religion that comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable." Well, the time I spent in Kingston, Jamaica serving the poorest of the poor was certainly a lesson in getting out of my comfort zone. As we arrived into Kingston airport, the religious brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor (MOP) who were hosting our visit were happily awaiting our arrival. Wearing their customary white habit and blue sash, they escorted us to our transport van. I was stuck immediately by the tropical heat and humidity. First thought: "Get me air conditioning now!" I learned quickly though that air conditioning was a luxury we didn't have at Jesus the Redeemer volunteer center where we were staying. I was with a group of 15 volunteers including my close friends Fr. Eugene Lee and Deacon Daniel Seo. We slept in dorm rooms on bunk beds supplied with mosquito nets. Oh! Yes! Those pesky mosquitos! The first morning one of the volunteers in our group was shocked to discover a total of 24 mosquito bites all over his arm! Ouch! There were no dishwashers or washing machines. No television or computers. Each day a bell would ring at 5:45 AM to prepare for 6 AM daily mass, followed with one hour of Eucharistic adoration. This was our life for the next 9 days. I thought, "If the brothers can do this everyday, I can certainly deal with this for 9 days!" By the 5th day, I was already missing home. But the greatest challenge was yet to come. Founded by Fr. Richard Ho Long, the Missionaries of the Poor help to provide basic food, clothing and shelter for the poorest people in Jamaica. These are men, women and children with extreme mental and physical disabilities who have been discarded and abandoned by all of society. Without the help of the missionaries and outside charities, these people would certainly die of disease or starvation. Located in the ghetto of Kingston, MOP now runs six shelters that care for approximately 400-500 people. Each day we were assigned to work at one of these six centers. We worked



#### 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.

from 9 AM to 4 PM, doing menial tasks such as sweeping and mopping floors, cutting hair, painting and cutting their nails, putting lotion on hands and feet, bandaging wounds, clothing and feeding them. Living all my life in the USA, it was hard to see this kind of abject poverty and encountering people living under these harsh conditions with such limited resources.

Fr. Ho Long said to us, "Remember that the poor are our greatest teachers." What did he mean by that? What did they teach me? This was a rare opportunity to stretch

myself, to go beyond my need for comfort and convenience, and meet the needs of the most hurt, neglected and powerless. In my experience of spoon feeding an elderly crippled man, cutting or painting the nails for a middle aged woman, carrying a young boy with only one limb in my arms so he could see the blue sky, I was participating in a greatest act of love and sacrifice for another person. And to see that this wasn't just any person, but through eyes of faith and compassion, this person was actually my grandmother, grandfather, my brother, sister, son, or daughter who was in need of my immediate help, love, and attention. In a way, serving the poor helped me to experience deeply the radical unconditional and sacrificial love that God has for all of suffering and broken humanity. Some things you can only learn through personal experience.

In his apostolic letter *Salvifici Doloris, On the Meaning of Human Suffering*, St. Pope John Paul II wrote, "Following the parable of the Good Samaritan, we could say that suffering, which is present under so many different forms in our human world, is also present in order to unleash love in the human person, especially in those who suffer. The world of human suffering unceasingly calls for, so to speak, another world: the world of human love; and in a certain sense man owes to suffering that unselfish love which stirs in his heart and actions."



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## Around the Parish

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### ALASKAN FISH DINNER

The 15th annual Al Hentges Memorial Alaskan Fish Dinner will be held on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 this weekend. This event is popular and fun. For more information, please contact Ed Harkins at 562-505-4535.

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. 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 August. Our next meeting will be the salad supper on Sept. 24th! To support our events and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

### HOLY LAND

Bethlehem Artworks will be here this weekend 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.

### 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.

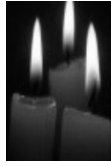
### ST. ANNE SCHOOL



Sr. Teresa, CJS, Principal at St. Anne's School in Santa Ana, sends her heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners who joined the "Saints Club" and are helping to sponsor a less fortunate student at the school. The tuition assistance will allow students to continue receiving a Catholic education in the new school year. Please know you are making a difference in the lives of these children!

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

7/30 Nancy Cave  
 7/31 ✠Woody Randolph  
 8/1 ✠Kyle Mitchell  
 8/2 Stephanie Pycz  
 8/3 Seminarians  
 8/4 ✠Richard Pycz  
 (✠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  
 Roussel, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette,  
 Robert Dutro, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Mike Maloney,  
 Ernie Ramirez, Msgr. Mike, Genevieve Nauman

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

“In time of desolation one should never make a change,  
 but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided  
 one the day before the desolation.” —St. Ignatius of Loyola

## 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](mailto: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.

**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.