

5 August 2018  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Manna from Heaven, Maciejowski Bible, 13th century

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Mon. - Sat. 8:30 AM; Sat. 4:00-4:45 PM

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## BEFORE THE GREAT MYSTERY

Thank God for caller-ID. You see, I have a loquacious friend. He's a very nice guy but he can be long-winded and some days I just don't have the time for it. What he says is usually interesting enough; lots of people tell him thought-provoking things (when they get a chance to get a word in, I suppose) and he tells me about what they have had to say, or something he read in the newspaper, or whether or not he is enjoying the novel he is currently reading (he has given me lots of good reading recommendations over the years.) If he was boring, I'd have long ago stopped his blabbing, but he's not. But short he is never.

I have a couple of other good friends whom I have to draw out. Just asking, "How are you doing?" does not get the conversational ball rolling very far. Their answers often consist of one or two words, "Fine," "Okay," "No complaints." "Tell me what you have been doing," can elicit, "Not much," or "Just the usual," or "I've been busy." Yet with them, particularly when we are sitting on the patio watching the colors of the sky change as the sun goes down, a little silence is welcome. It often reminds of Saint Peter when he told Jesus, "It is good for us to be here."

When I was young there always seemed to be so much to talk about. Everything was so new, we had to talk about it to make sure what we were describing was real. Can it be that people act in a way so different from the ways I was taught to act? Why would someone want to do this or that? It wasn't what I wanted. Making a friend was the door to a new universe; you were freely given a glimpse into how

another person experiences his or her life, how he or she values this but not so much that. You are influenced by the other's enthusiasms and opinions and you get to share your own.

Later old friends can almost finish each other's sentences: "You remember that time when the car broke down?"

"You mean when we were in the desert going to...?"

Where were we going?"

"To Phoenix, of course."

"That's right, to Phoenix. Is that the time we watched thunder clouds build up crossing the desert from left to right and it stormed down on us, just as we got under where they were?"

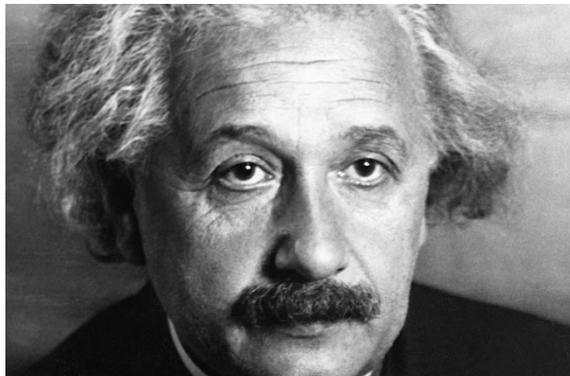
"No that's when we were on 395 going to June Lake."

After such a long time almost everything has been said among such friends so all you need to do is say the right words to conjure up a memory.

Few individual conversations are momentous, though when you are young they can seem so. What I remember is the bond that we formed over the years, talking about this and that, wondering about how our lives took unexpected turns or how a slice of startling words, heard at the right moment, sent us spinning into a new but welcome orbit.

It reminds me of what Einstein once said to his friend, "You and I never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born."

Msgr. Mike



## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### ALASKAN FISH DINNER

The 15th annual Al Hentges Memorial Alaskan Fish Dinner is this Sunday with 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.* 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 6th 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.

### ASSUMPTION MASSES

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 14th at 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, August 15th at 9:00 a.m., Noon and 7:00 p.m.



### MISSION COOP ASSISTANCE

Bishop Emmanuel Kofi Fianu, SVD, the Catholic Bishop of Ho in Ghana, has been assigned to our parish August 18-19 and to Holy Family in Leisure World August 25-26 for this year's Mission COOP. The Mission Cooperation Plan helps missionaries around the world provide evangelization, support for the poor, medical care, education and ministry formation. Bishop Emmanuel is excited to share

his own mission story with our parishes!

Holy Family is able to provide Bishop Emmanuel with a place to stay, however, not able to provide transportation or meals. If you are willing to assist Bishop Emmanuel with a ride or a meal during the week, please contact Claudia at Holy Family at 562-430-8170.



#### 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.

### GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God? We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### RCIA

Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are not baptized and recognize a need for spirituality in your life, a baptized Catholic or baptized into another religion but never received any formal religious education, a Catholic seeking to increase the knowledge of your faith, RCIA classes will provide faith development beginning from where you are in your journey right now. You are invited to explore your faith to make an informed decision about entering the Catholic Church through RCIA. St. Anne will not offer RCIA classes this year, however, St. Hedwig invites everyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and/or being initiated into the Catholic Church to join their classes. Please contact OUR Parish office at 562-431-0721 for an application and consultation appointment with Fr. Ben.

### NEW MISSALETTES

Our Seasonal Missalettes are a valuable worship resource for use during our masses. We prayerfully request that our missalettes are NOT removed from our Church so they will continue to be available for all parishioners.

## Around the Diocese

### CATHEDRAL DOCENTS NEEDED

Volunteer docents are needed at the Christ Cathedral Campus. A docent information session will be held on Saturday, August 25th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Tower of Hope. For more information or to RSVP, email Trudy Mazzarell, Director of Tour Ministry at [tmazzarella@christcathedralca.org](mailto:tmazzarella@christcathedralca.org)

### ST. BARTHOLMEW HISTORY

St. Bartholomew Church in Belmont Shore has formed a group to research the many gaps in the parish's long history. A gathering is scheduled for Sunday, August 19th between 2:00 and 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall for anyone who attended the church in the 1930s through the 1980s. Please come and share artifacts, oral history and photos from that time frame. If you are unable to drop in on August 19th but wish to share your story at another time, please call their 24 hour message line at 562-434-4279 to make other arrangements.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,  
22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;  
Mt 15:21-28

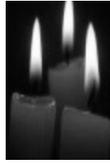
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26



## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

8/6	✠Fiona Tiernan
8/7	✠Jan Imrie
8/8	✠Peggy Houle
8/9	Kanani Lua
8/10	✠Bill McCoy
8/11	✠Burke & Keating Families (✠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, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette,  
Robert Dutro, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Mike Maloney,  
Ernie Ramirez, Msgr. Mike, Genevieve Nauman, Robert  
Crabb, Dixie Redfearn

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

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food  
that endures for eternal life. — *John 6:27a*

## 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 preparation 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.

**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.