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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Be Thou Opened by Duccio di Buoninsegna

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# CHILDHOOD

*Last week I wrote to describe parenting; this week let me consider childhood.*

The way some parents see it, a child's main duty is to obey his or her parents. Obedience is important to keep a child safe and to teach a child what behavior is appropriate, but children's main duty is to be absorbed with the world they are in and with the body they have been given. The world is brand new to them; it's not something they take for granted. Usually the first mode of exploration for babies is to put objects in their mouths, whether they be their mother's keys or their own toes. I presume they do so because their most urgent drive is hunger. If you are so tiny in a world of much larger creatures, you can imagine why they might want to get as large as possible as soon as possible.

Babies depend on others for everything but haven't the ability yet to politely ask for what they want. But they can cry and some of them can do so at quite a volume. You look at a baby's small rib cage and hear her ferocious voice and you are dumbfounded. How can she do that?

Those who respond to a baby's cry are rewarded most of the time. After a baby has finished his bottle and is content, and after the burps, you can hear him purring and he is soon fast asleep. Nowhere can feel safer to a child than in a parent's arms.

That does not last long. Babies learn first to crawl and then to walk; their parents then need to become extremely vigilant. Let them out of your sight for a few seconds and they are off to the kitchen where there are knives or are over licking the dog that might have flees. They do this because it is their proper vocation to be explorers. By listening they learn to recognize the different voices of their family members. By looking they get a sense of place, what is home and what is outside. By putting objects in their mouths, they can discern what is hard and what is soft, what tastes good and what is icky. Most of all babies love to grab hold of things even when they have no idea what to do with them once they've grasped them.

It isn't long before they have a vocabulary. A baby says "Ba-ba" when hungry. One that wants to be held, says "Ma-ma." When my nephew was at this stage, I could see how he was following the conversation we were having sitting around the table and he became so frustrated because he didn't have the words yet to join in. He wanted his say.

My sister and her husband were delighted when their second child was born but Colleen, the eldest, had a different feeling. She had her parents all to herself before but now they were easily distracted by the needs of the newborn. So, to let her brother know who was in charge, she bit him. She had yet to be taught the next two lessons: 1) the world she's in is

shared and, 2) you are not always the center of attention. The upside of this situation was that every other person became potentially someone she could play with. Playmates can show each other things and do fun stuff together. Play is a great improvement over a life given only to eat, sleep and poop.

At some point believing parents let their child know that he or she is a gift from God. I remember my grandmother, who was a teacher, trying to get my sister to make the sign of the cross. My sister had trouble remembering which shoulder was to be crossed first. Soon enough, each night, before bed, my family were kneeling around my parents' bed to say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and a Glory be. (A visiting preacher had once recommended some other prayer be added so we tried that for awhile, but the consensus was to keep it simple and so we went back to our nighttime prayer tradition.)

I can't remember how my mother felt when I went off to school. Was she relieved or sorry to see me go? Perhaps I can't recall because I took to school like a fish to water. There were so many things I didn't yet know, I was in a rush to catch up. I particularly loved reading (math, not so much) but by reading I was able to find the answers to my own questions and not have to wait until the teacher came to the topic in class.

In the second grade, Sr. Rose Marie was our teacher and we all liked her, even though she kept us disciplined. If we worked very hard during the week, she would grant us a special fun Friday afternoon. Sister was an artist and she showed us how to use different things to create works of art: colored tissue paper, glue, paint, construction paper, safety-scissors, markers, colored pencils and whatever else she thought would be useful. Looking back, I imagine we made a terrible mess of that classroom. On other Fridays, she taught us simple songs on her piano and gave a few of us drums, tambourines and bells to keep the beat. She had us marching and singing around the classroom by the time we ended the school day. We could not imagine who could be bored at school.

In the eighth grade, I went on a field trip to the high school seminary. Before then, I had no idea such a place existed. I came back and reported excitedly to my parents what I had seen and heard. My mother was doubtful that a person of my tender age would be happy so far away from home, but my parents left the decision in my hands. It was the first time I had such a say in my own fate. Yes, I did go off to the seminary and I don't believe my mother ever forgave God for stealing her son. Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10th 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

#### SALAD SUPPER

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Guild annual Salad Supper on Monday, Sept. 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Sign-ups to attend this free event will be accepted after all weekend masses. For more information contact, Kathleen Fox at 913-775-2809.



#### 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.

### ST. ANNE'S SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Safe Environment training is required for all adults including clergy who work or volunteer with children, youth, and at-risk adults. Anyone working with children and youth must undergo background screening and fingerprinting. Our students receive Circle of Grace training each year about the value of positive/healthy relationships and boundaries. Each catechist here at St. Anne's is a mandated reporter, as are clergy and others in various positions. No one is asked to participate in training and have a criminal history check because they are thought to be the problem; they are asked to step up and become part of the solution.

#### REPORTING ABUSE



If you have been a victim of sexual abuse by clergy or a church representative, please call the Diocesan Reporting Line 800-364-3064. Child Protective Services in Orange County can be reached at 714-940-1000.

For more Diocesan information: <https://www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/>



#### 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.

### TAMALE FEST

On Sunday, Sept. 16th, St. Anne will have another Tamale Fest with tamales prepared by parents of students at St. Anne School in Santa Ana. We are taking pre-orders for chicken, pork, beef or corn tamales. Prices are 6 for \$18, or 12 for \$30. Orders can be a combination of types. Please call JoAnn at 562-598-4967, or Larry and Jane at 714-897-9331. If leaving a message, please clearly state your order request, name and phone number! Tamales will also be available for purchase after mass.



### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16th. The theme will be **"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ."** Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an occasion for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



### CAREER RENEWAL OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to the Career Ministry season kick-off meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Meetings help people learn skills they can use to enhance their career and to meet new friends as they reach for career goals. If you are interested in helping someone find a job, come and introduce yourself. A separate training for volunteers will be provided on a later date. Refreshments will be served.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Ministry to the Sick will have a meeting on Monday, September 10th in Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m.

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## Around the Diocese

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### HOLY HOUR FOR HOPE & HEALING

A Holy Hour for Hope and Healing will be held from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, starting September 4th, at the Arboretum on the Christ Cathedral Campus. The Holy Hour is being offered for all those who have experienced abuse of any form in their lives, all victims of abuse in our Church, and the lay and clerical leaders guiding the rebuilding of our Church. Priests will be available for reconciliation during the Holy Hour.



### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

God of endless love ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just; You gave your only Son to save us by his Blood on the Cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

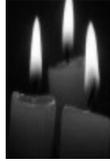
### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Are you able to share your home and build a new cross-cultural friendship? If yes, consider hosting a German high school student for 4–6 weeks this fall. Volunteer hosts provide a bed (room can be shared), meals, and a plan for transportation to school. Students have their own insurance and school/personal spending money. To learn more, contact Deann at [deann.sdhosts@gmail.com](mailto:deann.sdhosts@gmail.com). or 858-260-0747.



## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

9/10           ✠Burke and Keating Families  
 9/11           For the Country  
 9/12           ✠Larry Fairman  
 9/13           Elizabeth Conway  
 9/14           Elizabeth Conway  
 9/15           ✠Jack Senske  
                   (✠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

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

### PROPER POSTURE

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it  
 doesn't get on its knees.     —Anonymous

## 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](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.