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Twenty Eighth 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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MIRACLES

I was at my doctor's office today; I have been going to him for many years and so sometimes we get to talking about things other than my health. I don't recall what occasioned it, but he told me that there were five times in his practice that he felt God miraculously intervened. He didn't go into much detail but, driving home on the 22 freeway, I asked myself, well, when have I ever experienced the miraculous.

It depends on how you define a miracle. I was driving home at night on a freeway and heard a crash behind me. In the rear-view mirror, I saw that one of those big semitrucks was out of control, sliding across all the lanes of traffic, twisting from side to side, smashing every vehicle in its path and then slamming into the center median. If I had been going just a little slower, I would have been in the middle of all that. "Thank you, Jesus," I said out loud, and then I prayed for those who—no doubt—were injured or worse. But it did not occur to me at the time that it was a miraculous intervention. I don't think God pushed my right foot down ever so slightly on the gas pedal to get me in front of what he knew was going to happen.

In 2003 when I had open-heart surgery, I woke up from the anesthesia and slowly realized I was still alive. That they can carve me up, fix my heart and bring me out of it still breathing, I thought that was a miracle. How did they ever figure out how to do that? Yet, we usually make a distinction between the natural and the supernatural, with miracles belonging to the category supernatural and surgery to the category natural.

Does inspiration count as a miracle? There have been a few occasions when people have come to see me and told me about terrible things that have happened to

them. While they are talking, on the inside I am praying, "Lord, please keep her talking because if she stops now, I have no idea what I could possibly say to her." And then out of desperation or grace, when she does finish what she came to say to me, I am inspired to know what to say in response. Again, "Thank you, Jesus."

Some people over the years have made such a difference in my life that meeting them was and is such a blessing. My first priestly assignment was with a great pastor; he made me the priest I am today by his friendship, guidance and encouragement. My close personal friends have kept me grounded when I needed to be brought back to earth. Some people call these encounters kismet, but I think of them as miracles.



I can't think of anything else even approaching the miraculous in my life. No one has been healed by my hands laid on their heads or by my anointing them with the sacrament of the sick. No matter. I am certain that God has been at work in my life and ministry over these many years. There has been abundant grace, regardless of whether you call it

divine intervention or everyday ordinary involvement. I am so grateful that God is with me, and in me, and works his grace through me. That is the miracle.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

This weekend our Knights of Columbus continue fundraising for "Pennies from Heaven." Please pick up a Baby Bottle and fill it with coins, cash and/or checks and return to the Knights at any Mass through October 28th. All donations help support our Diocese's Respect Life Ministry with proceeds benefiting diocesan approved Pro-life Pregnancy Centers and Women's Shelters. Thank you for your generosity!



MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. For information, please contact Paul at 562-370-5341.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

CAREER RENEWAL

Career Renewal Ministry meets weekly on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The October 18th meeting will include a speaker, Anabella Bonfa, on LinkedIn profiles. Come learn how to find a new job and add skills you can use to enhance your career. For information, call Kathy at 714-206-088.

WOMEN'S GUILD

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SPEAKER

All parishioners are invited to attend our next meeting on October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Our speaker, Kate Wedell, is a human trafficking survivor and founder of Cherished. Established in 2011, the mission of Cherished is to equip and empower women survivors of human trafficking and sex exploitation to live healthy and flourishing lives. Before and after the meeting, Cherished will be selling small gifts and personal items made by survivors.

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 at 707-477-0104.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 10/21

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as children of God. Please be generous in next week's special collection.



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.

ST ANNE SCHOOL VISIT

On Sept. 27th, Fr. Ben conducted a Retreat for forty six 7th and 8th graders from St. Anne School in Santa Ana. It was evident from so many happy faces that the students had a memorable day with spiritual and physical activities in abundance in our Hall, on Zoeter Field and at the beach.



REMEMBRANCE MASS



On Friday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. a special mass will be celebrated in memory of our loved ones who have died.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

- A scroll bearing the names of loved ones who died between 11/2/17 and 11/2/18 will be near the altar during the mass and remain in the church for the All Souls masses. To include names of beloved relatives and friends on the scroll, please call the Parish Office by Wednesday, October 24th.
- A Remembrance book will be available in the vestibule of the church for names of those you wish to have remembered who passed prior to 11/2/17.
- All parishioners are invited to display a photo (8" X 10" or smaller) of their loved ones who have passed at the mass on November 2nd. Please place it on the table before 8:50 a.m.
- All Souls envelopes are available in the vestibule. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month of November.

A reception in the hall will follow the mass to share memories, experiences and companionship.

ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Healing Mass. All are welcome! For more information, please call Janice Herlihy at 562-537-4526.

SEAL BEACH TOWN HALL MEETING

The City of Seal Beach will hold a town hall meeting on Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. City officials, the Seal Beach Chief of Police and the Orange County Fire Department will discuss proposed safety and security initiatives on the November ballot which affect Seal Beach. All are invited to attend.



Around the Diocese

CATHEDRAL DOCENTS

An information session for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer docent at the Christ Cathedral Campus will be held from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the Tower of Hope on Saturday, November 10th. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Trudy Mazzarella, Director of Tour Ministry, at 714-620-7916 or tmazzarella@christcathedralca.org.

WILLS AND TRUSTS WEEK

The Orange Catholic Foundation is providing a series of free Wills and Trusts seminars throughout the Diocese of Orange. These sessions will provide information led by local Catholic estate planning attorneys to help you protect and provide for your loved ones, update or create your estate plan, and learn about wills, trusts, estate taxes, probate expenses and more. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Reservations (714-282-3021) are appreciated but not necessary.

Tuesday, October 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at

St. Irenaeus in Cypress

Thursday, October 18 from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. at

St. Hedwig in Los Alamitos

Friday, October 19th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at

St. Pius V in Buena Park

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/15 ✠Mandy O'Mochain
 10/16 ✠Matt Karich
 10/17 ✠Gerald Roche
 10/18 Norma Reinhardt
 10/19 In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
 10/20 ✠Richard Sweet, Jr.
 (✠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, Pat
 Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Ernie Ramirez, Tim Prangley,
 Mike Harvey, William Spillane, Bill Matheus

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

"We should take as a maxim never to be surprised at
 current difficulties, no more than at a passing breeze,
 because with a little patience we shall see them
 disappear. Time changes everything." - St. Vincent de Paul

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.