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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Christ Heals the Blind by Václav Manes 1832

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

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SILENCE

I remember I was talking to my mother on a summer morning, both of us sitting at the dining table. As always, the TV across the room was on, tuned to one of the morning talk shows. We were having a really good conversation which I wanted to continue without distraction, so when she went into the kitchen to get more coffee, I grabbed the remote and switched off the TV. When she came back, she noticed immediately, "Why'd you turn that off. I was watching that!" The TV was her constant companion.

I remember in the old days, when people were waiting in line, or out in front of their house watching for somebody to pick them up or sitting in a movie theater before the show began, many would pull out a cigarette and have a smoke. It was a habit, something to do.

Times have changed. Nowadays, if people have a few minutes, what do they do? They whip out their "personal devices" to check for messages, make a call or send a text message. The other day a very close friend of mine called just to chat as he was driving. I told him—after conversing amicably for a few minutes—that I had to go; I wanted to get my work done and myself drive home.

In the first years I was in the seminary, we were not allowed to have radios, stereos or personal TVs. (The computer hadn't been invented yet.) There was one TV, located in the rec hall, and it could be watched only at certain hours and for primarily news and educational programs. After night prayer, "magnum silencium" was the rule; it meant that there should be no talking until after morning prayer the next morning. I'm not claiming that we were perfectly faithful to these rules, but one had to at least give the impression you were if you wanted to stay in the seminary. At first, I didn't see the point. All day long we followed a rigid schedule of prayer, classes, chores, study hall and organized athletic exercises and sports. What harm would there be for a few of us to just hang out?

But that formation, unyielding as it was, did give me an appetite for that "silencium." I got to value kneeling in silence before the Blessed Sacrament and sitting for long periods of quiet meditation each day. It was com-

forting to hear nothing but the sound of our footsteps and the squeaking of the chapel door as it opened and closed as seminarians and faculty crossed the plaza to take our places at the beginning of the day.

Several times in my life I have made a silent retreat. The only speaking took place at the liturgies and when speaking with one's director. The rest of the time, including meals, was conducted in silence. On the first day of each of these retreats, I was restless, wondering what I was going to do with myself. But I settled down and the rest of time was refreshing. I left behind a lot of my self-consciousness, less worried what others might be thinking of me. And something got released during those days. When not pre-



occupied with all the things on the surface, thoughts, memories and feelings welled up from my inner depths, depths that I hadn't known were in there. Most significantly the solitude made it easier for me to sense the presence of God with me.

Don't take it from me. Try it yourself.

We now live in a world where there is AM and FM radio, television with 500 channels of choice, audio systems with their music libraries or stacks of CDs and now there's even Spotify. Never a reason to be bored, but never a moment of peace and quiet. Our continual state is noisy distraction.

One of the unexpected benefits may be that we become better listeners. The Australian Trappist, Michael Casey, reminds us that "Good listening is the sincerest form of kindness and the supreme mark of honor that we can give another." Listening is a form of contemplation. But it only works if you do more than simply shut your mouth; you must also switch off that inner voice that's always commenting on and evaluating everything and everyone.

You can start by following the advice of the great Argentinian writer, Jorge Luis Borges: "Don't talk unless you can improve on the silence." Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Please return your Baby Bottle to the Knights at any Mass **this weekend.**

INTELLECTURAL DISABILITIES FUNDRAISER

Please support our Knights of Columbus in their annual drive for adults and children with intellectual disabilities. This weekend after all Masses, the Knights will be offering individual Tootsie Rolls to bring attention to the drive. In addition, boxes of Tootsie Rolls will be available for Halloween treats for a suggested donation of \$15 per box.



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, Nov. 5th. For more information, contact Paul at 562-370-5341.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

All Saints' Day



All Saints' Day, November 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation. St. Anne will celebrate masses on Oct. 31st at 4:00 p.m., and on Nov. 1st at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.

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 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. We remember and pray that those who have gone before us are granted pardon and peace as they enter heaven.
- A reception in the hall will follow the mass to share memories, experiences and companionship.



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.

FAITH FORMATION

Our students have been busy preparing posters and learning about their favorite saints throughout October. Join us for a very special mass this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Students will be dressed as saints and speak to us about these wonderful people who are so close to God.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for being a voice for mission on World Mission Sunday. Our parish offered \$4411 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the Church. Please continue to pray for missionaries and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to set your clock back on Saturday night!

NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION

The National Needs Collection will be taken up next weekend in our Diocese. This collection combines four national collections into one: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic Home Missions and the Catholic University of America.

TURKEY BUCKS

The Turkey Bucks campaign is part of Pavilions holiday charitable giving that helps feed families. Customers can donate \$1, \$5, \$10 or any amount to help bring a traditional holiday meal to a family in need. Our Pavilions across the street has chosen St. Anne to be their community partner for their local campaign. The campaign begins Oct. 24th and ends Nov. 20th. St. Anne is only responsible for picking up the meals and delivering them before Thanksgiving. If you would like to help deliver, or you know less fortunate individuals/families that need a meal, please call the parish office as soon as possible!



Around the Diocese

CONNELLY OPEN HOUSE

Cornelia Connelly High School will hold an Open House on Saturday, November 3rd from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Prospective families will learn about Honors and AP courses, Campus Ministry and Faith Life, Music, Art, Athletics, Clubs and the advantages of attending an all girls school. Connelly is located at 2323 West Broadway in Anaheim.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, November 4th from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Prospective families may tour the campus and attend information sessions. SJHS is located at 5825 N. Woodruff Ave. in Lakewood.

MATER DEI VISIT DAY

Mater Dei High School will hold a 7th and 8th grade Visit Day on Tuesday, November 6th. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome. For more information go to www.materdei.org/visitday.

SACRED HEART SISTERS

The Sacred Heart Sisters are holding a Come and See day for single women of high school and college age at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center in Santa Ana on Sunday, November 4th from 2:00-7:00 p.m. If you have ever thought of becoming a Religious Sister, they would like to share with you about their Religious Life. Mass is not included, dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by November 1st to 714-557-4538 or heartofjesusrc@sbcglobal.net

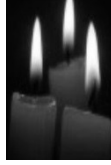
IN HONOR & APPRECIATION OF MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, will celebrate a Mass in memory, honor and appreciation of our veterans, active duty military, reservists and their families at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Costa Mesa. Dress uniforms are encouraged. Refreshments will be served following mass.



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/29 ✠Mary Agnes Winnie
 10/30 ✠Rose Holman
 10/31 ✠Jim Williams
 11/1 For the Parish
 11/2 ✠All Souls
 11/3 ✠All Souls
 (✠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, John Barnes

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

"The saint does everything that any other decent person
 does, only somewhat better and with a totally different
 motive." —Coventry Patmore

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.

Sacrament of the Sick: In case of serious illness, contact
 the parish office.

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