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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Old Indian Couple by Amy Franks

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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The 26th of each month, 10:00 AM—7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 8:00AM—4:00 PM

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HOLY

God had created the universe and all the creatures in it over a period of six days, Genesis tells us, then “he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from the work he had done in creation.” At my age I am comforted that God thought rest was blessed. The American writer, Cynthia Ozick, explains, “The Sabbath is set apart from routine so that the delights of being alive can be savored without the distractions of noisy demands, jobs, money, and all the striving of ego.” Holiness means separateness: *kadosh*. The Hebrew word for “holy” is rendered as “set apart.” All time is holy but one day is set apart each week to enjoy the gift of time.

Growing up, my father did not go in to work on Sundays. We went to Mass together as a family in the mornings. Usually in the afternoon we would go somewhere—a park, a museum, a baseball game, a ride along the beach. We lived not far from Disneyland and one Sunday we saw that a hot air balloon had risen up from the theme park and someone suggested we follow it to see where it will land. So off we went in the station wagon. My mother described it as an adventure. I hoped the balloon wouldn't go too far or else we'd be late for dinner. As it turned out, we weren't the only ones following the balloon. When it landed and got tied down, a small crowd gathered. One of the pilots threw plastic flowers out of the gondola to those of us who had gathered. On Sunday evenings my mother would cook something special—a roast, a chicken or a ham—or my father would barbeque some steaks on the grill. Then we would watch *The Wonderful World of Disney* on the television.

Because each of us has been made in the image and likeness of God, each one of us is inherently holy, but

some have been designated as saints.

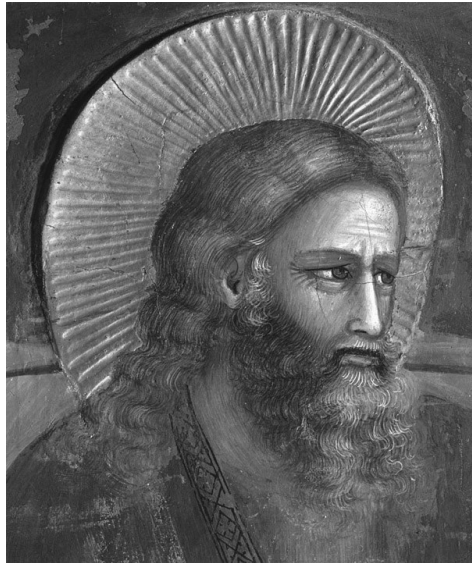
In a talk he gave—or maybe it was a homily—the late Dominican, Fr. Chrys McVey, told the story of “two young disciples of Zen masters who were comparing the merits of their respective teachers. One said, ‘My master is so holy that if I stand on one side of the river holding an open book, he can read it from the other side of the river.’ The second young monk dismissed this and said, ‘That’s nothing: my master is so holy that he sleeps when he’s tired and eats when he’s hungry.’ We smile at the story and profess agreement, but, deep down, are we not just a little suspicious about a holiness that consists in “sleeping when tired and eating when hungry?”

We think of holiness as something more heroic; in our art we give holy people haloes. A holy person should radiate grace, we imagine, or at least be an obvious good example for people to see and imitate. Saints should teach us lessons!

If you have ever met someone whom you believed was holy and told her so, she probably reacted with astonishment: “Me? Holy? You gotta be kidding me.”

I have suspected some people of being holy because they were so quietly generous, such trustworthy friends; they were all people who have made it this far in life without being the least bit cynical. Long ago Saint Irenaeus said that “the glory of God is the human fully alive.” The Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel, had a slightly different take: “I am not holy, and my aim is not to be holy. My aim is to be human, that is all. Holiness is God's work, not mine. I seek humanity. I want divinity in God, humanity in us.”

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Beginning this weekend our Knights of Columbus will begin 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. We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. For information, please contact Paul at 562-370-5341.

“Help Us Help Those In Need”

CAREER RENEWAL

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

LIFE AND DIGNITY SUNDAY

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the theme “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent.” We are cherished, chosen and sent by God to love one another as He loves us. In doing so, we help build a culture that cherishes all human life. Building a culture of life is simply part of who we are as Christians, as followers of Christ. Let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God’s transforming, life giving love.



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.

WOMEN’S GUILD

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SPEAKER

All parishioners are invited to attend our next meeting on October 22nd. Our speaker, a human trafficking survivor, will share how her traumatic experience prepared her to rescue and heal other victims.

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 pick up a membership form and information from the vestibule of the church. Please contact Kathy at 707-477-0104 with questions.

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.
- 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 near the ambo before 8:50 a.m.
- 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 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 commemoration mass to share memories, experiences and companionship.



Around the Diocese

MATER DEI ADMISSIONS

Applications for the 19/20 school year are available at www.materdei.org/admissions. There will be an information night on Wednesday, October 17th with tours at 6:00 p.m. and a presentation at 7:00 p.m. There will be a 7th and 8th grade "Visit Day" on Tuesday, November 6th. For more info: www.materdei.org/visitday



ODCCW

On Tuesday, October 16th the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will have their general gathering at Holy Spirit Church in Fountain Valley. All Catholic women are encouraged to attend. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., Mass at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00 with a special presentation. Reservations must be received by mail, email or phone no later than Friday, October 12th. A donation of \$18, payable to ODCCW, may be mailed to Pat Martin, 9425 Reading Ave., Westminster, CA 92683

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 one, update or create your estate plan, and learn more about wills, trusts, estate taxes, probate expenses, guardianship of minor children, selection of personal representatives and more. The Diocesan goal is to encourage all parishioners to have an estate plan designed to provide for the needs of their families. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Reservations (714-282-3021) are appreciated but not necessary. Here are a few of the locations near us:

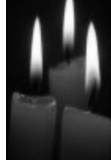
Tuesday, October 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at
St. Irenaeus, 5201 Evergreen Ave., Cypress

Thursday, October 18 from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. at
St. Hedwig, 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd.,
Los Alamitos

Friday, October 19th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at
St. Pius V, 7691 Orangethorpe Ave.,
Buena Park

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/8	Lisi Cave
10/9	✠Jack Flanagan
10/10	In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
10/11	✠Joseph Tooley
10/12	✠Burke and Keating Families
10/13	✠Mrs. Torrey Krebs
	(✠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, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Mike Maloney, Ernie Ramirez, Tim Prangley, Mike Harvey, John Barnes

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

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." — St. Therese of Lisieux

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.