

30 September 2018
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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

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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

I was born three days before Christmas, which means that Jesus and I have the same sign: Capricorn.

But when I was born, my grandmother had more earthly things on her mind; she remembered that when she was a child, she had a friend whose birthday was also close to Christmas and she felt that all the trimmings of Christmas took away from the spotlight that should be only on her friend on her birthday. People would give her friend a Christmas present and say that it was also a birthday gift. She should get her own party and her own cake, my grandmother felt, and not have to share it with Jesus. So, my grandmother proposed that my family should celebrate my birthday on September 29th, the feast of my namesake, Saint Michael. When the calendar of saints was revised, Saint Michael had to share the stage with two other archangels, Gabriel and Raphael.

Good company, but Michael is the archangel represented wearing armor with a sword upraised, battling the dragon beneath him. He is God's fighter. In the book of Daniel, Michael was the protector of the tomb of Moses. He also led God's army in a war against Satan's forces that ends when Michael defeated him in the Book of Revelation. With Gabriel, the archangel Michael also is known to Islam: "Whoever is an enemy to Allah and His angels and messengers, to Gabriel and Michael, - Lo! Allah is an enemy to those who reject Faith," says the Koran.

He expressed his complete submission to God by his resolve to defend God from any and all who would go up against him. His name in Hebrew is actually a question, "Who is like God?" For all his fighting and fierce leadership, Michael knew his mission.

This created a lot of confusion in my younger self. I'd look at the small painted plaster statue I had of him on my dresser and wondered how I could follow

the example of my patron, a fierce angelic fighter. All I ever did was chores and homework, paying attention in class and obeying my parents; nothing was heroic about my life.

What I figured I could do is stand on my own two feet. Be brave, like he was. Be a leader, not a conformist, dedicated to God. That might include not being afraid to speak a difficult truth or do things that required strength and courage. I started seeing that there were a lot of different ways to be a fighter for God. Each of us has a life, given to us by God. How will we use that gift? We also have a name, given to us by our parents. How will we let that name define us? Even as we age, we need sources of inspiration.

Msgr. Mike



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, Oct. 7th following the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM masses for our Parish Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. The Knights will be serving their "world famous" homemade buttermilk pancakes (blueberry or chocolate chip pancake options available) along with eggs, sausage and fruit. The suggested donation is \$6 per person and \$20 per family. All proceeds go towards supporting local charities. For additional information, please contact Steve Bradt at 714-418-7041.

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, Oct. 1st. For additional information, please contact Paul Pudenz at 562-370-5341.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

SINGERS NEEDED

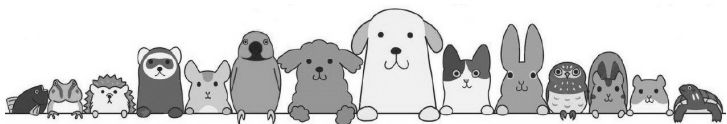


Come join the St. Anne Adult Choir and praise the Lord through song! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30–9:00 p.m. We sing at the 10 a.m. mass on

Sundays. It is a great opportunity for fellowship and service—no previous experience is necessary. Please contact John at 714-883-9041, email him at jungledini@me.com, or see John after morning mass upstairs in the choir loft.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even fish, may come to St. Anne for a special ceremony, the Blessing of Animals. If it is difficult for your pet to attend, you may choose to bring a photo instead. The blessing will take place on St. Francis' feast day, Thursday, October 4th at 4:00 p.m. on the steps of the church. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment. This blessing is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. After the Blessing, the pet will be gently sprinkled with holy water. The love we give to and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of God and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. All pets must be on a leash, in a carrier, or physically restrained. Humans are responsible for cleaning up if their pet eliminates.



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 of this exploitation of human life.

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.

ADORATION

We are hoping that all parishioners will come for an evening of Adoration on Friday, Oct. 5th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We will only have one Adoration evening this fall due to our Confirmation 1 retreat and the Seal Beach Christmas parade falling on first Fridays. This will be an evening filled with prayer, reflection, and worship!



MASS INTENTIONS

Those who would like to request mass intentions for a specific date in 2019 are invited to visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

ST. ANNE BOOK CLUB

Everyone is invited to join us the first Thursday of each month from Noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. Our book for October 4th is the OC Catholic Book Club pick—*Lessons In Hope, My Unexpected Life with St. John Paul II* by George Weigel. In the book, George tells the story of his unique friendship with St. John Paul II and offers a first hand account of the tumult of post-Vatican II Catholicism and the Cold War's endgame. He also shows us the aging pope grappling with the post 9/11 world order and teaching new lessons in dignity through his own suffering. Mr. Weigel and a panel of experts will discuss the life and papacy of Pope John Paul II on Nov. 8th at Christ Cathedral.



Around the Diocese

WHEN WOMEN PRAY

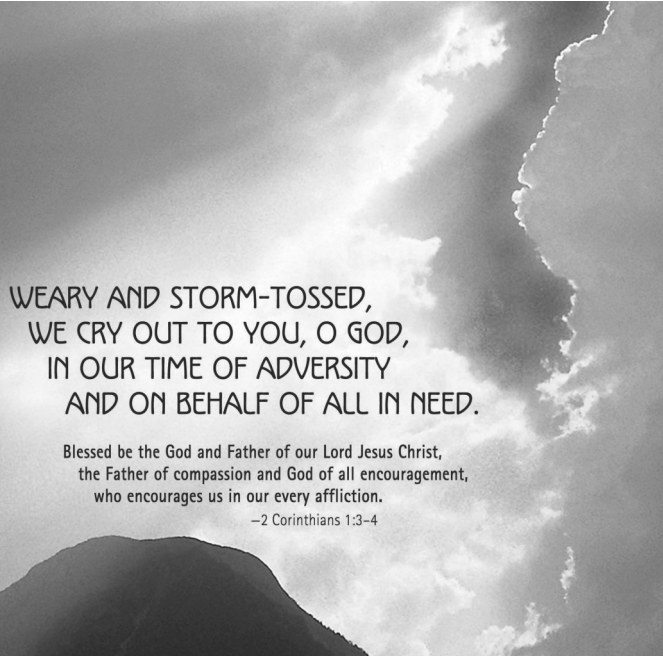
When Women Pray invites all women to their 9th annual Women's Prayer Breakfast "Prosper, Hope and a Future" on Saturday, October 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church in Irvine. This is a free event but you must register to attend at whenwomenpraystm.org.

CHRIST CATHEDRAL CONCERT

The Westminster Choir is the second most significant Catholic Choir in the world. When not touring and recording internationally, the Westminster Choir sings at the famed cathedral. Along with Westminster Choir, the Tallis Scholars, one of the foremost Renaissance vocal groups in the world, will perform their entire program of music from the Sistine Chapel. The concert will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Cathedral. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students by calling 714-971-2141 ext. 5529 or at christcathedralmusic.org/Christ-cathedral-concerts.

HURRICANE FLORENCE

Catholic Charities of the Dioceses of Raleigh and Charleston are offering aid to the suffering; individual parishes have also undertaken initiatives to help those in need. "Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the most vulnerable have their immediate needs met and the long-term recovery support they need to rebuild their lives," said Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA. Let us all continue to pray for those affected by the storm.



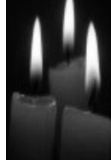
WEARY AND STORM-TOSSED,
WE CRY OUT TO YOU, O GOD,
IN OUR TIME OF ADVERSITY
AND ON BEHALF OF ALL IN NEED.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement,
who encourages us in our every affliction.

—2 Corinthians 1:3-4

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/1 †Mary Stella Cuicchi
 10/2 †Bill Bidelspach
 10/3 †Jack Schottmuller
 10/4 †Nancy Imrie
 10/5 Seminarians
 10/6 †Maria Truong
 (†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

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

"The name of Jesus, pronounced with reverence
 and affection, has a kind of power to soften the
 heart." — St. Philip Neri

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.