

Saint Anne

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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SAINT PAUL

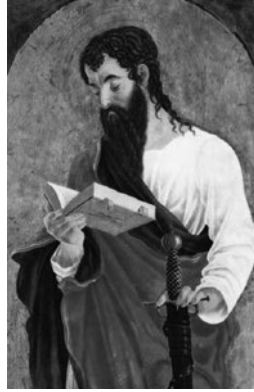
After Jesus, Saint Paul takes up the most space in the New Testament. He appears in the Acts of the Apostles which tells first of his zeal in persecuting the followers of Jesus and then the story of his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. The Acts then goes on to detail the apostolic journeys he made in preaching the gospel of Jesus all around Palestine, Syria, Macedonia, Greece, Arabia and Rome.

We learn a lot about him and the communities he founded or visited by his letters. Many brides and grooms know Paul from the passage in his first letter to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous. It is not pompous, it is not inflated. It is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick tempered..." It is perennially chosen to be read at weddings.

His most theological letter was to the Romans. Paul did not himself establish the Roman community and so, before he went there, he wanted to prepare the way by describing his religious views. The other letters were often taken up with practical matters. He calls out the Corinthians: "First of all, I hear that when you meet as a church there are divisions among you." In Galatians he defends the gospel he preached against those in the community that insisted that male disciples be circumcised, saying: "For neither does circumcision mean anything nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation." In Ephesians he praises the diversity of roles within the community: "And [Christ] gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry." In Philippians he assured the community that, though he is imprisoned, "I want you to know, brothers, that my situation has turned out rather to advance the gospel so that my imprisonment has become well known in Christ throughout the whole praetorium and to all the rest." (A praetorium was the residence and administrative center for a Roman governor.)

Paul takes up a variety of themes in his letters to the Thessalonians. He exhorts the community how to

conduct themselves: "This is the will of God, your holiness: that you refrain from immorality, that each of you know how to acquire a wife for himself in holiness and honor, not in lustful passions as do the Gentiles who do not know God." His second letter to the Thessalonians is short and to the point: "We ask you, brothers, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly [by someone who tells you] that the day of the Lord is at hand."



Paul frequently includes poems or the lyrics to hymns in his letters. Christ "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and earth, the visible and the invisible, whether throne or dominions or principalities or powers..." Scholars believe, for example, that the previous passage was from a liturgical hymn that the Colossians, who he was writing to, were already aware of.

Four other letters—two to Timothy, one to Titus and one to Philemon—are different; they are to individuals who were pastoring their congregations. Timothy was Paul's convert and he was often sent by Paul on special missions. Titus was left in Crete by Paul to organize the community and Paul wrote to give him direction. The Letter to Philemon is written about the situation of Onesimus, a slave who had run away from his master, and whom Paul was sending back to his master but with the request that he be welcomed, not punished.

I love Paul's letters because his full character comes out so vividly. He is encouraging, disciplining, explaining, instructing and reciting hymns and poems. There nothing he denies the disciples. Everything that he is and all that he knows, he gives to them. You might give some thought to reading a chapter of St. Paul each day as part of your prayer. (I recommend the New American Bible, Revised Edition, translation; it has very helpful footnotes that fill you in on what Paul is referring to.)

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will be collecting canned and boxed food donations (please, no perishables), and cash or checks at all masses starting Dec. 1st through the weekend of Dec. 16th. All donations will go towards assisting local disadvantaged families. For more information, contact Brian at 949-378-7454.

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, December 3rd. For more information, contact Paul at 657-245-3722.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

ADVENT CLASSICAL CONCERT

Our parish will host an Advent Classical Concert on Monday, Dec. 10th at 7:00 p.m. Professional classical musicians will present an hour repertoire of classical and Christmas music in our sanctuary. Please plan to attend and invite your friends. This free concert is an early Christmas gift to our parishioners and the Community of Seal Beach.

JOANIE'S PURSE PROJECT

Joanie's Purse Project is an outreach program of Catholic Charities that provides purses filled with personal care items and small gifts to women in Orange County Shelters and other support programs before Christmas. Please bring your donations to the Women's Guild meeting on Nov. 26th, drop them off in the bin by room 1 anytime, or in the parish office between 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday-Friday. We need medium to large, new or gently used, purses and items for inside the purse such as travel size deodorant, Kleenex, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, lip balm, emery boards, etc. Small gifts items could be sun glasses, jewelry, note pads, socks, scarves, pens, hair brushes, hair clips, wallets, etc. For more information, please call Virginia at 714-898-7571.



MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Ministry to the Sick will have a meeting on Monday, December 3rd at 9:45 a.m.



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

DE-STRESS THIS CHRISTMAS

All women of the parish are invited to attend our Advent meeting on Monday, November 26th. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a baby shower, hand out little Advent books, and talk about fun things to do to de-stress during the holidays.



INSTALLATION MASS

All members of the Women's Guild and their families are invited to attend the Noon mass on Sunday, December 2nd when the new board members for 2019 will be installed. There will be a reception in the hall following mass.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Anne will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, November 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come, pray and spend some time with our Lord. If you can, please volunteer to be present for a specific period of time to ensure that every hour with our Lord is covered by signing up on the adoration schedule located in the vestibule of the church.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Our popular Children's Christmas Choir will perform at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass. All children ages 6-18 are invited to participate. Practices on will be held on all Tuesdays in December from 2:30-3:00 p.m.



Snacks will be provided. No experience is necessary! Sign up at faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

Around the Diocese

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

All services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 3—St. Vincent de Paul Parish
345 Talbert Ave, Huntington Beach

Mon., Dec. 10—Holy Spirit Parish
17270 Ward Street, Fountain Valley

Tues., Dec. 11—Holy Spirit Parish
17270 Ward Street, Fountain Valley

Tues., Dec. 11—St. Bonaventure
16400 Springdale, Huntington Beach

Mon., Dec. 17—St. Mary by the Sea
321 Tenth Street, Huntington Beach

Thurs., Dec. 20—Sts. Simon and Jude
20444 Magnolia Street, Huntington Beach

OC BRUNCH FOR 30'S & 40'S

All Catholics in their 30's and 40's are invited to come together for fellowship at a potluck party held at Christ Cathedral in the Pastoral Center on Saturday, December 1st. Newcomers are especially welcome! Please wear dressy attire and bring a potluck item to share. To RSVP or for information about future events, find us on Facebook, Meetup or contact occath3040@gmail.com.

NEW HOPE CRISIS HOTLINE

The New Hope Crisis Hotline provides telephone crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Orange County. Trained crisis workers at the Tower of Hope on the Christ Cathedral campus provide counseling to those who are struggling to cope with day to day life. Services are free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Their number is 714-newhope (714-639-4673).

FR. GREG BOYLE TO SPEAK

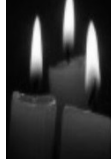
Fr. Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world. He will speak about his ministry to gang members at Sts. Simon & Jude Parish on Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Boyle is the author of two inspiring bestseller books, recipient of the California Peace Prize, and has been inducted into the California Hall of Fame.



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

11/26 ✠Edward Blackford
11/27 ✠Diane Mackel
11/28 ✠Isabela Lopes Stolarz
11/29 ✠Hap Pudewa
11/30 ✠Neli Munoz
12/1 Thanksgiving
(✠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, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, William Spillane, Bill Matheus, John Barnes, Carol Forbes

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

"Don't spend your energies on things that generate worry, anxiety and anguish. Only one thing is necessary: Lift up your spirit, and love God." — St. Padre Pio

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.