

20 January 2019  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



The Marriage Feast At Cana by Frans Francken the Younger

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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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# VIRUS

**W**hen I am out in the desert looking up into the sky on a clear night, I am awestruck by the vastness of the universe that is the milky way. As big as our planet seems to us, the surface area of Saturn is 83 times the area of Earth. 764 planets the size of Earth could fit inside it. The nearest stars to the Sun are Alpha Centauri A and B which are 4.3 light years away. The edge of the observable universe is 46 billion light years away. That's big and far.



But recently I have been contemplating the power of something very small: the influenza virus which can be 80-120 nanometers in diameter. (A nanometer is one billionth of a meter.) It takes a very special kind of microscope to even see things that tiny. Such an infinitesimally small thing stopped me in my tracks recently. I woke in the middle of the night with aching joints; I figured I must have been sleeping in a wrong position. By morning I knew what I had was due to more than lousy sleeping posture. (I will spare you a description of the other flu symptoms, out of courtesy; many of you already know from your own experience)

Why me? I take pretty good care of my health. I wash daily and take all the meds my doctors prescribe. I occasionally exercise (and I aim to do better at that this year.) I live in a fairly clean—not to say—sterile environment. I don't stand out in the rain or stay up to all hours of the night watching old movies on TV. I should not have gotten sick!

Well, I am not alone. In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that more than 200,000 people are hospitalized each year with the

flu or with flu-related complications. More than 36,000 people die. The World Health Organization has determined that the flu kills between 250,000 to 500,000 people each year. In other words, I was lucky.

Was Jesus ever ill? Church tradition holds that the earthly Jesus was like us in all things but sin. Illness is not a sin, though some illnesses are occasioned by sinful activity. (Think over-drinking followed by a hangover.) So the earthly Jesus might well have suf-

fered from colds and the flu. He must have been miserable; indoor heating had yet to be invented.

It can be argued that Jesus, who cured so many, could have simply cured himself. He was divine, after all. But he was also fully human, which meant he was vulnerable, not just to disease but hunger and exhaustion, struggle and heartbreak. I can almost see Jesus' face when the rich young man, when confronted with having to give up his riches in order to follow Jesus, decided it was too much of a sacrifice and walked away.

Jesus did not want to be known as a powerful potentate; he wanted to be known as one of us who was our companion and helper.

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### 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, February 4th. For more information, contact Paul at 657-245-3722.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD


#### SPUDTACULAR DINNER

On Monday, January 28th, the Women's Guild will host their annual Potato Bar supper. Baked potatoes will be served with many delicious and nutritious toppings. Sign-ups (for a head count) will be taken after all masses this weekend. For more information, or to sign up to help, call Laura at 657-301-2420. All women of the parish are invited!

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the Parish Hall. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

### ADORATION

 We are not able to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, January 26th. Please join us on Tuesday, February 26th for our monthly Adoration between 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry will have Adoration on Friday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

### TAMALE FEST

On Sunday, January 20th after the 8:00 a.m. mass, please pick up your tamale order. There will be also be some for sale for those who didn't pre-order. In addition, St. Anne School parents will be in the hall selling homemade scones!



### CAREER RENEWAL

You are invited to Career Renewal meetings to learn skills you can use to enhance your career. Meetings are held on Thursday nights from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. For more information, email Ted at trozolis@earthlink.net.



#### 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. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, January 21st 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 at 562-537-4526.

## WE ARE ONE

LIVING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

### PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

St. Anne kicked off its annual PSA last weekend! Our call to action for this year's Pastoral Services Appeal is **WE ARE ONE—Living the Gospel Message**. Every household is encouraged to support the work of our Church by participating in this appeal. No gift is too great or too small. Once we have met the goal for our parish's share (\$65,000) for diocesan services, your donation will be returned to our parish to help us with our 2019 goal of preparing St. Anne for its second 100 years. In 2021, St. Anne will celebrate its 100th anniversary! Since its establishment, times have changed—more parishioners come to mass by car, a robust economy increased the number of visitors attracted to Seal Beach as a travel destination that attend St. Anne, general urban growth has increased the number of Catholics in our community (79 persons in 1923). A letter from Msgr. Mike, along with a brochure about the PSA, was sent out in the mail. If you didn't receive a letter, PSA information and envelopes are available in the vestibule of our church. Pledges can be made by mail or you can drop your pledge in the collection basket during Mass. Please prayerfully consider how your family will respond to this call to carry out Christ's work in our community.

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—1/13	\$7,017
Online giving week ending 1/14	\$1,500
PSA donations as of 1/13	\$5,275

## Around the Diocese

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### **MASS FOR UNBORN CHILDREN**

Bishop Vann invites you to join him at the Mass for the Protection of Unborn Children on Tuesday, January 22, to pray for an end to abortion, healing for those involved in abortion and a renewed respect for all human life in our society. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Arboretum at Christ Cathedral.

### **PACHANGA TURN-AROUND**

Catholic Charities Auxiliary Chapter II is sponsoring a Pechango Casino Turn-around on Saturday February 9th. The bus will leave St. Anne at 7:30 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Come have fun on the bus with Bingo and refreshments, followed by 5 hours of casino excitement. For more information, call Jackie at 562-431-6092 or Virginia at 714-898-7571.

### **OLR OPEN HOUSE**

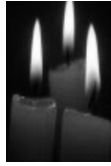
Our Lady of Refuge Catholic School is located in southeast Long Beach. Offering academic excellence in a faith-filled environment, they are accepting applications for TK through grade 7 for the 19/20 school year. Perspective families are invited to attend their open house on Sunday, January 27th between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon to meet the faculty and learn more about the OLR experience. OLR offers before and after school care, a hot lunch program, extra curricular activities and an amazing STEM program. For more information, please call the school office at 562-597-0819 or visit [www.olrs.org](http://www.olrs.org).

### **SACRED HEART PRAYER SERIES**

The Sacred Heart sisters will be giving a 4 week evening series for adults on Prayer—The Foundation of our relationship with God, exploring Part 4 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Join them on Feb. 5th, 13th, 19th and 26th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Retreat Center, 2927 Greenville St. in Santa Ana. The suggested donation is \$17 per session or \$60 for all four. Please RSVP by January 28th. For more information or to RSVP, email [retreatcenter@sacredheartsisters.com](mailto:retreatcenter@sacredheartsisters.com) or call 714-557-4538.

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

1/21	✠Clara Hope
1/22	✠Michael D'Agastino
1/23	✠John Van Hook
1/24	✠Celeste Ortmann
1/25	✠John Van Hook
1/26	✠Marie Duyen
	(✠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, Julia Poirier, Jerome Gendron, Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Steven Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, Mary Kiely, John Barnes, Carol Forbes, Catherine Tautges, Ken Hammond, Myrna Navarro, Jean Engel

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

"I know now that true charity consists in bearing all of our neighbors' defects—not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues."

—St. Therese of Lisieux

## SACRAMENTS

**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](mailto: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.