

3 February 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

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St. Paul Writing His Epistles, Valentin de Boulogne

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

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

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BEHEADED MARTYRS OF FEBRUARY, PART 1



ften it is difficult to separate fact from fiction in the lives of the early martyrs. Take, for example, Saint Blaise whose feast is today.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea (in a part of Armenia that is now in Turkey.) He was a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throats. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life were written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise." His feast day is today, February 3rd.

Perhaps Blaise began as a healer and then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He is said to have retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer, but people often went out to him for healing. At some unknown point he was ordained a bishop.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was impressed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith, so he beat him with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea, and on the way came across a poor old woman



whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did—alive and uninjured—to the amazement of all. Myself, I doubt a wolf would return his dinner even if he was asked politely by a saint; that's not what wolves do.

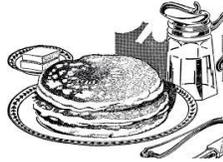
Next week, Saint Valentine. Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, February 10th following the 8:00 AM and 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 also available) along with eggs, sausage and fruit. 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, February 4th. For more information, contact Paul at 657-245-3722.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

SPREAD THE WORD—NOT THE FLU



Staying healthy physically is a very important part of our spiritual well-being. The sign of peace and communion are integral parts of the Catholic mass, but these traditions can come at a cost in flu season. For the duration of flu season, be considerate and be proactive about taking care of your health with these suggestions:

- Get a flu vaccine, it isn't too late.
- During flu season wash your hands more than usual and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- In Christian charity, those who aren't feeling well should not attend Mass, and return to church only when they are well. The obligation to attend Mass does not apply to those who are sick.
- During the Sign of Peace, instead of a handshake, make a simple gesture such as a smile or a bow of the head with the words "Peace be with you" to show the mutual charity celebrated in this part of the liturgy. Our church is currently suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass. Our Holy water fonts are being drained and re-filled regularly. We pray for the health of all who are ill and not with us today.



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.

BLESSING OF THROATS

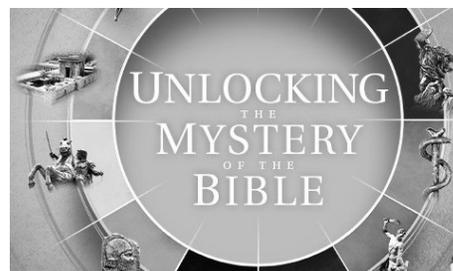
This Sunday, the feast day of St. Blaise, Blessing of the Throats will take place at the end of mass.



WOMEN'S GUILD

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the Parish Hall. Next month's meeting will be Monday, February 25th. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will benefit from participating in this study series and help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. The series includes eight informative and engaging half hour videos. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. The 8 week series begins on Thursday, March 7th, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The cost to attend is \$25 and includes a Bible Timeline Chart, a Bible study workbook, and the ability to stream the study videos online at your convenience. For more information call Joseph at 562-343-8993. To register, pick up a registration form in the back of the church, from the parish office, or email the parish office to receive one electronically.

Around the Diocese

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

All are invited to participate in the Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass on Saturday, February 9th at St. Columban Church in Garden Grove at 10:00 a.m. Most Rev. Bishop Vann will be the principal celebrant. There will be anointing of the sick, laying on of hands, and a blessing with Lourdes water for those who care for the sick.

RETURNING CATHOLICS

Sts. Simon and Jude is hosting a program that offers an opportunity for returning Catholics to share common experiences, ask questions, and learn more about their Catholic faith in a confidential, supportive environment. A new 8 week *Landings* series will begin on February 21st, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information or to register for *Landings* please contact Lisa at 714-963-0014.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Two Marriage Encounter weekends are coming up. The first is Feb. 15-17 at County Inn and Suites, Orange County Airport. The second will be March 22-24. An Encounter weekend can put a spark and romance back in your marriage. For additional information, please call John and Maggie at 714-873-5136 or you may sign up on the website www.OCWWME.org

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—1/27	\$8,384
Online giving week ending 1/27	\$ 980
2019 PSA as of 1/27/19	
Registered Families	750
Family Pledge Goal	200
Families Pledged	30
Amount Pledged Goal	\$120,000
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Thank you to all who have prayerfully and generously donated in support of our Church!

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 2/4 ✠ Bob Kribs
 2/5 ✠ Arlene Baggott
 2/6 ✠ Theresa McLean
 2/7 ✠ Maria Nguyen, Luu Thi
 2/8 Thanksgiving
 2/9 ✠ Julie Lis
 (✠ 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, Carmela Chiurazzi

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

"I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand." — St. Anselm of Canterbury

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.

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.