

3 March 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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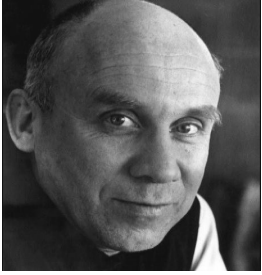
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MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

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

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We have had plenty of precipitation lately. It can make our lives complicated. But it can also be a great blessing, as this except from Thomas Merton describes. Msgr. Mike

Let me say this before rain becomes a utility that they can plan and distribute for money. By "they" I mean the people who cannot understand that rain is a festival, who do not appreciate its gratuity, who think that what has no price has no value, that what cannot be sold is not real, so that the only way to make something *actual* is to place it on the market. The time will come when they will sell you even your rain. At the moment it is still free, and I am in it. I celebrate its gratuity and its meaninglessness.

The rain I am in is not like the rain of cities. It fills the woods with an immense and confused sound. It covers the flat roof of the cabin and its porch with inconsistent and controlled rhythms. And I listen, because it reminds me again and again that the whole world runs by rhythms I have not yet learned to recognize, rhythms that are not those of the engineer.

I came up here from the monastery last night, sloshing through the cornfield, said Vespers, and put some oatmeal on the Coleman stove for supper. It boiled over while I was listening to the rain and toasting a piece of bread at the log fire. The night became very dark. The rain surrounded the whole cabin with its enormous virginal myth, a whole world of meaning, of secrecy, of silence, of rumor. Think of it: all that speech pouring down, selling nothing, judging nobody, drenching the thick mulch of dead leaves, soaking the trees, filling the gullies and crannies of the wood with water, washing out the places where men have stripped the hillside! What a thing it is to sit absolutely alone, in the forest, at night, cherished by this wonderful, unintelligible,

RAIN

perfectly innocent speech, the most comforting speech in the world, the talk that rain makes by itself all over the ridges, and the talk of the watercourses everywhere in the hollows!

Nobody started it, nobody is going to stop it. It will talk as long as it wants, this rain. As long as it talks I am going to listen.

But I am also going to sleep, because here in this wilderness I have learned how to sleep again. Here I am not alien. The trees I know, the night I know, the rain I know. I close my eyes and instantly sink into the whole rainy world of which I am a part, and the world goes on with me in it....

Of course the festival of rain cannot be stopped, even in the city. The woman from the delicatessen scampers along the sidewalk with a newspaper over her head. The streets, suddenly washed, became transparent and alive, and the noise of traffic becomes a splashing of fountains... The obsessed citizens plunge through the rain bearing the load of their obsessions, slightly more vulnerable than before, but still only barely aware of external realities. They do not see that the streets shine beautifully, that they themselves are walking on stars and water, that they are running in skies to catch a bus or a taxi, to shelter somewhere in the press of irritated humans, the faces of advertisements and the dim, cretinous sound of unidentified music. But they must know that there is wetness abroad. Perhaps they even feel it. I cannot say.

Naturally no one can believe the things they say about the rain. It all implies one basic lie: only the *city is real*. That weather, not being planned, not being fabricated, is an impertinence, a wren on the visage of progress. (Just a simple little operation, and the whole mess may become relatively tolerable. Let business *make* the rain. This will give it meaning.)

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S DAY PARISH POTLUCK

Have you signed up to attend the parish potluck on Saturday, March 9th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall? It is a fun evening of parish fellowship with good music, Irish dancers, great food, beverages, door prizes and a raffle.



Sign-Up sheets are posted in the vestibule and by the side entrance of the Church. If you didn't sign up and decide you'd like to attend later this week, bring a potluck dish to share and come have fun. For more information, please contact Jim at 714-609-1297.

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

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

CRS RICE BOWL


"After the resurrection, when the disciples went forth in all directions, the Lord accompanied them. This is what happens as the result of true encounter." – Pope Francis

During Lent our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of the Resurrection. We will see how our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving can respond to Pope Francis's invitation to *Share the Journey*. As we prepare for this holy season, it is especially important to come together as a family and reflect on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war that forced our brothers and sisters to flee their homes. In so doing, we pledge to stand alongside these members of our human family, supporting them as the Gospel calls us to do. Please consider these suggestions in your Lenten plan:

1) Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving. 2) Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey. 3) Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent.

Rice Bowls are available by the entrances to the Church. We will collect CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

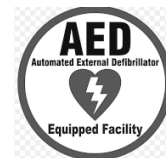




OUR MISSION:
Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith,

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St. Anne has purchased an Automated External Defibrillator for the church! This is just one of the many ways your 2018 PSA donations are being used to make our parish safer and prepared for emergencies.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. While not a Holy Day of Obligation, all parishioners are encouraged to begin Lent by receiving ashes. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence for all Catholics.



- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.
- Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days only one full, meatless meal is allowed. Some food may be taken at other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Eating between meals on these days is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Where health would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Don't forget to spring forward one hour on Saturday night!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—2/24 \$8442
Online giving week ending 2/24 \$2315

2019 PSA as of 2/24/19

Registered Families	750
Family Pledge Goal	200
Families Pledged	127
Amount Pledged Goal	\$120,000
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Thank you to all who have donated to our Parish!

Around the Diocese

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 11—7:00 PM

St. Vincent De Paul, Huntington Beach

Monday, March 25—7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Parish, Fountain Valley

Tuesday, March 26—7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Parish, Fountain Valley

Tuesday, April 2—7:00 PM

St. Bonaventure, Huntington Beach

Monday, April 8—7:00 PM

St. Mary by the Sea, Huntington Beach

Thursday, April 11—7:00 PM

Sts. Simon & Jude, Huntington Beach

HEART OF JESUS LENTEN RETREAT

On Tuesday, March 12th from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. or on Wednesday, March 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center at 2927 S. Greenville St. in Santa Ana is offering Lenten Retreats for adults. For more information, please email RetreatCenter@sacredheartsisters.com or call 714-557-4538.

CONFRONT GLOBAL POVERTY

Be one of a million Catholics connected through “Catholics Confront Global Poverty” sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. Work together to increase and improve international assistance, make global trade fair, help poor countries benefit from their natural resources, address the causes of migration and reform migration policy to protect human dignity, protect creation and poor people by tackling climate change, and promote peace-building and diplomacy to end impoverishing effects of conflict. For more information go to www.crs.org/globalpoverty.

GALA FUNDRAISER

St. Anne Church & School in Santa Ana invites everyone to their upcoming fundraising event “Angels Among Us.” The gala on Saturday, March 9th begins at 6:00 PM at Mater Dei High School. The cost is \$50 per person. Tickets are available at ssgala19.givesmart.com.



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 3/4 ✠ Warren Ortmann
 3/5 ✠ Arlene Baggott
 3/6 For the Parish
 3/7 ✠ Margaret Bush
 3/8 ✠ Danny Flores
 3/9 Nepomuceno Anniversary
 (✠ 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, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, Mary Kiely, John Barnes, Katherine Irwin, Dcn. Gary Mucho, L. Tanguay

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

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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.