

12 May 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saint Anne

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The Good Shepherd by Eric Gill

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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PRECIOUS

Since I work weekends, I don't get to the Farmer's Market as often as I would like. Most of the time the vegetables in *Pavilions* are good enough, but if I want something like a really good vine-ripened tomato—a tomato so perfect it requires not a shake of salt—then I've got to get myself to the Farmer's Market, and get there early for the best selection. I could make a whole meal out of one of those sweet babies.

When I lived in Rome many years ago, I found just such luscious tomatoes at the Farmer's Market that took place in our neighborhood piazza. The vegetables there were the best I had ever eaten but I learned a hard lesson. They looked so good, I would buy a big sack of them, but they had been harvested to be eaten right away. If I left them out on a plate for more than a day, they would be wilted. The tomatoes especially would burst their skins and shrivel down to a tiny hulk.

By contrast I remember my parents going to the market every Saturday, filling up the shopping cart to the brim with everything we would eat in the coming week—breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, meals and deserts. Occasionally we would need to use a second cart if guests were coming to dinner that week. (Those were the days when my father loved to barbeque big T-bone steaks, a whole one for each person.) Unless there was a special salad on Sunday, fresh fruit and vegetables were scarce; peas and carrots and corn would be frozen in blocks to be warmed up with a little water at dinner time. We'd only go to the market during the week if my mom left off an ingredient on her Saturday list. When we were old enough, she would send one of us on our bike to fetch the needed item.

Precious are those items that last, or so we think:

diamonds, gold, silver, bronze, marble and other quarried stone, costly hard woods. You can count on them; they will last; that's their virtue. The worst that can happen is that you will have to polish off a little tarnish on your silverware.

But we also cherish other things precisely because they don't last: budding flowers, vegetables right out of the



field, fruits with sweetness bursting as you bite into them, the leaves on maple and other flat leaved trees as they fade colorfully in autumn, the birds that show up in spring and fly south in winter. Their fragility adds to the pleasure we take in them. We look up in spring and smile, seeing the birds returning; in the fall fathers

get out their rakes to harvest the leaves spread across the ground, only to have to do it again a few days later. Back east over the whole neighborhood there would be the unmistakable smell of burning piles of leaves, tended by fathers and their older children.

We think of our relationships as lasting, and the best do last for years and years, so much so that we sometimes take them for granted. But a dear neighbor suddenly moves to Bakersfield for a job promotion; parents and grandparents die, often without forewarning; children marry, move out and begin families of their own, sometimes nearby, frequently far-flung. One day somebody in a bad mood says the wrong things—unexpectedly terrible things—ending communication abruptly. Will an apology ever be offered? Who knows? Apologies seem to have gone out of fashion of late. Too bad.

Ecclesiasticus tells us that everything has its season, but you only find the preciousness of every season when you heed it.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus are teaming up with the Life Centers of Orange County to offer roses for a suggested donation of \$5 for two or \$30 per dozen this weekend after all masses. All proceeds go to benefit Pro-Life efforts at Orange County Life Centers.

Please help make our Mother's Day Rose campaign another great success.

MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd. For more information, contact Paul Pudenz at 657-245-3722.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"



WOMEN'S GUILD

MAY 13TH GENERAL MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to an inspiring Marian presentation on May 13th in the Parish Hall. In May, we honor the gift of motherhood, especially the model of all mothers, our Blessed Mother Mary. Please bring fresh cut flowers to honor her as we crown her during of our General Meeting. Our guest speaker, Fr. Ben, will tell us about one of the greatest supernatural occurrences in history and the three secrets Our Lady revealed to three poor children of Fatima who are now canonized saints: Sts. Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. Come join us at 6:30 p.m. for a social and at 7:00 p.m. for Fr. Ben's presentation.

CAREER RENEWAL MEETINGS

Attention job seekers and volunteers! We have Career Renewal meetings each Thursday evening from 7–9 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please drop in, say hello, and learn the skills you need to find the job you'll love. All are welcome. For more information on job help or becoming a volunteer, please email Kathy Keller at Keller.math@gmail.com or call 714-206-0885.

PARISHES IN COLLABORATION

Last weekend St. Anne collected \$4,790 for Parishes in Collaboration, helping to support our parishes that struggle financially. Thank you for your generosity!



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.

WILLS AND TRUSTS

During the week of May 20-25, the Orange Catholic Foundation will provide eleven Wills and Trusts sessions throughout the Diocese. St. Anne will be hosting one of the sessions on Wednesday, May 22nd from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Estate planning and having a Will or Trust in place are responsibilities that all of us should take seriously. All presenters are local Catholic estate planning professionals who will answer questions regarding estate taxes, probate, trusts, guardianship, selecting a personal representative, and steps on how to create or update your plans. Those who attend will be offered a complimentary consultation to be used within six months. If you don't have a Will or Trust, or you need to update yours, please try to join us.

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Kelsey A., Jolie B., Tyler B., Cayden C., Clare C., Declan C., Ella D., Theresa E., Owen F., Edson L., Kamila N., Gabe P., Settia Q., Nathan S. and Isabella T. who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 4, 2019.

REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration for PreK through 8th grade Faith Formation for 2019/2020 without a late fee is May 22nd! New families may call the Faith Formation office at 562-431-0721 x 16 to receive a packet.

SUMMER IS COMING

Remember Father Bob's favorite word... **POP** (Pray, Obey, Play)! God has given us the gift of time. Summer is a wonderful season to enjoy it! Count the stars, dip your toes in the ocean, play catch, eat outside. And while you're enjoying the gifts of summer, spend a few minutes as a family giving thanks for your blessings! Attend weekly mass and go to confession as a family building up patterns of behavior during the summer that last a lifetime.

Around the Diocese

BEING SICK/CARING FOR SICK

If you are living with a chronic or debilitating illness, or are caring for someone faced with this challenge, you are invited to participate in a workshop/retreat on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Orange. Lunch is included. The fee is \$60 and scholarships are available. The presenters are Sr. Eileen McNerney, CSJ and her team. For more information, or to register, call 714-744-3172 or email Emmaus@csjorange.org.

ODCCW

The Crowning of Mary is the highlight of the year for Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the beginning of summer. Please join them at St. Mary's in Fullerton and discover the beauty and the blessings of this special time together. The donation is \$18 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., with opening prayer at 9:15 a.m. Please RSVP before Friday, May 17th to Pat Martin at 714-892-5219 or jimandpatmartin@gmail.com

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

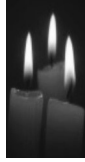
Join Catholic, Easter Orthodox, Assyrian and Coptic parishes from across Orange County at the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity on Friday, May 31st at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature guest homilist Valerie Karras and choirs from St. Justin Martyr, Annunciation Byzantine, St. Paul's Assyrian, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox and the Coptic Youth Singers.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Marriage Encounter weekend will be held on May 17-19 at the Country Inn and Suites, Orange County Airport. It is open to all married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. The emphasis is on communication between husband and wife, while away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life. For more information or to sign up to attend, please contact John or Maggie at 714-873-5136.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

5/13 Kyndal Dasenbrock
 5/14 †Anne & Robert Todrzak
 5/15 Bill Berman
 5/16 Janice Donovan & Family
 5/17 †Martha Ryan
 5/18 †Ana Ho
 (†Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Ken Hammond, 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, Mary Ann McCabe, Mary Kunz, Patrick Gallagher

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

"What great faith our Lord Jesus Christ asks of us—and how just that is. Do we not owe him such faith? It looks impossible to us, but Jesus is Master of the impossible."

— Blessed Charles de Foucauld

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. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

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.