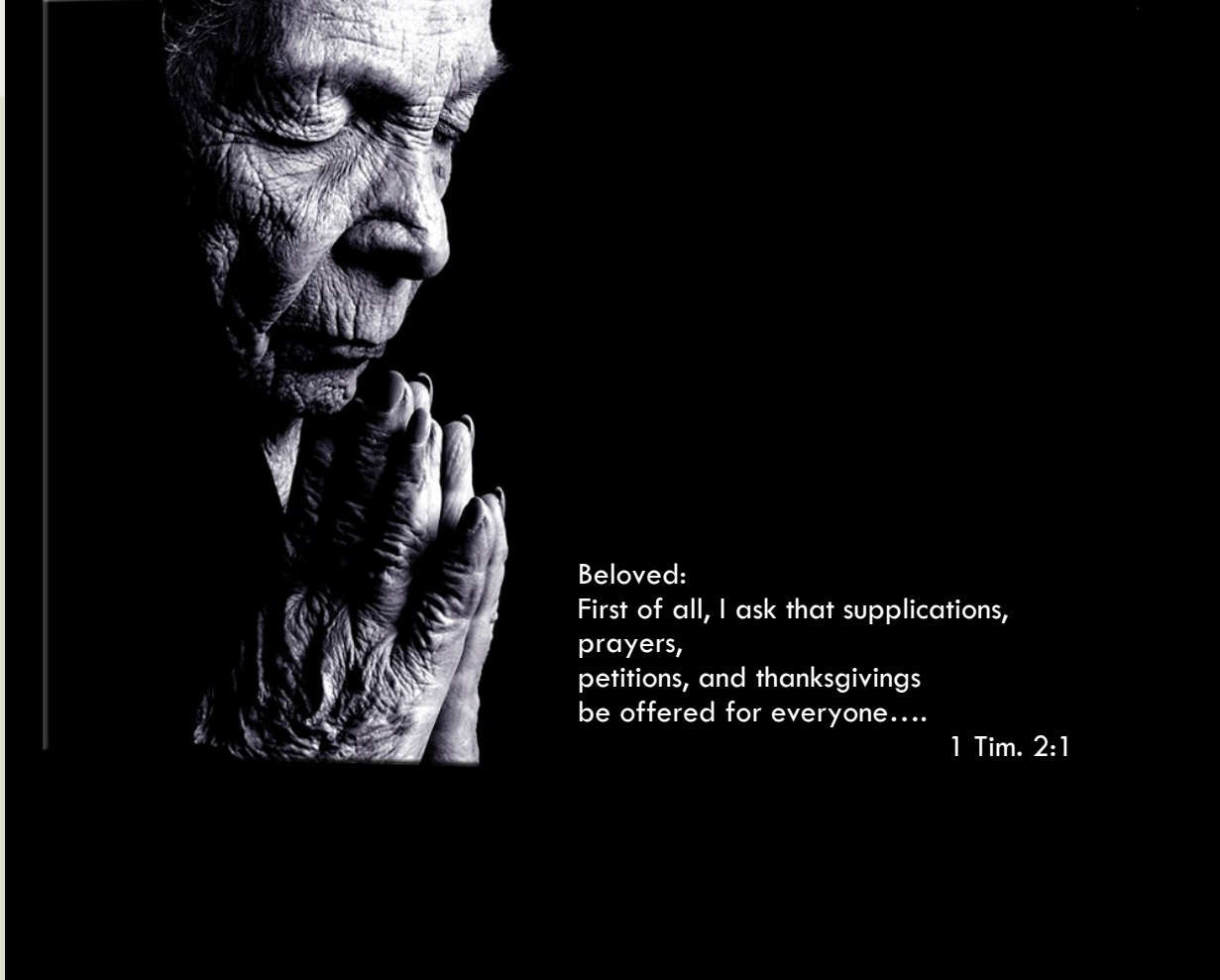


22 September 2019

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Beloved:
First of all, I ask that supplications,
prayers,
petitions, and thanksgivings
be offered for everyone....

1 Tim. 2:1

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THE CALL

There's got to be more to it than what Saint Mark tells us in his Gospel. Simon and his brother were casting their nets into the Sea of Galilee when Jesus said, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Right then and there the two followed Jesus. Mark's gospel includes no conversation among them, no questions from the disciples; he has written down nothing but the call.

Jesus then ran into James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother James; he also called them and they immediately left their Father in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus. What was so compelling? After all, the fishermen seemed to be successful; Zebedee and his sons were doing well enough to hire workmen to help them. Why would they set that aside?



The obvious explanation is that all these men were neighbors around the Sea. They already knew each other. I would not be surprised if Jesus had gone out fishing with them from time to time; he certainly knew a lot about the art of fishing. But it must also have been true that the disciples had already known a lot about Jesus and his spirituality. They had been given the basics by Jesus in neighborhood conversation and perhaps in the give-and-take of synagogue services.

A little while later, something similar happens again. Along the sea, a crowd gathered around Jesus and his disciples. Jesus saw someone he obviously already knew, Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting in his custom's post. Jesus called him to follow him, which he did. Apparently where Jesus led Levi and the others was to Levi's own house where the whole crowd was going to be fed. The scribes and the Pharisees were dismayed to find themselves dining with sinners and tax collectors but Jesus explained that he came to save all sinners and so all were welcome. The Pharisees were unlikely swayed; sinners are sinners and the Pharisees did not consider themselves sinners in need of saving and apparently neither did the learned scribes.

Luke's Gospel gives a clearer sense of discernment.

Upon a mountain Jesus spent a night in prayer; in the morning he came down and chose twelve from among his disciples to serve as apostles. But Jesus selected Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve, which obviously was a mistake. Luke clearly identifies him as the one "who became a traitor."

We incorrectly think of a "call" as a once in a lifetime moment. Rather, if it is allowed to, a call grows into an ongoing relationship in which further calls may be discovered.

St. Mother Teresa was a Sister of Loreto, until she was called to leave the Loreto Sisters and found the Missionaries of Charity.

St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seaton distinguished herself in New York by founding "The Society for the

Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children." After her experiences in Italy, she became a Catholic, which led her to be shunned by many of her peers in respectable society. Having lost her husband, she found it difficult to care for herself and her five children. Despite that, she ran a school for boys, then a larger school for girls, and in the end she was able to found a community of religious women, the Sisters of St. Joseph, the first America-based religious community. In Emmetsburg, Maryland, she and her community were able to offer free education to the girls of the parish, the beginning of what became the parochial school system.

It's worth praying about one's own call from time to time. Like St. Elizabeth, sometimes a trip can deepen one's calling. At other time it is a thoughtful conversation with a friend or even a stranger, or reading a compelling book, even seeing a stirring play or movie. Like Mother Teresa, it can be the direct contact with the suffering poor and dying; others walked around the dying as they went about their daily affairs; Mother Teresa saw them and realized that they were the people to whom she had been called.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Our Knights of Columbus will begin fundraising for "Pennies from Heaven" this weekend. Please pick up a Baby Bottle and fill it with coins, cash and/or checks and return to the Knights at any Mass through October 13th. All donations will be delivered to the Orange County Catholic Diocese Respect Life Ministry to support Diocese approved Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers and Women's Shelters. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity. For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor 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 October 7th. For more information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

SALAD SUPPER

Here's to a fun evening of friendship and fellowship in our Parish Hall this Monday at 6:00 p.m. Volunteered to help? Don't forget we still need you. Signed up a bring dessert? Please come a bit early to drop it off. If you would like a little "fruit of the vine" with dinner, BYOB. Thanks in advance for your \$5 donation at the door which helps us cover costs. Questions? Email Judy and Marge at stannesalsup19@gmail.com.

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

For membership information, please pickup a Women's Guild brochure and membership application from the back of the church. For more information, please call Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

LAUDATO SI

Come to the Parish Hall on Thursday, October 4th at 9:45 a.m. for a special 90 minute presentation in appreciation of the patron saint of animals, birds, and the environment.



OUR MISSION:

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

ST. ANNE BOOK CLUB

Please join us Wednesday, October 2nd for a discussion of the book *St. Francis of Assisi* (Dover Philosophical Classics). This magnificent spiritual biography by the popular G. K. Chesterton (Fr. Brown Mysteries) – a convert to Catholicism – chronicles the saint's calling, his extraordinary life, and his influence in the Church. Its charm and wit will appeal to everyone. How fitting that Francesco Bernardone was born just after the Dark Ages when the world was awakening. He started out as a colorful troubadour with a fondness for French poetry, extravagant with money ... until the sight of a beggar seeking alms opened his eyes to a world beyond himself. The scene so moved him, he vowed to God that he would devote his life to the poor and embrace a life of simplicity. This sense of humility and generosity continues to call to each of us today. With great affection, Chesterton explores the life and times of St. Francis – his joyous devotion, his sense of compassion and love for all creation, his visions and miracles, his stigmata, and his band of followers that became the Franciscan Order. Here is a stimulating read for anyone looking for a burst of pure inspiration. We will meet from Noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. Everyone is invited!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even fish, may come to St. Anne for a special ceremony, the Blessing of Animals. If it is difficult for your pet to attend, you may choose to bring a photo instead. Please join Fr. Tim for the blessing which will take place on Saturday, October 5th at 9:45 a.m. on the steps of the church. This blessing is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. After the Blessing, the pet will be gently sprinkled with holy water. All pets must be on a leash, in a carrier, or physically restrained.

Around the Diocese

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place November 1–3. If the romance has gone out of your marriage, attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend can help! For more information or to sign up, contact John and Maggie at 714-873-5136, or sign up on line at www.OCWWME.org.

HEALING POWER OF GOD'S MERCY

Guest speaker Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM, was born and raised in Poland and from the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where St. Faustina belonged. Everyone is invited to hear her speak on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Orange. Adoration, confessions and refreshments will follow the talk.

BISHOPS' GOLF TOURNAMENT

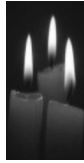
The 21st Bishops' Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club, 26772 Avery Parkway in Mission Viejo. Hosted by Bishops Kevin Vann, Timothy Freyer, Thanh Nguyen and Tod Brown, proceeds from this event benefit children at risk in Orange County with food, shelter and emergency needs. Last year, golfers and sponsors helped over 30,000 children become safe, stable and healthy. Registration and lunch will take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m. followed by a 12:00 Noon Tee Off. At 6:00 p.m., join the fun for dinner, an auction, opportunity drawing and fine wine opportunity. For registration, sponsorship or underwriting information visit www.ccoc.org or phone 714-347-9668.

HEALING EUCHARIST

“Christ’s Healing Presence” is the theme Fr. Cwiekowski and Fr. Damba will address at the Healing Eucharist they will celebrate on Monday, September 23rd at 7:15 p.m. at St. Angela Merici Church in Brea. All those suffering physically, emotionally, spiritually, psychologically or know others who are, are encouraged to come. Individual prayer will follow the Eucharist where music will be provided by the Healing Eucharist Praise team.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

9/23 † Ruth Van Hook
 9/24 Michelle Cave
 9/25 † Caroline B. Gomez
 9/26 † David Del Fonzo
 9/27 † Bill Robertson
 9/28 Our Parish
 († Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho,
 Kathy Purcell, Julia Poirier, Jerome Gendron,
 Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mary Kiely,
 Steven Lang, Marlene Blackford, Linda Bolt,
 Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi,
 Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, John Barnes, Mike Mauro,
 Katherine Irwin, L. Tanguay, Dixie Redfearn, Mary Kunz,
 Dewey Linehan, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head."

— St. Charles Borromeo

"Three things are necessary to everyone: truth of faith which brings understanding, love of Christ which brings compassion, and endurance of hope which brings perseverance."

— St. Bonaventure

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 email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org or call 562-431-0721 ext. 16.

Confirmation: For more information about Youth Ministry programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 15 or email ym@stannesealbeach.org.

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.