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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Van Gogh, Mulberry Tree

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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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## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

What is well known about Saint Francis of Assisi is that he started out as the son of a wealthy merchant but lived a life of poverty, gathering together like-minded men into what would become the Franciscan order. Also he preached to the birds and tamed a wolf that had been attacking people. But here are some things you may not know about the saint whose feast we celebrated last Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Francis' father, Pietro Bernardone, was enamored with all things French. In fact, he was in France when his son was born. His mother had their son baptized Giovanni after John the Baptist. Pietro was furious when he found out. He changed his name to Francesco because he wanted his son to reflect his own infatuation with France. His name meant French man.

In his youth Francis was not focused on holiness; he wanted to be a noble. Battle was the place in which he thought he could distinguish himself. At that time Assisi declared war on their long-time enemy, Perugia. The soldiers of Assisi were butchered. Francis seems to have survived because his father was rich and the Perugians knew they could demand a ransom for his release. It took a year but he was released.

The glory of battle was still on his mind when the call went out for knights to join the Fourth Crusade. Francis had a fancy suit of armor made decorated with gold, purchased a horse and a magnificent cloak to wear with his armor. Just one day on his way to the crusade, God told him in a dream that he had it all wrong and should return home, which he did. Not only had he not made it into battle but he was humiliated, laughed at and called a coward. His father was not pleased about how much money was wasted on the armor.

Only then did Francis start spending time in prayer; he went to a cave and wept over his sins. Slowly he was opening himself up to God's grace. A man who was

repulsed by deformity in any form suddenly faced a leper in the middle of the road. He jumped down from his horse and kissed the hand of the leper. When his kiss of peace was returned, Francis was filled with joy. As he rode off, he turned around and saw that the leper was gone. He realized that the encounter was a test from God and that he had passed it.



After that Francis began repairing the ancient church at San Damiano. Francis took fabric from his father's shop and sold it to get the money he needed to repair the church. When his father found out about the theft, he demanded that Francis return the money and renounce his rights as an heir. That led to the famous incident when Francis took off his clothes, gave them to his father, saying "Pietro Bernardone is no longer my father. From now on I can say freely, 'Our Father who art in heaven.'"

He began preaching, and that gathered a band of young men around him who wanted to know how they should live. Francis found three passages that gave them direction: Jesus telling the rich young man to sell all his goods and give to the poor; Jesus telling his disciples to take nothing for the journey when they were sent out as missionaries; and Jesus' demand that they take up the cross daily.

During the Fifth Crusade, Francis and a few companions went to Syria to convert the Moslems. He found his way to the Sultan to make peace. The Sultan was charmed by Francis and what he had to say. He replied, "I would convert to your religion, which is a beautiful one, but both of us would be murdered."

Years of poverty and a life of wandering led to illness for Francis. He was going blind but during this time he wrote his Canticle to the Sun about his brotherhood with creation in praising God. He was filled with joy to the very last day of his life. Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

This weekend is our next to last week to collect Baby Bottles filled with coins, cash and/or checks. Bottles may be returned to the Knights at any Mass through October 13th. All donations go to the Orange County Catholic Diocese Respect Life Ministry to support Diocese approved Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers and Women's Shelters. For more information, contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.



#### MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7th. For more information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker is our very own Fr. Timothy Nguyen, Parochial Vicar. He will talk on his spiritual journey to the priesthood. This will be a wonderful evening to get to know him and show our support and appreciation for his dedication and sacrifice to the Holy Church. All parishioners are invited.

### OCTOBER MASS COUNT

Ushers will be counting attendance for the four weekends of October 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27. The October Count helps parishes and the diocese with trends, evaluation and planning. Overall numbers are sent to the Holy See each year.

### PEER TO PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Divorce Ministry will be hosting a 6 week program, Thursdays, October 10–November 14 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. to assist with the emotional pain of divorce and separation. Key challenges and unique family dynamics will be addressed. Donation is \$25 to register at any time which includes book, daily devotional and drop in format. You can also register on the first day of group. Meetings are held at the Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center, 13280 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840



#### OUR MISSION:

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

### CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY

We invite you and your family to fill out a Spiritual Bouquet card for our clergy. You can find them at both entrances to the church. Any private prayers you choose to make for our clergy are symbolized by the card and suggestions are on the front. You may also write greetings on the back. Fill out as many as you like and turn them in by Friday, October 11th to the special boxes in the church. They will be placed on the altar during mass next weekend and then given to our clergy.

### LIFE CHAIN—SEAL BEACH

On Sunday, October 6th from 5:00–6:30 p.m. we will pray for all unborn babies and stand with thousands of pro-lifers across the USA. All are welcome. This event will be preceded by a Mass for Life at St Anne's at 4:00 p.m.

### ROSARY ACADEMY INVITATION

40th annual Cracked Crab Dinner on Saturday, October 12th at the Karcher Center. Silent auction and cocktails begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$60 thru October 4th, then \$80. Reserved tables of 10 for \$800. Proceeds support Rosary. Register at [www.rosaryacademy.org/crackedcrab](http://www.rosaryacademy.org/crackedcrab)

### ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (ODCCW)

The general gathering is Tuesday, October 15th starting with Mass at 8:30 a.m. at Christ Cathedral Campus, Chapel in the Sky in the Tower of Hope building top floor. Registration begins 9:15 a.m. with opening prayer at 9:45 a.m. at the Culture Center/Atrium ground level. Donation of \$18 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Make reservations with Pat Martin: (714) 866-0633 or email [jimandpatmartin@gmail.com](mailto:jimandpatmartin@gmail.com).

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## Around the Diocese

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### 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](http://www.OCWWME.org).

### GRIEVING LOSS OF MARRIAGE

A healing and growth program to face loss of your marriage through death, divorce or separation is available at the Pro Sanctity Center in Fullerton, Oct. 11-13. Register with Kim at (714)336-3221.

### BISHOPS' GOLF TOURNAMENT

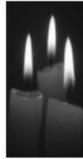
The 21st Bishops' Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club, 26772 Avery Parkway in Mission Viejo. Hosted by Bishops Kevin Vann, Timothy Freyer, Thanh Nguyen and Tod Brown. Proceeds from this event benefit children at risk in Orange County with food, 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](http://www.ccoc.org) or phone 714-347-9668.

### PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Meetings will be held Tuesdays: October 8 and 29; November 5 and 26; and December 3. All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 Hillgate in Irvine. For more information contact Rev. Brandon Dang at (714) 282-3046 or [bdang@rcbo.org](mailto:bdang@rcbo.org).

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/7 Lisi Cave  
 10/8 †Eddie Kearns  
 10/9 †Robert Corrette  
 10/10 †Burke & Keating Families  
 10/11 Father Cassian diRocco  
 10/12 †Marie Roudine  
 (†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, Dr. John  
 Holland, Beverly Maybrier

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."  
 — Pope Saint Gregory the Great

"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."  
 — St. Teresa of Avila

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.