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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



The Destruction of Jerusalem from the Arch of Titus in Rome

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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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## EXPERIENCE II

Experience is not just personal; we do not simply create a life in our own image and likeness. Well, narcissists sometimes do. Rather, experience is collective. Think of life as a large library in which we experience many things: insights derived from the many books we sit down and read, of course, but also by the quiet conversations we have with the others in the library, by the questions we ask each other which often bring us to a consensus about what's going on. In this life we should never be bored.

When I was in my twenties, I thought I knew a lot, and I was in a big hurry to communicate what I knew to others. But those I talked to were not always convinced by what I had to say. They asked me questions or disagreed with what I had said. I defensively believed they were simply ignorant; I had already thought the whole thing out and my conclusions were definitive, whether it be about which peanut butter to buy or the nature of divine revelation. As you can imagine, I was *not* an engaging conversationalist; blowhards never are.

Nowadays I am much more inclined to listen. My favorite part of the day is when someone is telling me about his or her life, or explaining why the ocean is sometimes blue, and sometimes green and sometimes brown. These conversations reveal to me much more than I had known previously. They peek my curiosity

and stretch me.

Deep down, we humans have a common core, I believe, but our differences what fascinates. A graduate tells me a bit about how he was changed by the experience of studying chemistry in college, and his experi-



ence studying chemistry has little in common with my experience in the college seminary. A chef is poetic about the pleasure she has in cooking, not just in

pleasing others with her recipes but by the flavors and textures themselves; listening to her, I can almost smell the aromas.

For this reason I am glad I did not become a cloistered monk, no matter how much I admired Thomas Merton. I would surely have become bored living in an enclave with just the same group of men and few others. As a parish priest over the years, as I was moved from assignment to assignment, I met folks of every class, ethnic group and temperament. I like the variety.

This week the Dominican Cornelius Ernst is given the last word: "I cannot allow that God can only be adored in spirit and in truth by the individual introverted upon himself and detached from all that might disturb and solicit his heart. It must be possible to find and adore God in the complexity of human experience."

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### NEW DEGREES

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus, Council 9594, is pleased to announce its newest 3rd Degree Knights: Fr. Edward Jablonski, Dave McGovern, Joe Gallo, Terry Cunningham, John Scandura and Joseph Yongvanich.

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Food Drive will commence next weekend. The Knights will be collecting canned and/or boxed food donations (no perishables) and/or cash or checks at all masses the weekends of 11/30-12/1, 12/7-8 and 12/14-15. All donations will go toward assisting local disadvantaged families through the Christmas Season. 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 Monday, December 2nd. For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

#### THANKFULNESS

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 25th at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

#### 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.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce will be providing a Thanksgiving feast for people in our community who cannot be with family or friends on that special day. St. Anne is partnering with the Chamber again this year, providing the use of our Parish Hall. On Thursday, November 28th, Bingo will begin at 11:00 a.m. and dinner will be served at 12:00 Noon. Those who plan to attend must RSVP to McKenzie or Brandi at the Chamber, 562-799-0719. St. Anne is unable to accept reservations.



#### 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.

### FAITH FORMATION

#### ANNUAL PINEWOOD DERBY

Our wonderful Knights of Columbus brought their Pinewood Derby to our faith formation classes' fall party. Thank you to the Knights who made our parties such fun for our students and their families. The students also enjoyed guessing games and delicious treats.



### ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, November 18th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary and Healing Mass. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Mass. All are welcome! For more information, call Janice at 562-537-4526.

### CSU LONG BEACH STUDENT?

Join Catholic Newman club! The only Catholic community on the CSULB campus. Please join us for weekly meetings, prayer group, bible studies, mass carpools, and social events!

For more information: <http://beachnewman.org/> or [beachnewman@gmail.com](mailto:beachnewman@gmail.com)

### LOVE IN ACTION—LAUDATO SI A PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON

Come Lord Jesus, come and let Your light shine through us so that through our actions we may be salt of the earth, a light in people's sight and that we may reach out to you in one another, especially those in need. Amen.

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## Around the Diocese

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### JESUS VR



Jesus VR has partnered with Christ Cathedral to give you an experience like never before! This event is not to be missed. Share a theatrical Virtual Reality Experience with friends and family while witnessing Christ's journey as if you are actually there. "Jesus VR—The Story of Christ" is executive produced by Enzo Sisti whose credits included "The English Patient" and Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ." The film was shot entirely in 360 degree 4K video on location in Matera, Italy, the ancient village that was also the setting for "Passion of the Christ." It is a you-are-there VR experience for the entirety of Jesus's life and death, from his baptism to the Sermon on the Mount, and from the Last Supper to his crucifixion. Minimum age is 13 years. Screenings are on select Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until Dec. 30th. The ticket price is \$15.00 + \$2.01 service fee per person.

### SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are stressful enough without the added changes divorce creates. The Diocese of Orange will host a discussion evening at the Pastoral Center on November 21st from 7:00-8:30 PM. Topics will include expectations, managing emotions, and ideas to make the holidays special for every member of the family including you. All are welcome. For more information please contact Kelly Klaus at 949-292-7281.

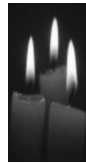


### TENEBRAE CHOIR

The Tenebrae Choir will make its West Coast premiere on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Cathedral. Described as "phenomenal" and "devastatingly beautiful," the award winning choir under the direction of Nigel Short is one of the world's leading vocal ensembles renowned for its passion and precision. Tenebrae tickets are available at: <https://christ-cathedral-concerts.ticketleap.com>

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

11/18 Kailey Reichman  
 11/19 †Ken Howe  
 11/20 †Tony Anastasi  
 11/21 †Dorothy Treyball  
 11/22 Fr. Cassian diRocco  
 11/23 †Margaret Bolt



(†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, Linda Bolt, Marlene Blackford, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, John Barnes, Mary Kunz, Katherine Irwin, Dixie Redfean, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Leo Zuvich, Ed Michaud

"Let all creation help you to praise God. Give yourself the rest you need. When you are walking alone, listen to the sermon preached to you by the flowers, the trees, the shrubs, the sky, the sun and the whole world. Notice how they preach to you a sermon full of love, of praise of God, and how they invite you to proclaim the greatness of the one who has given them being." — St. Paul of the Cross

## 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 about Faith Formation programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 16 or email [faithformation@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:faithformation@stannesealbeach.org).

**Confirmation:** For information about our 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 six months before the wedding celebration.

**Funeral:** Contact the Parish Office to arrange funerals.