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Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

# Saint Anne

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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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To go to communion worthily gives God great glory, but to take food in thankfulness and temperance gives Him glory too . . . . He is so great that all things give Him glory if you mean that they should. So then, my brothers, live.

## THANKSGIVING

We call them “Pilgrims” but the 102 passengers that set out in September of 1620 in a small ship called the Mayflower were an assortment of religious separatists who were seeking freedom to practice their religion but also those lured by the hope of prosperity and land ownership. The 66 day crossing was treacherous and uncomfortable; though their destination was the mouth of the Hudson River, they settled for anchoring near the tip of Cape Cod. A month later they crossed Massachusetts Bay establishing their village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter most of the colonists remained on board the ship where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious diseases. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers lived to see their first New England spring.

In March they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Several days later he returned with another Native American, Squanto, who belonged to the Pawtuxet tribe and who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain, sold into slavery and taken to London. (He escaped and returned to his homeland on another exploratory expedition.)

Squanto taught the settlers, weak with malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from Maple trees, catch fish in their rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped them to forge an alliance with the Wampanoag tribe, which endured for fifty years and may be one of the few structural examples of harmony between the colonists and the Native Americans.

The next fall in October of 1621, after their first harvest in the new world, they celebrated. It must have been quite a feast; it lasted three days and included lobster, seal, swans, waterfowl, venison, clams, squash, ground nuts, acorns, walnuts, chestnuts, squashes and

beans. Fruits and berries such as strawberries, raspberries, grapes, and gooseberries were available growing wild. And, of course, pumpkin. Turkey may or may not have been on the menu. What we know of the feast is from an account by an attendee, Edward Wilson. According to him, there were 90 Native Americans from the Wampanoag tribe and 53 Pilgrims.

Here is Wilson's description: *“Our [wheat] did prove well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very well, and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom. Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.”* Although pies and cakes are typical for our Thanksgiving meals, the sugar reserves of the Pilgrims had dwindled. No dessert.

After the feast, the work for both Natives and Pilgrims was to fill up their houses and dwellings against winter.

Thanksgiving has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends, that and watching parades and football on TV. Enjoy.

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Food Drive will begin next weekend. The Knights will be collecting canned and boxed food donations (no perishables) and/or cash and checks at all masses the weekends of 11/30-12/1, 12/7-8 and 12/14-15. All donations will go towards assisting local disadvantaged families over the Christmas Season. For additional information, please contact Brian at 949-378-7454.



#### DECEASED KNIGHT'S MEMORIAL MASS

The Annual Knight's of Columbus Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of St. Anne Church, Council 9594, is scheduled for the 8:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, December 1st. Please join us for this special event. For more information, please contact J. Jones at 949-204-0570 or Bob Hannan at 562-594-4762.

#### MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd. For more information, please contact Russell at 949-527-0172.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th.

### LOVE IN ACTION—LAUDATO SI

#### A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Generous God, you embrace all of creation, and bless us with gifts of life. As we break this bread, we praise you for your goodness, we give thanks to those who grew our food, and we remember those who are hungry. May we moved by the Holy Spirit to share these gifts as one family, and so catch a glimpse of your Kingdom, of justice, peace and love. Amen



#### 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.

### 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 AND THE EUCHARIST

There are Thanksgiving traditions that have come to characterize an annual holiday to remember and celebrate the blessings of our American life. Jesus himself offers us a model of gratitude to God for all the gifts that God has bestowed on us. He models an attitude of thankfulness and praise both in his prayers and in his actions by accepting whatever comes from God—even suffering—trusting that God has given it out of loving care and not anger. It is with this sense of thanksgiving that we should also come to every Eucharist. Indeed, if we have participated fully in the Eucharist and understood the grace its offers us, then the attitude of thanksgiving will permeate our whole lives. We will find ourselves becoming ever more aware and ever more grateful for all the good things God gives us every day, thereby allowing our whole lives to become a symphony of praise and thanksgiving to our God.

### CAREER RENEWAL MINISTRY

There is a slight change in our weekly meeting schedule. In December, Career Renewal meets the first two Thursdays, 12/5 and 12/12. In 2020, weekly meetings will resume on Thursday, January 9th. Please come if you are unemployed, underemployed or seeking a career change. You may also come as a volunteer. Training will be provided. As usual, refreshments are included.

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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 the 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.

### CAPISTRANO LIGHTS

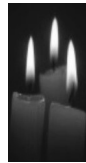
Kick off the holiday season at the Mission. The nightly program runs from December 8th through January 6th featuring the nightly tree lighting in the ruins of the Great Stone Church. The Mission grounds will be decked out in lights, a nativity, a 10-foot wreath and community Christmas trees. Sometimes during this period, community musical groups, choirs and orchestras may join the Mission with pre-tree lighting performances. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$7 for children. On Dec. 14-15 and 21-22 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. selfies with Santa are free and holiday crafts offered for a nominal fee.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs.

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

11/25 †Edward Blackford  
 11/26 †William Gomes  
 11/27 †Tony DiElsi  
 11/28 For the Parish  
 11/29 †Shawn Kelly  
 11/30 †Bill Matheus



(†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 Redfearn, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Leo Zuvich, Ed Michaud

“The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.”  
 —St. Francis de Sales

## 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.

**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.