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Second Sunday in Ordinary

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

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TRUTH

Like with goodness and beauty, we all claim to be fans of the truth.

However, after so many years of being schooled, after much reading of books and articles and newspapers and whatnot, after earning advanced degrees, after thinking about things for myself and having conversations with many others, not to mention what I hear on the radio, see on TV and on online, after all that, everything I know now shows me how much I still don't know. Every question leads to another better and often more subtle question. The poet, Adrienne Rich, has said, "Truth is increasing complexity. ... This is why the effort to speak honestly is so important. Lies are usually attempts to make everything simpler—for the liar—than it really is, or ought to be." Perhaps when we were young we could believe we knew it all, but not now. Our poverty is what keeps us ever thirsting for truth.

When Jesus was before Pilate he said, "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

But Pilate retorted with the question, "What is truth?"

I am with Pilate on this; getting to the truth is challenging at all times but in an era of so much "fake news" it is harder than ever.

We imagine that a strong believer would have no doubts but this is not the case. A Hasidic saying claims, "To attain truth, man must pass forty-nine gates, each opening onto a new question. Only to arrive finally before the last gate, the last question, beyond which he could not live without faith."

Being perplexed is not a bad disposition to cultivate. It is, at the very least, preferable to any array of clear, comprehensible, and *mistaken* certainties. Think of it as

a gift. First of all, it keeps me humble. I must continuously acknowledge that all human understanding fails, especially my own, that truth is not a commodity that I possess like a great library but a path on which we are always walking; seeking truth is an important part of our earthly pilgrimage. "Pilgrimage is a symbol of life," says Pope Francis. "It makes us think of life as walking, as a path. If a person does not walk, but instead stays still, this is not useful." To which I would add, he or she should always have a book in their backpack so that on breaks one can find out more about our world within its pages.



An important aspect of this pilgrimage is getting to discover the truth of ourselves. God did a good job when he made us but sometimes we are not courageous enough to look at everything going on in our minds and hearts. As one guy said to another, "Sure we can be friends but don't ask me anything

about myself that would make me uncomfortable."

Prayer is where we should be our most transparent, honest self. Figure this: being our omnipotent creator, God knows us better than we'll ever know ourselves. Why try to impress?

The great Protestant theologian, Karl Barth, believed that the "quest for Christ's truth is always a journey filled with hope and promise, it is always a work of love, and, no matter the circumstances, it always contributes to reunion, even when neither side budes from its position and the gulf between the parties seems to grow all the wider."

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Russell at 949-527-0172.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

SPUDTACULAR

All women in the parish are encouraged to attend our "Be My Valentine" potato bar on Monday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will join us and make our SPUDTACULAR even more spectacular! A \$5 suggested donation will be collected at the event and includes baked potatoes, toppings, refreshments, and hospitality. Please sign-up to RSVP outside after mass this weekend. If you have questions call Desiree at 714-906-0996 or Jolinda at 714-655-6348.

ROMANS: GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation is a new eight-week Bible study we are offering that will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. St. Anne will begin Romans on Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging thirty minute video presentation by Swafford/Cavins, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information contact Joe Gallo at 562-343-8993. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule and the Parish Office. We hope you can join us!

OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY



Vikki Lyons comes to us with many years of ministry and service to the Catholic Church. She was the Pastoral Secretary for St. Mark in Wilmington, N.C. She also worked at Our Lady of Refuge School in Long Beach as the Office

Manager. Vikki is married with three adult children. In her off time she likes to collect sea glass, swim, craft, travel and cook. She is excited to have joined the staff at St. Anne. Stop in and introduce yourself!



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.

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

Next weekend, St. Anne kicks off its annual PSA!

Our call to action for this year's Pastoral Services Appeal is **Our Faith, Our Future**. The old adage holds true, it takes a village. By supporting the work of our Church and participating in this appeal we will continue to strengthen Our Faith and Our Future. No gift is too great or too small. Once we have met the goal for our parish's share (\$60,450) for diocesan services, your donation will be returned to our parish. Look for a letter from Msgr. Mike along with a brochure about the PSA and prayerfully consider how your family will respond to this call to carry out Christ's work in our community.

If you don't receive a letter, PSA information and envelopes will be available in the vestibule of our church. Pledges can be made by mail or you can drop your pledge in the collection basket during Mass.

TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements were mailed out to Parishioners who made financial donations to St. Anne Church during 2019. Please review your statement to insure accuracy and contact the parish office if clarification is needed. Items that are not tax deductible include: mass stipends for a mass intention, sacrament offerings, faith formation and youth ministry fees. Specified and in-kind donations made to St. Anne are recognized in a letter to the donor at the time of the gift. Statements of contributions made through WeShare can be printed out directly from the WeShare website.

ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, January 20th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary. For more information, please call Janice Herlihy at 562-537-4526.

Dynamic Faith

GIFT OF A RETREAT

Refresh your spirit with a quiet weekend retreat April 3rd-5th at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. You will have opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration and conferences given by Retreat Master Rev. Phillip De Vous. The retreat begins on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and concludes after Mass on Sunday. For more information contact Maureen at 562.596.4141 or askmaureen@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL EVENT at Christ Cathedral

Please join ODCCW at the Tuesday, January 21st General Gathering of Catholic Women on Christ Cathedral Campus, Cultural Center-Atrium for the beginning of a two-part series on Pope Francis. The donation is \$20 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Mass: 8:00 a.m., Registration: 8:45 a.m., Opening Prayer: 9:15 a.m. Adjournment: 12:00 noon. For Reservations Contact: Pat Martin 714-892-5219 or jimandpatmartin@gmail.com.

CAREER RENEWAL MINISTRY

Step into a more productive year in 2020! Come to a Career Renewal Ministry meeting on any Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Find and give encouragement to fellow job seekers. For more information contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885 or Ted Rozolis at 714-330-5067.

MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

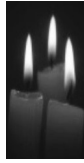
Bishop Vann invites us to join together in prayer for an end to abortion, healing for those involved in abortion, and an increased respect for all human life at the **Mass for the Protection of Unborn**



Children on Wednesday, January 22nd. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. inside our newly dedicated Cathedral at 13280 Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove. A reception and ministry fair will follow in the 1st Floor of the Cultural Center. Catholics are encouraged to practice fasting, abstinence, and prayer on that day.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

1/20 Gretchen Dinger
 1/21 †Jose, Ramona & Pepe Agustines
 1/22 †Mark Artukovich
 1/23 †John Farruggia
 1/24 †Duyen Lechau
 1/25 †Mary O'Shea
 (†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, Bob Dutro

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart." -St. Therese of Lisieux

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.

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

Funeral: Contact the Parish Office to arrange funerals.

Sacrament of the Sick: In case of serious illness, contact the Parish Office.

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.