

5 January 2020
Epiphany of the Lord

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Adoration of the Magi, Leonardo da Vinci

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

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Catholic and catholic

James Joyce, the renowned Irish writer, used to define the Catholic Church as “here comes everybody.” It’s a good a description. Not only are we Catholic, we are also catholic, that is, a people of every age, education, status, ethnic background and whatever else may be, from crying babies to seniors with their walkers. We have rapt charismatics who speak in tongues and Trappist monks who rarely say or chant a word except in prayer.

Some of us are fervent and devout, much like the canonized saints but without their haloes. But most of us are sinners too, even among the saints. We repent and are in need of God’s merciful grace, every day, at every hour. We even have a name for Catholics who rarely darken the church doors: we say they are “fallen away.” Rarely do any of us renounce the faith and become an agnostic or an atheist. The “fallen away” have been known to come back from time to time, particularly at Christmas and Easter.

We have to make allowances in such a demographically extensive body. One way we did it in the past was for the Mass to be in the ancient language of Latin. At Vatican II, the bishops decided that it was better to allow for the Mass to be celebrated in a congregations’ vernac-

ular language so that we would have a better sense of what we are doing. We have our liturgies structured so that sacristans, celebrants, servers, singers, ushers and congregants all know what to say and do and when.

Entering a church in Germany I was once handed a missal. The person next to me in the pew noticed that I was not using it and so he picked up the missal, found the proper place and handed it to me. I did not have the heart to tell him that I speak hardly a word of German. He wanted to help me join in the celebration.

“The Church must be the place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.” Those words are from Pope Francis, giving a job description of who we are called to be as a community. So please chill when a baby wails. Give wide berth for those with walkers. Help the feeble to rise up from the pew at

the proper time. In other words, keep up the good work.

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 January 6th. For more information, please contact Russell at 949-527-0172

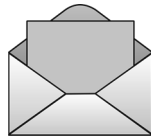
"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

On Monday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m. all women in the parish are invited to attend the Women's Guild annual "Spudtacular" potato bar featuring baked potatoes, toppings, refreshments and hospitality! Please mark your calendars and check the next bulletin for more details.

PSA ENVELOPE STUFFING

Would you be willing to spend some time preparing for our 2020 Pastoral Services Appeal? On Tuesday, January 14th after the 9:00 a.m. mass, won't you please help us stuff PSA envelopes in the Hall?



CAREER RENEWAL MINISTRY

Attention job seekers! Start the new year of 2020 with job search help. Weekly meetings resume on Thursday, Jan. 9th. Please come if you are unemployed, underemployed or seeking a career change. You may also come as a volunteer. Refreshments included! For more information contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885 or Ted Rozolis at trozolis@earthlink.net..



NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCESE OF THE MILITARY SERVICES

The National Collection for the Archdiocese of the Military Services (AMS) will be taken up next weekend. The Archdiocese of the Military Services operates on a very tight budget and is grateful for the generous spirit it anticipates we will have towards this collection. So many graciously served and continue to serve in our military. Please make all checks payable to St. Anne and write AMS on the memo line. Thank you!



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.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GIFT OF A RETREAT

After the joyous, but busy, holidays why not indulge yourself in a quiet weekend retreat of 2 nights/3 days (April 3-5) at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. During the weekend, you will have opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration and conferences given by Retreat Master Rev. Phillip De Vous. You will also be able to spend quiet moments in personal prayer and reflection in the Chapel or the beautifully serene outdoors. The retreat begins on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and concludes after Mass on Sunday. The Carmelite sisters pamper us with deliciously prepared meals. There are many choices of weekend accommodations from shared rooms at \$190, a private room with a shared bathroom at \$270, and a private room at \$310. For more information contact Maureen at 562.596.4141 or askmaureen@yahoo.com.

ISAIAH HOUSE

The Isaiah House Blanket appeal raised \$13,238.57 to help provide warmth along with a little bit of hope. Thank you for your generosity!

Dynamic Faith

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

January 4 Though her liturgical designation is “Religious,” Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William’s tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family’s disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: “Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!”

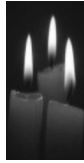
—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All are welcome to our first ever Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass inside our newly dedicated Cathedral. This Mass celebrates the joy of Christian marriage for all, but we especially invite those couples who are celebrating 20+ years of marriage in 2020. It will be held on Sunday, February 9th at 3:00 p.m. in Christ Cathedral. The Most Rev. Bishop Freyer will be the celebrant and anniversary couples will have an opportunity to take a photo with him (with their own devices). Registration fee is \$20 per couple. An informal reception for anniversary celebrants and their guests follows the Mass and will be held in the First Floor of the Cultural Center. Online registration is available at: www.rcbo.org/marriage, or if you wish to register by mail, a registration form can be downloaded there also. Pre-registration if required by January 26th. For more information, contact Esther Ramirez at 714-282-6001 or by email at: eramirez@rcbo.org.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

1/6 Cindy Spinosa
 1/7 The Villicana Family
 1/8 †Luiz Amarante de Oliveira
 1/9 †Brian Keating
 1/10 †Burke & Keating Families
 1/11 †Engracia Galeano
 (†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

"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother gives equal praise to the Son." — St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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.