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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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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## ASH WEDNESDAY



As I mentioned last week, the original meaning of Lent was *ver sacrum*, holy spring.

The cross of ashes traced on your forehead on Wednesday is not only a reminder that you are dust

and to dust you shall return, but it is also a pledge of resurrection. Dust is not all there is to say about death. We believe in the resurrection of the body and so, in a way known only to God, even our bodies will be redeemed in the next life. Lent is a time to repent and believe more deeply in the Gospel.

It is ironic that when we receive ashes, the gospel assigned that day tells us to wash our faces and not look gloomy when we fast.

Our penances are not for show; they are practices by which we hope to deepen our spiritual lives both by confessing our sins and also by changing our bad habits. As Thomas Merton wrote, "It is a day, we shall see, in which joy and grief go together

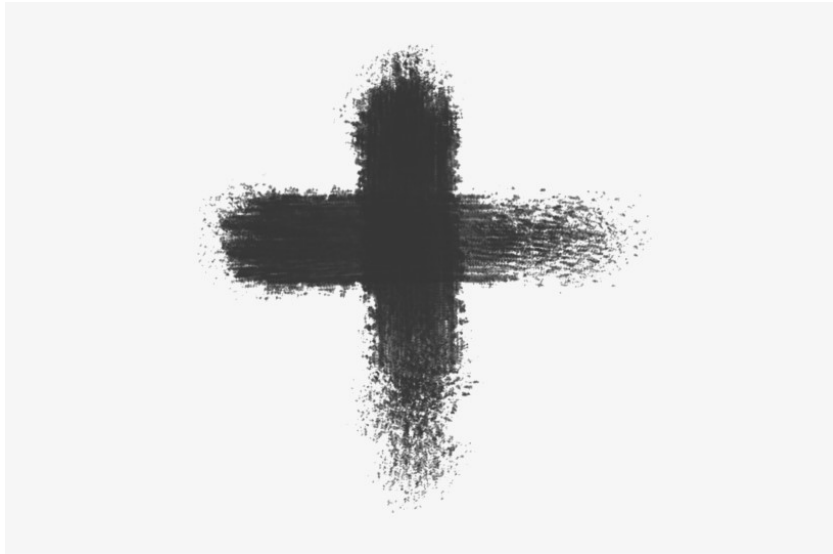
hand in hand: for that is the meaning of compunction—a sorrow which pierces, which liberates, which gives hope and therefore joy."

Lent can be a time of casting out what cannot remain in the same room as mercy, casting out what impedes our way to reconciliation with those we are on bad terms with, casting out attitudes that cloud our minds with selfish desires and obsessing over what is not really that important in the long run, casting out the boredom and

indifference that can creep into our daily lives.

God's grace is rich during the season of Lent. We find healing in its silences. It is possible that we will recognize the sins we have not been fully aware of before, or grow in the grace of being in God's presence without always asking for something from him.

In keeping with Pope Francis' call for all of us to increase our knowledge of and devotion to the Sacred Scriptures, you might want to follow the readings that the Church has designated for each day of Lent. To find them, there are a number of Apps for that; I use IMissal. After reading the readings for a particular day, you might ask yourself: What in those readings most sounded like something I need to hear?



As I mentioned last week, Lent lasts now forty days in keeping with the example of Jesus who went into the desert for forty days to prepare for the start of his ministry, and part of that was combatting the power of the Devil. Since we live in an increasingly secular

society, let's not let Lent slip by us as we drive to work, as we complete our normal chores, as we pay our taxes, shop for groceries and do the other stuff that demands our attention. For forty days, let us be a community of penitents, a community of those praying every day, alone and together, of those living a different life from what we usually live. God will notice.

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 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2nd. For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

ST. PATRICK'S / ST. JOSEPH'S DAY POTLUCK DINNER

Save the date for our annual St. Patrick's /St. Joseph's Day Potluck Dinner on Saturday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets are posted in the front vestibule and outside the side entrance of the Church. For more information, contact Jim St. Omer Roy at 714-609-1297.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

All parishioners are invited to the February 24th Women's Guild General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to hear prominent EWTN radio host Peggy Normandin speak on the topic "Call Me Catholic." The event promises to deepen your perspective and faith on what it truly means to be Catholic. For more information contact: Monica Caliri at 562-761-1527

### FR. TIMOTHY NGUYEN

This last week Bishop Vann met with Fr. Timothy Nguyen and placed him on Administrative Leave. The reason for this decision is confidential but it had nothing to do with anything he did while assigned to Saint Anne's. When asked what he wanted to say to the parishioners, Fr. Tim said to thank you for your many kindnesses and ask you to pray for him. So please do pray for Fr. Tim. He will not be returning to the parish; we will be without a parochial vicar at least until the end of June. So please also pray for Father Bob and Msgr. Mike.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Masses on February 26th will be offered at 9:00 a.m., 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.



#### 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.

### CRS RICE BOWL

As we look ahead to our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts. We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we spend these 40 days reflecting on our responsibility to share what we have with our global human family. How may our Lenten reflection inspire us to reach out to those most in need? How may our prayers, fasting and almsgiving support people worldwide, especially those who are hungry and lack proper nutrition? We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

*Rice Bowls are available in the church vestibule.*

### ST. ANNE SCHOOL

Visit St. Anne's School In Santa Ana during OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, March 1st. Mass will be at 8:45 am followed by classroom viewing, activities and performance of their ever improving band! Open House will end at Noon. Please contact me if you are interested in going. JoAnn Rossi 562-598-4967 jarossi@verizon.net

### LENT - FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Lent begins on February 26th with Ash Wednesday. The faithful are to do penance through prayer and fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. Abstinence: All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting: All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need; but together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously.

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## Dynamic Faith

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### CONCERN AMERICA

On February 8th & 9th, hand-crafted textiles, baskets, ceramics and wood products from Concern America were displayed. As a community of the faithful, you were generous in purchasing handcrafts valued at \$1,388.00. We are very grateful to Rev. Msgr. Mike Heher for his hospitality and support, and to everyone who purchased handcrafts. Through your generosity you have helped to spread hope for a better future to hundreds of economically disadvantaged people in many developing countries throughout the world. Thank you!

### HEALTH ISSUES & SUNDAY MASS

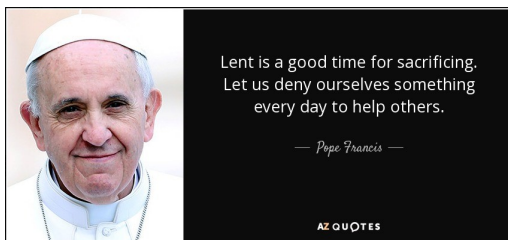
Sooner or later we all get sick. If that happens to you on a weekend, you are NOT obliged to attend Mass. In fact, we would prefer that you stay home and keep your germs to yourself! Drink plenty of liquids. Rest. For those who are at home or in a hospital or convalescent care, you can catch Catholic Mass on television every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. on Channel 285.

### MAGNIFICAT

#### A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

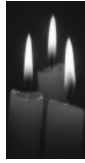
Magnificat Prayer Breakfast welcomes Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, Catholic convert, dynamic speaker and popular author on Divine Mercy, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. Don't miss the miraculous story of how God's transforming love changed the course of Fr. Donald's life and produced a tremendous zeal for souls in his heart! Come and bring a friend to be blessed! Saturday, February 29th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Please register early! Please visit [www.magnificat-ministry.net](http://www.magnificat-ministry.net) for a flyer and registration .

### POPE FRANCIS— WORDS OF WISDOM



## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

2/24 ✠Mary Faoro  
 2/25 Dennis Dwyer  
 2/26 For the Parish  
 2/27 Ron Cave & Family  
 2/28 ✠Casey Neill  
 2/29 ✠James Favilla  
 (✠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, 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, Ed Michaud, Bob Dutro, Nick Williams and Norma Reinhardt.

*Love, love, love, and remember that you were loved even before you were created. For God who sees Himself, passionately loves the beauty of His creation, and He created it because His love is boundless, to give it eternal life and to allow it to enjoy the indescribable blessedness which He Himself possesses. – St. Catherine of Siena*

## 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 [faith\\_formation@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:faith_formation@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.

**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.