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First Sunday of Lent

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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SATAN

Satan in Hebrew means an “accuser” or “adversary.”

He appears in the Old Testament in books written after the Babylonian exile. In the book of Job, God and Satan meet when the people were presenting themselves before God. God asks, “Where have you been?” Satan responds, “Roaming the earth and patrolling it.” God points to Job. “There is no one on earth like him, blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil.” Satan responds by telling him that Job has reason to be blameless and upright. “Have you not surrounded him and his family and all that he has with your protection? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his life stock are spread out over the land.” Take that away and Job will curse God to his face, Satan predicts. We all know how this turns out. All hell does break loose and Job loses everything but he does not curse God; he does however make his case and the Lord hears what he has to say. “Thus the Lord blessed the later days of Job more than his earlier ones. Now he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yolk of oxen and a thousand she-donkeys, along with seven sons and three daughters.” How did Job feed all of them?

In the book of Zechariah, Joshua the High Priest stood before the angel of the Lord but the “adversary” stood on his right side. The angel of the Lord rebuked the “adversary,” clothing Joshua in glory.

Satan incited David to take a census of Israel. Joab tried to talk David out of his repugnant command but David was determined to have it carried out. The mistake of King David was to think a king owns the people, not God. Joab was right and so David then said to God, “I have sinned gravely in doing this thing. Take away your servant’s guilt, for I have acted very foolishly.” In the version of the story in 2 Samuel, David is given three possible punishments and he chooses three days of plague, “I am greatly distressed. But let us fall into the hand of God, rather than into human hands.”

Whether or not “Satan” is an adversary coming against you, or an accuser in court giving testimony against you,

you don’t want someone like that around.

Satan has other names: Belial, Beliar, Mastema, Samael, Asmodeus, Apollyou, and Beelzebul, the devil, the ruler of this world, someone identified as the serpent in the garden with Adam and Eve. In the New Testament one finds terms like Evil One, Father of Lies, and Murderer from the Beginning.

This weekend our Gospel passage is from Matthew where the evangelist says, “Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” Why would the Spirit do such a thing? Perhaps it was “basic training” for someone who wanted not only to do good, but to cast out evil. Jesus and Satan spar by reciting passages of scripture. In time, the devil leaves and angels came to minister to Jesus.

Throughout his ministry Jesus cast out demons or others did at his direction. The last time Satan appears is when he “entered into Judas,” setting the stage for Jesus’ arrest.



The book of Revelation describes the end of time as the moment when the angel come down from heaven “seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is the devil or Satan, and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it in the abyss, which he locked over it and sealed, so that it can no longer lead the nations astray....” This is

all symbolic imagery to console God’s persecuted people that the final victory over evil is assured.

The scriptures attest to what we know of the world: there is much good found in loving God and one’s neighbor but we are not living in the Garden of Eden. Lots of evil is still found in the way we are hurt, mistreated, even persecuted by those opposed to the will of God and who carry out their evil intentions. Witness the recent many incidents of horrific mass shootings. Jesus did save us but the fullness of redemption will only be known at the end of time or by those in heaven. I look forward to seeing you there but not quite yet.

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

Please join the Knights, fellow parishioners and guests for an evening of great food and beverages Saturday, March 7th immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Music by John Dynice from St. Hedwig parish along with our very own Angie, Sara and Jay. The Lyons Academy of Irish Dance kick start the evening. Sign-up sheets for the Pot-Luck dishes are posted in the vestibule and outside the side door of the Church. Don't miss this great evening of fellowship and entertainment. For additional information, please contact: Jim St. Omer Roy at 714-609-1297.



"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

WOMEN GATHER, A SPECIAL RETREAT

Join the St. Anne Women's Guild for a nurturing retreat on Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, beginning with Mass. Pam Hurwitz and her daughter Jyllian Rhodes, longtime youth ministers, know that women greatly need spiritual nurturing. They will provide dynamic, workable thoughts on getting families talking to one another again and drawing closer together spiritually. Cost is \$25 per person with brunch included; to be paid at the event. Women are encouraged to bring their daughters. As a bonus women joining the Women's Council receive their first year of membership free. Please rsvp to Monica Caliri at 562-761-1527.

ADORATION

Join us for Adoration, Friday, March 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 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

During the 40 days of Lent we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." How can you contribute to support the hungry in our own community and around the world?

LENT - FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Lent began on February 26th. 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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

PASTORAL SERVICE APPEAL

OUR FAITH OUR FUTURE

God's gifts abound in our lives—the magnificence of His creation, our family and loved ones, and a share in the life of Jesus Christ through the sacraments. Our faithful response is to share our blessings and consider the many ways God is calling us to use the gifts entrusted to our care. Please send in your PSA donation today.

Dynamic Faith



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Hedwig Church in Los Alamitos will be offering Fish Dinners in Quinn Hall on all Fridays during Lent from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

PRAYER

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

–William McGill

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

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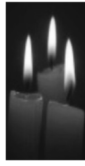
Dining out? Food waste is a significant contributor to CO2 emissions. Try to avoid ordering more than you can eat. Stick with appetizers or small plates or ask your server for a ½ portion. Still have leftovers? Bring your own reusable container to transport leftovers home.

TEMPTATION

Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before. –William Butler Yeats

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 3/2 †John Karickhoff
 3/3 †Warren Ortmann
 3/4 †Frederick Jones, Sr.
 3/5 †Ray Covarrubias
 3/6 Seminarians
 3/7 †Kathryn Lang
 (†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.

"We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on 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 faith_formation@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.