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Second 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

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IMAGINATION

In 1535 Saint Ignatius of Loyola had graduated from the University of Paris, the most prestigious place of learning in Europe at the time, and yet, it was not with his sophisticated intellect that he prayed but with his imagination. In the Exercises, he suggests that someone who wishes to contemplate the birth of Jesus should start with the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem: "It will be here to see with the sight of the imagination the road from Nazareth to Bethlehem; considering the length and the breadth, and whether such road is level or through valleys or over hills; likewise looking at the place or cave of the Nativity. The place or cave of the Nativity is in the Saint's hand, correcting the inn, which is crossed out... how large, how small, how low, how high, and how it was prepared."

At times we mistakenly think that what's in our imagination is "made up," "not real," "stuff that doesn't really exist." "He's just imagining things," we say about a dreamer. But that is not how Einstein saw it, and in his day Einstein was one of the most sophisticated intellects around.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there

ever will be to know and understand." Inventors and artists recognize this for what they know are the building blocks of what they can create: ideas and

feelings, plans and flow charts, blueprints and encyclopedias that take us where we have never been before. All it took for Isaac Newton was for an apple to fall from a tree and soon he had his new theory on the workings of gravity.

We suffer nowadays from what the Jesuit Adolfo Nicolás calls "the globalization of superficiality," which is the exhausting flow of triviality, fake news, alternative facts, false promises, the blare of commercials, the tedium of the 24 hour news

cycle, the inhuman effort we believe we must make to keep up with everything that captures our interest. This subverts our imagination, distracts us, and makes us less able to concentrate, to treasure a moment in silence or take in the quiet wisdom of someone who has something important to tell us. Imagination is worth protecting.

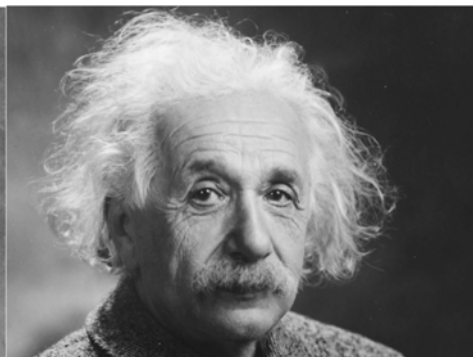
Colom McCann takes it farther; he recommends: "Take pleasure in the recklessness of your own imagination." Don't take as fashion what you see in a magazine. Don't agree to the kind of thinking that's called "common knowledge." Common can be a pejorative. Consider alternatives. Think things through. Make friends with those who you perceive as having some depth and listen to them. When all else fails, sit in silence and let your subconscious sort things out. In other words, take pleasure in the recklessness of your own imagination.

Yes, it isn't everything. A realm exists where "eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and it had not entered the human heart." Mystics like Meister Eckhart and Saint John of the Cross have told us about their experiences of the places where the imagination cannot reach. They did

not get there by rejecting thought and reflection but by going through the imaginative heart to the frontier of contemplation. They could never have anticipated such a place

and cannot on their own understand it. It is completely a gift from God, and what a gift it must be.

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, April 6th. For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

"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.

ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Join us Monday, March 16th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary and Healing Mass. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Mass. All are welcome! For more information call Janice Herlihy at 562-537-4526.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. For many in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.



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

MEET TRINH

Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

HEALTH ISSUES & SUNDAY MASS

Did you know that you are NOT obliged to attend Mass if you are sick. In fact, we would prefer that you stay home and get well. Drink plenty of liquids. Rest. For those who are at home or in the hospital or convalescent care, you can catch Catholic Mass on television every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. on Channel 285.



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.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

There's still time! Come for a spiritual renewal this Lent. Join us April 3rd–5th at the Sacred Heart Retreat House. The weekend begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and ends at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. For more information contact: Lisi 714-622-5831 or email Maureen at askmaureen@yahoo.com.

Dynamic Faith

ODCCW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Join the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Tuesday, March 17th, at Christ Cathedral in the Freed Theater for their annual conference. Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. Mass begins at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation: *Send your \$50.00 check payable to: ODCCW, Pat Martin, 9425 Reading Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 or call to reserve a space (714) 892-5219 or (714) 866-0633.*

PEER TO PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Peer to Peer Divorced and Separated Support Group Series Catholic Divorce Ministry will be hosting a 6-week program to support our brothers and sisters through the emotional pain of divorce and separation. Key challenges and unique family dynamics as a result of this unexpected journey will be addressed as well as a safe environment to share concerns and reconnect with understanding and a new hope. Donation is \$25 to register at any time which includes book, daily devotional and drop-in format. Registration also on first day of group! Wednesdays, March 18 - April 22, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 13280 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840. For questions or more information, contact Kelly Klaus at (949) 292-7281.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

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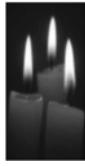
Spring is in the air! Or is it? As you begin to feel the cleaning itch, examine your household cleaners and consider making your own! Save money, reduce your exposure to harmful chemicals, and produce less waste. Find recipes online for natural cleaners that can be used for everything from counter tops to toilet bowls.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Hedwig Church in Los Alamitos will be offering Fish Dinners in Quinn Hall: March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

3/9 †Joseph Spann
 3/10 †Donna Burns & Son
 3/11 †Pauline Sarvino
 3/12 †Denise Van Norden
 3/13 †Paul Ringer
 3/14 †Anton Van
 (†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, Jackie Chambers, 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, Ed Michaud, Bob Dutro, Nick Williams and Norma Reinhardt.

Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord.

– Isaiah 1:18

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.