

29 March 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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**NO MASSES OR CONFESSION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

*Church is closed to the public until further notice per the Governor's order*

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 562-431-0721 EXT 13 MESSAGES CHECKED DAILY

## LIFE IS STILL A MIRACLE

I am sorry to say that Lent this year has come with its own penance. Because of the coronavirus, we are having to stay at home (i.e. shelter in place is a new term to me.) Masses and confessions have been suspended. Schools are closed. People have been kept from work and are not getting paid. Many people have been sickened by the virus and too many of those have died. And someone is warehousing a huge amount of toilet paper.

Last Sunday I celebrated Mass alone at home, but I was thinking and praying for all of you. Which I will do this weekend again it seems. One of the silver linings of this pandemic is that I can take as long as I want to pray.

I am reading some good books and watching some lousy TV. I am a news hound but I have had to limit myself from watching too many news programs so I don't get too depressed. I look out the window a lot to see if anyone is out there. For many months, I have had perhaps a dozen cans of vegetables, beans and soup in my pantry; I also have various dried pastas. I am likely to work my way through them soon.

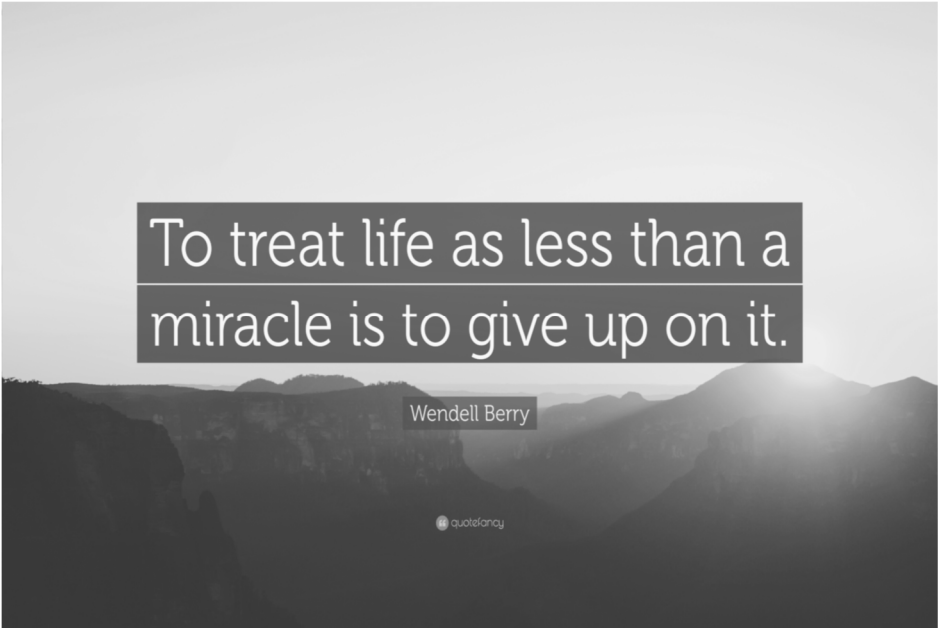
Thank God for the cell phone. It

allows me to keep track of my friends and family. My friend, Monsignor Jim, and I have planned to have a scotch together over the phone this evening. I am sure he'll tell me what he *didn't* do today and I will tell him what I *didn't* do. Mostly I suspect the conversation will revolve around how we and our parishes are coping. My news will be positive; we are getting through this day by day.

Thank God for the internet as well. We have been able to send notices out to all of you as things develop. We now have the ability to send text messages to those who have cell phones. And some of you have texted me to see if I am alright. I am.

One of my favorite authors is Wendell Berry, a man who also farms in Kentucky. He said something that I think we all need to remember: "To experience (life) is not to figure it out or even to understand it, but to suffer it and rejoice in it as it is... To treat life as less than a miracle is to give up on it."

Mmgr. Mike



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## Around our Parish

### WATCH MASS FROM ST. ANNE

We will livestream Mass from St. Anne every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. until the church reopens to the public. You can find the link on our website at [stannesealbeach.org](http://stannesealbeach.org).

### 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 TBD. For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

Pray the Rosary asking for God's Grace and Protection during these uncertain times. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 27th. 6:30pm Social. 7:00pm Meeting. Please refer to the Bulletin for any cancellations.

MEMBERSHIP

Application and information available on St. Anne's website at [stannesealbeach.org](http://stannesealbeach.org). For more information, please call Jolinda Mailangi (714) 655-6348.

### LEGION OF MARY

Interested in joining the Legion of Mary here at St. Anne's. All you need is a desire to grow in faith, sacrifice your time, as you go with our Mother Mary to see Christ in others. If interested contact Rosemary Schneider at 714-821-4076 or email at [rmarys2431@yahoo.com](mailto:rmarys2431@yahoo.com).

### PASTORAL SERVICE APPEAL

GOAL: \$65,000 TO DATE: \$78,750

How are you living out your faith? One way to respond to the Gospel call to serve the poor, support life and strengthen faith is by partnering with the Pastoral Services Appeal. By doing so, you help thousands of people in need. You assist in ministering to the imprisoned, evangelizing Catholic youth and strengthening families in our community. In this time of uncertainty you have responded to the call to help others. 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.

### PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

Following the guidance of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (our Metropolitan See), effective Tuesday evening, March 17, 2020, public Masses are hereby suspended in the Diocese of Orange.

### CHURCH CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

As public places, our churches will need to close to public entry until further notice per the Governor's order. This will include conducting baptisms (unless in an emergency), weddings, receptions, events, groups, societies, devotions, choirs, funeral vigils, rosaries, and anything that causes people to gather in one place. The anointing of the sick with proper precautions is to be continued. Funerals should be postponed if possible.

### UPDATE: DIOCESE OF ORANGE RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

From the of the Office of Communications:

As news surrounding coronavirus continues to emerge, Catholics across Orange County are asked to take necessary precautions to stop the spread of this virus. We acknowledge the importance of washing of our hands, "social distancing" and "flattening the curve" to restrict its spread.

Catholics and all Christians are urged to join Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, in praying for those who are ill, health care professionals and caregivers. We ask for the protection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

As a community of faith, let us hold one another in prayer during this challenging time.

The Cathedral will livestream daily Mass in English at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday in English at 9:45 a.m. at [facebook.com/christcathedralca](https://facebook.com/christcathedralca). St. Edward the Confessor livestreams daily Mass at 8:15 a.m. from Monday through Saturday and on Sunday at 9 a.m. at <http://stedward.com/stedcast/>.

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# Dynamic Faith

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## MASS RESOURCES

Daily Readings in English and Spanish from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm?utm\\_source=googleadwords&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_content=catholicbible&utm\\_campaign=NABRE](http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm?utm_source=googleadwords&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=catholicbible&utm_campaign=NABRE)

Prayers, readings for Mass, and additional spiritual readings are available at: Magnificat publication, a spiritual guide that includes daily Mass: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

“Give Us This Day” a digital file of their periodical, which includes daily Mass texts. Visit GUTD.net and select "Digital" in the upper right of the screen.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

### LAUDATO SI'

As you over-seed your yard this spring, consider adding white clover seed to your grass mix. This combination was quite common before chemical treatments, as clover keeps your yard looking green during dry periods and produces nitrogen to help fertilize your soil. It also helps keep other weeds at bay and feeds our beloved bees!

## CRS RICE BOWL

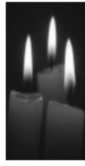
Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more. Since we are unable to collect the Rice Bowls at church, you may mail your contribution to St. Anne, just memo the check Rice Bowl and make the check payable to St. Anne.

## CENSUS 2020

As Catholics we affirm the inherent, divinely given dignity of every person. In answering the Census and encouraging our neighbors to do so too, we declare that “everyone counts” and that no one should be excluded from critical funding and political representation that everyone deserves. We urge all people to be counted in the Census...Our society, rooted in strength of the family, cannot risk missing the opportunity to give children and parents the tools they need to succeed.

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

3/30 †Joe Cooper  
 3/31 †Bernard Peacock  
 4/1 †Jim Swearingen  
 4/2 Richard & Rosemarie Sweet  
 4/3 Seminarians  
 4/4 †William Mathews  
 (†Rest in God's love and peace)



Know your Mass intentions are being said during the priests private celebration of Mass each day.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Sharon Casserly, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Kathy Purcell, Jerome Gendron, Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mary Kiely, Linda Bolt, Jackie Chambers, Marlene Blackford, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi, Ernie Ramirez, Pat Clustka, Mike Harvey, John Barnes, Mary Kunz, Katherine Irwin, Dixie Redfearn, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, Abilio Hernandez, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Ed Michaud, Bob Dutro and Nick Williams.

## 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.