

1 October 2017
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Mon-Sat: 8:30 AM,
Sat: 4:00-4:45 PM

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LET US SHARE THE JOURNEY

Pope Francis is launching “LET US SHARE THE JOURNEY” campaign, a two-year program of Caritas Internationalis, Catholic Relief Services and the national Catholic Charities organizations across the globe to promote encounters between people on the move and people living in the countries they are leaving, passing through or arriving in.

Meeting migrants and refugees and listening to their stories and having them listen to the stories of people in their host communities mean the walls people may have erected in their minds and hearts should begin to fall, said Michel Roy, secretary general of Caritas Internationalis.

“You may be afraid of migrants as a large group of people coming in, but when you meet a migrant, then you have a different vision,” he said in July. Listening to their stories makes it clear that “they are human beings, they are human beings who have suffered much; they’ve left a situation where they could not live anymore because of violence, conflict or just because of misery. Once you understand the story of the person, then you will have a different attitude,” he said.

Most people who vote for political parties espousing anti-immigrant sentiments, Roy believes, “have never met a migrant,” which makes it easy for politicians to convince them that they have something to fear.

Even if some people do not change their minds about the most appropriate political policies for regulating migration, he said, it is necessary to make the fear subside by helping folks get to know the real people who have left all behind because of

persecution, violence or extreme poverty.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, Philippines, president of Caritas Internationalis, wrote a letter in late June asking members of the Caritas federation to participate in the campaign. He said, “One of the most important questions we can ask ourselves as individuals, communities and countries at this time of mass movements of people and global doubt is ‘Do I allow fear to prevail in my heart, or do I allow hope to reign?’



“Through LET US SHARE THE JOURNEY we hope to dispel fear and understand why so many people are leaving their homes at this time in history,” the cardinal wrote. “We also want to inspire communities to build relationships with refugees and migrants. We want to shine a light and lead the way. Migration is a very old story but our campaign aims to help communities see it with new eyes and an open heart.”

“LET US SHARE THE JOURNEY” will run at least until 2019. The U.S. bishops’ Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA, as well as more than 160 other Caritas members around the world, will be sponsoring national and local events to provide opportunities for migrants and members of host communities to meet and share their stories.

Through his words and, especially, his gestures, Pope Francis “is inviting everyone on earth to be welcoming” and to protect migrants and help them integrate into the society of their new countries, “Catholics are not all convinced that we have to welcome migrants,” the secretary general acknowledged, “so I think we have work to do within the church itself.”

But the pope is asking “everyone to make a step.”

Around our Parish

SINGERS NEEDED

Come join the St. Anne's Adult Choir and praise the Lord through song! Rehearsals are on most Wednesday evenings from 7:30—9:00 p.m. and we sing at the 10:00 a.m. mass. It is a great opportunity for fellowship and service—no previous choir experience is necessary. If interested, contact John Glaudini by email at jungledini@me.com or see John upstairs in the choir loft after mass.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Fall is in the air and Pennies from Heaven is in the forecast. This weekend, the Knights will be distributing plastic baby bottles for collection of your donation, spare change and dollars (cash or checks), to financially support our Diocese's Respect Life ministry. Your donations go directly to benefit Pregnancy Centers and Women's Shelters throughout the Diocese of Orange. You may return the baby bottles at all weekend masses until October 22nd.



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 Monday, October 2, 2017. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

TRAPPED IN PARADISE EDITORS TO SPEAK

Don't miss our October Guild meeting! The editors of "Trapped in Paradise," Eileen McNerney, CSJ, and Maureen Habel will tell us how they compiled this amazing journal which follows four Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange who volunteered to be missionaries in the Solomon Islands. Arriving in December of 1940, they were new to missionary life, new to a culture not their own, new to the languages spoken, and new to navigating in the geography that surrounded them. On December 7, 1941, a year and a day after the nuns arrived, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. This special presentation will be held on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the parish hall. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Joanne Groustra at 562-296-8705 or Lorraine Fiori at 562-296-5163.



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.

WE SHARE

Parishioners who use Parish Pay for donations to St. Anne received a letter requesting that they ensure their personal information is correct in the app by Oct. 1st. This week Parish Pay accounts will transition to We Share. Beginning Oct. 9th, access to personal accounts will be through We Share. More information will be sent to parishioners this week about the transition.

NEW TABLES IN THE HALL

Our Knights of Columbus have generously donated 16 new tables for use in our hall. Besides being used for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, most of our ministries use the hall on a regular basis and will benefit from their benevolence.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FAIR

TRADE/ETHICAL TRADE NIGHT

Human Trafficking is modern slavery and is the fastest growing illegal activity in the world! It is a hidden crime so many are not aware of it. You may unknowingly contribute to this problem if you drink coffee or eat chocolate and don't know about Fair Trade/Ethical Trade (FT/ET). On Tuesday, Oct 10th from 7:00—7:30 p.m., we will gather at St. Anne to pray for an end to this horrific crime. Free samples of FT/ET food will be available in the Parish Hall from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Organic FT/ET dark chocolate minis will be available to purchase for your candy bowl or Halloween treats, \$20 for a bag of 100 minis. All are welcome!

ADORATION

We are hoping that all parishioners will come for an evening of Adoration on Friday, Oct. 6th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We will only have one Adoration evening this fall due to our Confirmation I retreat and the Seal Beach Christmas parade falling on first Fridays. This will be an evening filled with prayer, reflection, and worship!



LIFE, PEACE AND JUSTICE



For the next month we will be collecting packages of handiwipes. We are told this is the only way the kids who are homeless clean up for school. Thank you for your support.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/2	Sabrina Gonzales
10/3	✠Elaine Louviere
10/4	✠Margaret Ford
10/5	✠Steve Cushman
10/6	Seminarians
10/7	Lisi Cave
	(✠ Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Ed Palacol, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Dixie Redfearn, Roy Roudine, Rosemary Hirsch

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lynda Medcalf.

Around Our Diocese

SACRED HEART KIDS CLUB

All children, grades 3—8, are invited to join a unique Catholic Club at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center, 2927 S. Greenville St. in Santa Ana. In a Club atmosphere, children are offered opportunities to nourish their faith and grow in friendship with Jesus. The Club meets Thursdays, October through May, from 3:30—5:30 p.m. Registration will take place on October 5th from 3:30—5:30 p.m. and the Club begins on October 12th at 3:30 p.m. The suggested donation per family is \$25 for the year. For more information, call 714-557-4538.

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

Do you desire to learn and experience a deeper spirituality? The Catholic spiritual tradition inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Therese of Lisieux, explains how to live in a closer relationship with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from this relationship. Join with men and women committed to living the fullness of God's love through prayer and scripture, with the aid and guidance of our Lady. For more information, please call 562-774-3549. Meetings are held in Downey once a month at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 12348 Paramount Blvd.