

22 October 2017
29th 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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EVERYDAY PEOPLE

In ancient times, all the dead were believed to be in a place below called Sheol, a place of stillness and darkness where the inhabitants lacked energy and personality. Only later did the people of God come to believe that there was a place above for the just called heaven and below only the unjust were imprisoned and suffered for their sins in hell. In his parable about the sheep and the goats, Jesus describes the Son of Man coming in his glory as a shepherd who separates the sheep, putting them on his right, from the goats who he places on his left. The sheep represent the ones who fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed strangers, clothed the naked and cared for the sick. The goats represent those who did not do any of these things on behalf of “these least ones.”

This summer when we had those beautiful cumulus clouds floating across the sky, I thought of how Jesus ascended into heaven; but, being an educated person of this very scientific century, I wonder what happened when he got to the end of the earth’s atmosphere. Of course, as one who performed miracles and was in possession of a glorified risen body perhaps he had superhuman powers. And since I know the earth is round, what does *up* mean? Going up in Palestine would take you in a very different direction than going up in Australia.

To go up to heaven I was told I had to be perfect. To do that, I was encouraged to strive for the necessary virtues and avoid the sinful vices, which I tried to do with a little success. However, Sister warned that all our striving would be a waste of time if it made us full of ourselves. I could see the logic in that: If I became humble and told people

how humble I was because I was proud of my accomplishment, then I would think of myself as better than other people, which would be untrue.

The piece I was missing was God’s grace. Any fidelity to God’s will requires God’s grace as well as my own striving. Holiness was a joint divine and human effort.

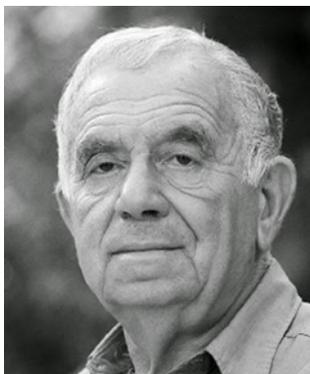
That’s one of the reasons we pray: to beg God for the graces we need. We can also ask the angels and saints to intercede for us. I personally count on Mary to pray for me and my loved ones under two different titles: Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Solitude.

Those I have known who struck me as holy were characteristically simple, though some of them were very well educated. They were loving to me and many others because they no longer thought of themselves as the center of attention. Their eyes were looking out at the world so they could see what needed to be done. Their ears heard clearly the cries of the poor. Their hands touched the wounded with comfort and healing, the very virtues the sheep were honored for in Jesus’ parable.

The Israeli poet, Yehuda Amichai, ended his poem, “I am a Penniless Prophet,” capturing a similar sentiment:

I began my life so low
 When I go up high in the drunkenness of my soul,
 When I reach the heights of my visions,
 I find myself with everyday people
 Who have children and jobs and family cares
 And household chores. These are my visions. I am a
 penniless prophet.

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

The Knights will be collecting your Baby Bottles filled with donations for the Diocese's Respect Life ministry this weekend after all masses. All proceeds directly benefit local Pregnancy Centers and Women's Shelters. After this weekend, please return all Baby Bottles, with or without donations, to the Parish Center.

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, November 6, 2017. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562-936-0164 or Bob Hannan at 562-594-4762.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY/ALL SOULS DAY

St. Anne will celebrate masses at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 p.m. on All Saints Day, November 1st.

A special Mass is being prepared for All Souls Day on November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. by our Bereavement Ministry.

A special "Remembrance" book will be available in the vestibule for parishioners to write in the names of all of their deceased loved ones. All Souls envelopes are available in the vestibule and by the church's side entrance. They will be placed on the altar when our deceased are remembered at all masses between Nov. 2nd and Nov. 12th.

TRAPPED IN PARADISE EVENT

The editors of "Trapped in Paradise," Sr. Eileen McNerney, CSJ, and Maureen Habel, RN, will be speaking to the St. Anne's Women's Guild on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Hospitality begins at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend. During World War II, four Catholic nuns from California were caught behind enemy lines in the South Pacific. They arrived in the Solomon Islands in December of 1940. Come hear their exiting story which was documented in the journals of the nuns who were "Trapped in Paradise."



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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday—a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith—leads us to mission. World Mission Sunday celebrates the mercy of God as we extend His loving heart to our neighbors half a world away, through our prayers and sacrifices.

In 1926, Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday. He asked for prayer, animation, celebration, and offerings for the Missions. His desire was to create a sense of responsibility in people for supporting the Missions throughout the world.

At the first commemoration, the Pope asked that it would be observed in every diocese, parish, and institute, a true World Mission Sunday. This collection provides for the building up of over one thousand churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. It supports the life-giving and hope-filled work and witness of priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders in mission churches.

Your prayers and generous support reaches clinics caring for the sick and dying, orphanages providing a place of safety and shelter, schools offering education from kindergarten through high school. Your help provides for seminarians preparing for the priesthood, and religious Sisters and Brothers in formation programs. All of this takes place where the poorest of the poor receive an education and health care while experiencing the loving heart of our Lord through the service of priests, religious, and lay faithful.

This Sunday is celebrated as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule or by the side entrance of the church.



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/23 ✠ Ryan James Delfosse
 10/24 Intentions of the Kunz Family
 10/25 ✠ Mae McGlynn
 10/26 ✠ Mae McGlynn
 10/27 ✠ Harold Merrill
 10/28 ✠ Mary Agnes Winnie
 (✠ 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, Rosemary Hirsch

Around Our Diocese

MATER DEI INFORMATION NIGHT

Mater Dei High School will hold an information night for prospective students and their families on Thursday, October 26. Tours begin at 6:00 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7:00.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH EVENT

Costly Grace: The Bold Integrity of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange are sponsoring workshops to honor 20th Century heroes who exercised extraordinary courage in time of political chaos and war. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran theologian who was hung by the Nazis ten days before the fall of Berlin, boldly resisted the efforts of Hitler to nationalize the Lutheran Church during World War II. Come and take courage from his story on Saturday, October 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 434 S. Batavia Street in Orange. The presenter is Jonathan Rothchild, Ph.D., professor of theology at Loyola Marymount University. The fee to attend is \$60 and includes lunch. To register: call 714-744-3172 or email Emmaus@csjorange.org.

SACRED HEART SISTERS EVENT

The Sacred Heart Sisters are hosting a "Come and See Day" on Sunday, November 5th from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Have you ever thought about being a Religious Sister? Is God calling you? Single women of high school and college age are invited to attend. Dinner will be provided at the event located at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center, 2927 S. Greenville St. in Santa Ana. Please RSVP by November 2nd to 714-557-4538. Please pray for vocations!