

29 October 2017  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Ford Maddox Brown  
Jesus Washing Peter's Feet

**MASSSES:** 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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## FIRE AND OTHER CALAMITIES

I have been imagining what life is like for those who lost their homes in the wildfires that sprung up recently in northern and southern California. I started doing so the morning I got up to discover ash strewn all across my patio from the Anaheim Hills fire some thirty miles away. Had the ash there been part of someone's garage or patio or bedroom, or part of a coffee table or a printer stand or a couch. I saw in the news a story about a couple who had been away on a trip when the fire burned their home; imagine how you would feel if you had no opportunity to gather treasured belongings or important documents or the Bible you had been given when you received the sacrament of Confirmation.

And yet, over and over, people who had lost so much reported that their "things" could be replaced and, most importantly, they were lucky to be together, alive and safe. This may be what one says in a state of shock, only to wake up one morning finally able to see the full dimension of one's losses. Maybe it comes at Thanksgiving when someone, in a rented condo, grasps the fact that the special platter used only at Thanksgiving is gone. Surely it will come at Christmas when someone won't have the wooden crèche, hand-made in Germany many years ago, to put on the mantle, the mantle also being gone.

When I was growing up, home was the place I went back to for safety when the larger world threatened. I could go to my bedroom, close the door and cry if on the way home from school someone slugged me or shoved the books out of my arms or called me

names. My mom would leave me alone for a couple of minutes and then check in on me, asking, "Are you alright?" Home is the place where we sleep our deepest sleep because it is where we can really relax. So, losing my home to fire, or earthquake, or hurricane, could considerably unhinge my life.

Of course, loss does not always come to us quickly. Those of us of a certain age experience the lessening of our strength little by little: we can't stay up late like we used to; we know better than to eat those spicy peppers like we did in college; we go to doctors more often and take the pills they prescribe; we get glasses with stronger lenses so we can keep reading the newspaper and the tiny screens on our smart phones. If we are lucky, we go to the funerals of our friends; if not, they make the effort to come to ours.



When we were young, the great enterprise was making something of yourself by learning, striving, figuring out, testing your limits, accomplishing certain goals and reaching certain thresholds. We get a degree, find a person to whom we give our love, get hired for a job we like and that pays the bills, and many more achievements. The great enterprise that follows is just as im-

portant. It is learning how to let go, how to be gracious in our aging, how to be generous to those in our world, learning to be patient with our frailty. Whatever we endure, we try as far as possible not to whine.

When we look up at the crucifix, we see our Savior enduring patiently his undeserved execution. Perhaps he knew exactly how it would all work out but it seems to me he did not. What I am sure he had was undimmed trust in his Father, even as he took his last breath. That was and still is a great accomplishment.

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FUNDRAISER

Please support our Knights of Columbus in their annual fundraiser for OC Catholic Charities to benefit adults and children with Intellectual Disabilities. This weekend after all Masses, the Knights will be offering individual Tootsie Rolls for donations. In addition, boxes of Tootsie Rolls will be available for Halloween treats for a suggested donation of \$10 per box. Questions, please contact Steve at 562-493-6021.



#### NEW DEGREES

St. Anne's Council 9494 is pleased to announce our newest 3rd Degree members: Juan Corredor, Richard Greco, Ed Kearns, Bill Switzer and James Tinker.

#### 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.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

#### ADVENT PREPARATION

Our November meeting will focus on Advent with things you can do to prepare inside our hearts and outside with others. Plan to attend on Monday, Nov. 27th and be ready to get spiritual! We will be giving out the new "Little Book" on Advent. Come and get your copy! Hospitality begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited!

#### 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 side entrance, and will be placed on the altar when our deceased are remembered at all masses between Nov. 2nd and Nov. 12th.



#### 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.

### COLLECTION FOR PUERTO RICO

Thank you for your generous support of our second collection to help in the restoration of Puerto Rico. Our parish raised \$4,866.

### COLLECTION FOR MEXICO CITY

Thank you for your generous support of our second collection to help in the rebuilding of Mexico City. Our parish raised \$4,523.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous support of World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$4,699. While only some are called to go to the Missions to serve, all of us are called to support the Church's missionary work.

### NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION

Next weekend, the annual National Needs Collection will be taken up in our Diocese. This collection combines three national collections: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communication Campaign, and the Catholic University of America.

### CONCERN AMERICA CRAFT SALE

On Saturday and Sunday, November 4th & 5th, volunteers for Concern America will be here at St. Anne Church with a craft sale featuring unique, quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase conscientiously. The gifts we find for special events, holidays, or to brighten our own homes are an exchange of caring with impoverished communities in developing countries. This year they have many new crafts from Bangladesh, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico. Inspired by nature, these beautifully handcrafted textiles, ceramics and wood products, honor indigenous traditions, and were selected to be reminders that when a Concern America product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions. Concern America, is an international development organization based in Santa Ana. You may view of selection of their crafts on their web site: [www.concernamerica.org](http://www.concernamerica.org)

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/30      † Juan Perez Lodaes  
 10/31      † Elaine Louviere  
 11/1        For the Parish  
 11/2        † All Souls  
 11/3        † All Souls  
 11/4        † All Souls  
               († 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, David Rivera, Mike Maloney

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jan Francis and Debra Jean Jablonski.

## Around Our Diocese

### MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast presents author and dynamic speaker Sonja Corbitt "God's Promise and Power!" Sonja has been captivating Catholic women across the country with her message about how God desires to know each of us in a deep and personal way and how He speaks to us through the positive and painful circumstances of life, relationships and his Word. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Anaheim-South in Garden Grove. Registration by mail must be postmarked by November 13th. The cost is \$28 person in advance or \$33 per person at the door. Please visit [www.magnificat-ministry.net](http://www.magnificat-ministry.net) for registration information or call Anne at 714-420-5482.

### PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Men interested in Diocesan Priesthood are invited to attend the next Priesthood Discernment evening on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. The purpose is to familiarize interested men with the life, prayer, and possible call to Priesthood in the Diocese of Orange. There is no commitment. The meeting will be held at the Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center, First Floor, RoomID, Christ Cathedral campus. If you have any questions regarding Priesthood discernment, please call Rev. John Money penny at 714-282-3036 or email [fr.jmoneypenny@rcbo.org](mailto:fr.jmoneypenny@rcbo.org).