

19 November 2017  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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Parable of the Talents

**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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# FAMILY

Gathering at Thanksgiving can be good for the family, or not. People who are skilled, successful and articulate in the big wide world can shrivel into temperamental teens when locked in a house with their siblings. They suddenly remember long buried scores that they believe need settling now or they insist on telling the same embarrassing stories about their sisters and brothers. Others who were not particularly attractive when they were growing up reveal themselves to be people so selfless and interesting their siblings wonder if benevolent space aliens have taken over their bodies. They help out in the kitchen, compliment the cooks and mind the kids so the cooks can get the meal on the table. Where have you been all our lives you want to ask.

In my family, my sister regularly hosts her in-laws for Thanksgiving. With their spouses and children, there are scores of them (I'm not kidding) and I can never keep their names straight; now they are older and their children are raising up a whole new generation of in-laws whose names I will never remember. From year to year the children keep growing and I can't believe the one that was so scrawny the last time I saw him now towers over me.

More wieldy are my brother, wife and two sons. To the worry of their mother, my nephews are unmarried. I always have interesting conversations with them; I like hearing about the things they are working on, what they are reading and what currently interests them. To no one's surprise, they are technology wizzes and so I can rely on them to sort out my iPhone's quirks. "It's easy, Uncle Mike; all you have to do is click here, see, to pull down this screen, then you click here, which brings up this screen. Now click here and it goes back to its default settings. That's what you want, right?" I nod.

In families that don't see one another on a regular basis, you are more likely to notice how the members have changed. You wonder if some will make it to the next holiday. Others show the stress of long hours at work or the worry that comes with a job in a shaky company. *If he*

*loses his job, will they lose the house? She looks like all she wants to do is sleep.* In some families these things can be talked about; in other families these are the very things you are *not* to ask about. I can remember my mother leaning her body over the front seat toward us as we got close to my grandmother's to tell us not to ask about a bandage on my grandmother's face. "Cause if you do, that's all we will be talking about over the dinner table. I, for one, do not want surgery as a side dish"

I am glad that we notice these changes. What's the point of having an extended family if they can't share in worrying about the ups and downs of your life?

If you are old enough to remember, television's Ozzie and Harriet were the image of the perfect endearing family and there was a kind of shame when you compared your smoking, drinking, fighting and turbulent family with them. Real families have problems that can't be solved by the end of the episode. Life is messy. Your brother could have a learning disability; your mother might be prone to

depression; money your dad should have set aside for your college fund he puts on the nags at Santa Anita hoping for a big win. Your uncle doesn't seem able to hold down a job. One of your aunts is divorced. A nephew drowned in the backyard pool.

Pope Francis keeps drawing our eyes toward God's mercy. Although we strive to do good and avoid evil, God knows what we know too well:

we are imperfect creatures. "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22) has given us his example: he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew." In other words, God has cut you plenty of slack so cut yourself and your family some slack when you get together around the Thanksgiving table.



# 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 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4th. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

### ADVENT PREPARATION

All women of the parish are invited to participate in the beginning of Advent as we praise the birth of Jesus with a baby shower! Join the celebration by bringing an unwrapped baby gift. We will collect items to donate to Colette's Children's Home. It will be an evening of fun and inspiration. Please plan to join us on Monday, November 27th at 6:30 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.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for our 14 students and their families who are preparing for First Reconciliation in December—Logan C., Noah C., Tristan C., Caden D., Lincoln F., Elizabeth G., John H., Michael M., Miles N., Riley N., Luke P., Grant R., Lylah R., and Saulo Q.

## CONFIRMATION 1 RETREAT

Thank you for your prayers! Our Confirmation I retreat was a huge success!



### 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.

## GETTY MUSEUM TRIP

Join Msgr. Mike and fellow parishioners on Saturday, January 13th to experience two exciting new exhibits!

*Giovanni Bellini : Landscapes of Faith in Renaissance Venice*—Bellini's works present characters and symbols from familiar sacred stories, set in a dimension of reality and lived experience to a degree unprecedented in the history of Italian painting.



*Sacred Landscapes: Nature in Renaissance Manuscript*—

In Renaissance Europe, many people looked to nature for spiritual inspiration and to guide their contemplation of the divine. In manuscripts created for personal or communal devotion, elements of nature add layers of meaning to the illuminations, which were painted with careful observation of every minute detail. These landscapes remind readers to appreciate, and respect, the wonder of creation.

We will leave St. Anne parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and arrive back at 4:00 p.m. in a deluxe air conditioned bus. \$22.00 per person round trip. Please make your reservations, with payment, in the Parish Office.

## ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, November 20th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Healing Mass. All are welcome! For more information, please call Janice Herlihy at 562-537-4526.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 22nd at Noon and remain closed for Thanksgiving and Friday, November 24th. Have a blessed and bountiful holiday!

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

11/20      ✠ Anthony Anastasi  
 11/21      ✠ Burke & Keating Families  
 11/22      Richard Gonzales  
 11/23      Thanksgiving  
 11/24      ✠ Margaret Bolt  
 11/25      ✠ Mae McGlynn  
 (✠ 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, Rosemary Hirsch, Mike Maloney, Merrill Butler, Frank Osterhues, Steve Wierzbicki, Steven Lang, Kay Lang

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## Around Our Diocese

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### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated it as the “World Day of the Poor.” It is to be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (two Sundays before the season of Advent) each year. The first World Day of the Poor is this Sunday, November 19, 2017.

Here are 4 ways you can observe the World Day of the Poor:

1. **PRAY FOR THE POOR**—If you are overwhelmed and not sure where to start, try praying with your newsfeed. As you see or hear headlines, pause and pray for the people affected by those stories.
2. **PRACTICE THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**—The Corporal Works of Mercy are drawn from Jesus' life and teachings. They call us to: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead and give alms to the poor. The Corporal Works of Mercy offer a clear model and starting point for how to care for our neighbors in need.
3. **MAKE CARING FOR THE POOR PART OF YOUR ROUTINE**—One way to support low-income workers around the world is to buy things from organizations that pay a fair wage and provide safe work conditions (look for a fair trade label).
4. **LEARN ABOUT THE CAUSES OF POVERTY AND WORK TO CHANGE THEM**—We can raise our voices together to support policies that address the causes of poverty.