

26 November 2017
Solemnity of Christ the King

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

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FEASTING

We think of ourselves as living in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Last week I suspect the turkeys did not see it that way; they died so many of us could let out our belts a notch or two. The original pilgrims had left England during a time of religious persecution; they settled in Holland but then, worried that their children would lose their English language and culture, they set out for the new world. The passage across the Atlantic in 1620 had not been easy for the pilgrims and during that first year they feared they would starve. The holiday of Thanksgiving celebrated their first successful harvest. These pilgrims were religious people; they recognized that their very survival was a great gift from God.

A lot of Jesus' ministry had to do with eating and drinking. In his first miracle at Cana, he turned water into very good wine at a wedding reception; it must have been a good party because the hosts were running low. With the help of his disciples Jesus repeatedly fed thousands of the poor. He dined as the guest of a Pharisee who became alarmed because Jesus hadn't washed his hands when he came in as was the custom. Jesus said of himself: "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." People wondered about it, "The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the disciples of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink." The last thing Jesus did before he was arrested was to eat and drink the Passover meal with his disciples. During that meal, he declared that the bread was his own body and the wine was his blood that would be poured out and then he commanded his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood in memory of him.

Of course, there's more to it than that. The Lord himself pointed out that the people of God "were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and

destroyed them all." We also need a true conversion of heart. Our actions must reflect our discipleship. We can party with our friends and family but we should not be heedless to the cries of the hungry and thirsty poor.

It is not unusual for me to arrive at my brother's for Thanksgiving and be introduced to some friend or coworker who had nowhere particular to go for the feast and so are welcomed into his home. My brother can easily do that because there is never a shortage of food on the table, and never a shortage of cooks. Over the years each of us have been given certain responsibilities. Mine, for instance, is making the gravy; and there needs to be a lot of gravy because there must be enough, not just for Thanksgiving, but also for turkey sandwiches the next day at lunch.

Sometimes there doesn't seem to be enough room in the kitchen for all of us working on our various duties but it is my favorite time of the day. A football game is playing in the next room but no one is watching it. "Will you pass me the salt?" My brother has a big post-it note on the refrigerator listing what temperatures the oven should be at for how long—the turkey covered or uncovered—so it will be cooked perfectly. (Each year he tweaks his recipe based on the previous years' experience.) "Where's the ladle? It was here a minute ago." "Check the potatoes. I think they are done but we don't want lumpy mashed potatoes." "Tell me when it's time to start carving the turkey." We usually forget one of the ingredients—often the yams—and only realize they were still in the oven after we've eaten dinner and are getting ready for pumpkin pie.

At the start of the meal we pray, giving each attendee a chance to be specific about what he or she is thankful for in the last year. At first, I think that it has been a pretty typical year with nothing fancy to be grateful for, but then my memory kicks in: I had that fall and am glad I had the doctors and nurses to patch me up and for my sister who dropped everything to come and take care of me after surgery. But there are others, many others, as each of us counts our blessings.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PARISH FOOD DRIVE

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will be collecting cash, checks, and/or canned and boxed food donations at all Masses starting the weekend of December 2nd and ending the weekend of December 16th. All donations will go toward assisting local disadvantaged families this Christmas.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone for their continued generosity in helping us raise \$5,750 for Pregnancy Centers and Women's Shelters throughout the Diocese of Orange.

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.

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS—

A REFLECTION

As a follow-up to the All Souls Day mass and reception, our Bereavement Ministry invites all those interested to join us in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 1st from 9:40 -10:30 a.m. We are forming a CIRCLE OF FRIENDS to share coffee and ideas as we approach the coming Christmas season. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend along if you want. If you have questions, please call Anne at 714-366-1547.



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.

FAITH FORMATION



All students enrolled in our faith formation classes are required to attend a Parent/Child Advent class during their regular class meetings on Monday, Dec. 18th and Tuesday, Dec. 19th. We have planned meaningful and fun interactive prayer stations for parents and children to spend an hour in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. All materials will be provided so please RSVP before December 14th to faithformation@stannesealbeach.org with how many in your family will attend (do not count your own student, siblings are also welcome).

ST. ANNE BOOK CLUB

Please join us the first Thursday of each month from Noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center living room. At our book club we learn a little about the author's background and then discuss some different aspects of the book brought up by the participants. Everyone is invited to participate! Our book for January 4th is "Joy to the World" by Scott Hahn. This book will be given out before Christmas. Our book for February 1st is "Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr. Participants may choose to purchase the book or borrow it from a local library.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Our popular Children's Christmas Choir will perform at the 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve mass. All children ages 6—18 are invited to participate. Tim Reid will conduct practices on Tuesdays in December from 2:40—3:00 p.m. beginning Nov. 28th.

Snacks will be provided. No experience is necessary! Sign up at faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

ADVENT CLASSICAL CONCERT



Our parish will host an Advent Classical Concert on Monday, Dec. 11th at 7:00 p.m.

A trio of professional classical musicians (flutist, violinist, cellist) will present an hour repertoire of classical and Christmas music in our sanctuary. Please plan to attend and invite your friends. This free concert is an early Christmas gift to the Community of Seal Beach.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 11/27 Fr. Ed Broom
- 11/28 †Mary Nickel
- 11/29 †Angelica Mendez
- 11/30 Walter and Carol
- 12/1 †Walter S. Nedza
- 12/2 †Martha Ryan
- († 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, Linda Bolt

Around Our Diocese

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- Monday, December 4th @ 7:00 p.m.
Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
8345 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach
- Wednesday, December 13th @ 7:00 p.m.
Saint Joachim Parish
1964 Orange Ave., Costa Mesa
- Monday, December 18th @ 7:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit Parish
17270 Ward St., Fountain Valley
- Monday, December 18th @ 7:00 p.m.
Saint Mary by the Sea
321 Tenth St., Huntington Beach
- Tuesday, December 19th @ 7:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit Parish
17270 Ward St., Fountain Valley
- Tuesday, December 19th @ 7:00 p.m.
Saint Bonaventure Parish
16400 Springdale St., Huntington Beach
- Wednesday, December 21st @ 7:00 p.m.
Saints Simon & Jude
20444 Magnolia St.
Huntington Beach

