

11 February 2018
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Jesus Cleanses the Leper, Duomo di Monreale, Sicily

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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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SAINTS AND FRIENDS



From holy cards and statues, we may mistakenly get the impression that the saints were primarily virtuous individuals who got to wear haloes. We have plenty of example of saints who were good but also were friends with other saints.

St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier come to mind. They met as roommates in college and went on to become founding

members of the Jesuit order; as priests and missionaries, they were responsible for tens of thousands of Christian conversions.

St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross were Carmelites in Spain in the sixteenth century, who as friends worked together to return their religious communities to a more focused life of prayer. But not everyone in their communities was on board with their plans; John of the Cross found himself imprisoned for a time.

St. Francis was a wild lover of prayer and poverty in Assisi; St. Clare was his devoted follower whom he entrusted with the founding of

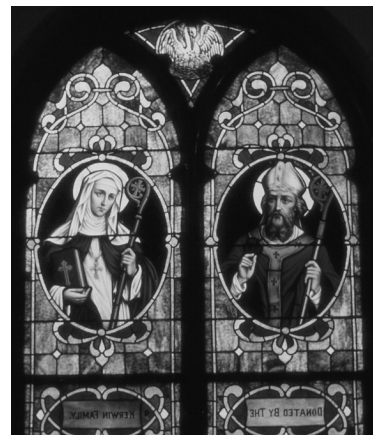


a religious order for women. When she entered religious life, she trusted Francis to cut her hair.

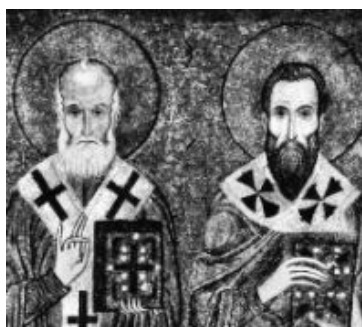
In the ancient Book of Armagh it was noted: "Between St. Patrick and Brigid, the pillars of the Irish people, there was so great a friend-

ship of charity that they had but one heart and one mind. Through him and through her, Christ performed many great works."

Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzen were from the same native land but didn't know one another until they met in Athens in pursuit of learning. They soon felt real affection for each other and recognized their shared ambition to seek true wisdom. Soon they became "everything to each other," sharing the same lodging and the same table. "Our love for each other grew daily warmer and deeper," said Gregory who was not alone in his appreciation for his friend. "I sought to persuade others," he wrote, "to have the same regard for him." In their pursuit of learning, he says, "we made capital out of our rivalry... not in seeking the first place for oneself but in yielding to the other, for we each looked on the other's success as his own." Like many of us who are blessed with



good friends, Gregory came to believe that "God so arranged it."



Friends don't just give us their examples to emulate; that would only discourage us in our weakness. Saints don't show off their holiness; they see

what we need and give us support when we are low and cheer us on so we can overcome challenges we thought were impossible. They work together. Come to think of it, friends and saints have lots in common.

Msgr. Mike

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, March 5th. 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

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Spend an evening with the Women's Guild on February 26th at 6:30 p.m. when Fran Ragland will share her journey on the Camino with ALL parishioners at this special presentation as we journey together during Lent.

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month with hospitality beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.



ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, February 19th 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.

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 different aspects of the book brought up by the participants. Everyone is invited! Our book for March 1st is "Kidnapped by the Vatican?: The Unpublished Memoirs of Edgardo Mortara" by Vittori Messori. As an infant, Mortara was on the point of death and secretly baptized by a Catholic servant employed by his family. He recovered his health, and in the Papal States where his family lived, the law required that he, like other baptized children, receive a Christian education. After several failed attempts to persuade his parents to enroll him in a local Catholic school, in 1858 Pope Pius IX had the boy taken from his family in Bologna and sent to a Catholic boarding school. There the child grew in Faith and eventually responded to the calling to become a Catholic priest.



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.

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

Each year, PSA invites us to boldly embrace the call to deepen our commitment to Jesus and grow in charity. Last week to help us make the best choices in fulfilling our safety goals, Don Miller and Jan Cooper attended a Faith Based Security Symposium in Yorba Linda which included the fundamentals of building an open and welcoming security system while providing protection for our parishioners and our facility. Our Safety and Security committee will utilize this valuable information to proceed with the planned improvements for St. Anne. Please join your fellow parishioners who have already made a gift to our annual appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule and by the side door entrance to the church.

2018	As of 2/5/18	
	Registered Families	750
	Family Pledge Goal	200
PSA	Families Pledged	100
	Amount Pledged Goal	\$120,000
	Amount Pledged	\$59,760

Thank you to all who have prayerfully and generously made a pledge in support of our Church!

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA/ EASTERN EUROPE

Next weekend there will be a special collection to support pastoral programs in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious, and seminarians, youth ministry and catechesis. Your support shares the faith with those in need.



ASH WEDNESDAY

The palms we used in last year's Palm Sunday celebration provide the ashes this year's Ash Wednesday Masses which will be celebrated on February 14th at 9:00 a.m., Noon, and 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—2/4/18 \$9,907
Special Collection for St. Anne School
as of 2/5/18 \$17,405



Around Our Diocese



LUNAR NEW YEAR

From the earliest days of our faith, Christians have been called to special penance and sacrifice

not only during the 40 days of Lent but especially on the significant days of the Lenten liturgical season, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Friday's of Lent. All Catholics in the U.S. are encouraged to enter into sacrificial penance during these days and specifically to refrain from eating meat, with the added penance of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. While this discipline of penance and fasting is serious, it no longer binds one under pain of grave sin. For a sufficiently good reason (e.g. special family celebration, Lunar New Year, etc.) one may dispense oneself from this serious obligation and may legitimately substitute another day of the week to fulfil this penance.

CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

What You Give Up For Lent Changes Lives

CRS RICE BOWL

During Lent our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we look ahead to our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts. We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we spend these 40 days reflecting on what it means to be companions on the journey to encounter our global human family. Bowls will be available by the entrances to the Church beginning on Ash Wednesday.

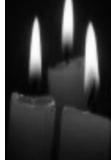
ODCCW



“Yesterday to Today” is the theme for the Annual ODCCW Fashion show to be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 20th. The donation is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with adjournment by 1:30 p.m. For reservations, call Pat at 714-892-5219.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

2/12	Therese Lee
2/13	✠Martha Ryan
2/14	Ash Wednesday
2/15	✠Seamus McFadden
2/16	Fr. Ed Broom
2/17	✠Amy Davidson
	(✠ Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Msgr. MacCarthy, Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Merrill Butler, Steven Lang, Kay Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Greg Rousselo, Sylvia Bartolomucci, Bob Rattray, Joel Rivera

SACRAMENTS

In order to celebrate the following Sacraments at St. Anne, it is vital to be an active member of our Faith Community.

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism. Baptisms are usually celebrated the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

PreK-8 Faith Formation: Grades 6-8 have classes on Mondays from 4:00—5:15 p.m., Grades 1-5 have classes on Tuesdays from 3:00—4:15 p.m., Pre-K and K have classes on Sundays from 10:00—11:00 a.m. Applications for enrollment in next year's faith formation programs will be available in April. Please call the Faith Formation office at 562-431-0721 x16 for more information.

Confirmation: Students typically begin the Confirmation process as a freshman in high school and complete the process at the end of their sophomore year. Confirmation classes take place on select Sunday and Wednesday evenings, in addition to retreats and service projects. Registration forms will be available at the end of April.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office for information about being married in our Church. An appointment with one of our priests to begin marriage preparation must be made at least 6 months before the wedding celebration.

Funeral: Contact the parish office to arrange funerals.

Pastoral Care: If you, or someone you know, wishes to have their name placed on our prayer net, or a visit and/or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of the Sick: In case of serious illness, contact the parish office. Do not wait until death is imminent.

- ⇒ If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please stop by the Parish Office.
- ⇒ If you want information about any of our many active Ministries, please pick up a brochure from the vestibule.