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Second Sunday of Lent

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



The Transfiguration of Christ

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MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM; 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

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A SHORT COURSE IN READING THE BIBLE

A lot of Catholics don't read the Bible much. When we were growing up, Bible reading was not encouraged. If you had theological questions, the answers were in the Baltimore Catechism #2. Why would we pick up the Bible? It could only confuse us.

That's too bad.

The Bible is beautiful, inspiring, complex and sometimes challenging. It actually is a library of books. Some books are narratives with important themes; others are poetry or the gathering of the axioms of the prophets. In the New Testament, besides the four gospels, there's also the letters of Saint Paul and other apostles, the Acts of the Apostles (which is really Volume II of Luke's Gospel) and the Book of Revelation, which many people can't make any sense of.

If you want to read the Bible, you would do well to read it in the New American Bible, Revised Edition, which is an authorized Catholic translation of the biblical texts by scripture scholars done under the direction of the bishops. It's what you hear at Mass. It has a short introduction to each book of the Bible and its footnotes can help a reader who runs into difficult verses.

Let's say you want to read the book of the prophet Isaiah. The introduction will tell you that it is an anthology of poems composed chiefly by the great prophet, but also by disciples, some of whom came many years after Isaiah. So you will want to read the chapters as the poetry they are.

You read the Bible for inspiration, but its books were not written to you directly. Each, including the gospels, were written with a particular audience in mind. What was the inspired author wanting to communicate to his original audience? If, with a little study, you can figure that out, then you are much more likely be inspired yourself in the way the

author intended.

For example, Mark's Gospel, which is the shortest and likely the first to be written, seems to have been written to people who did not realize that persecution was coming and that they should strengthen their faith in preparation. In it Jesus warns, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Then you can ask yourself, if my life were to come to an end soon or if Christ's second coming were to take place today, how prepared would I be? If I were to see the face of Christ, would I recognize it? Would I be ashamed of myself or grateful to see the one for whom I have been longing all my life? In other words, with a little study you can find much more in the texts than you could from a cursory reading.

Over the years it has been my practice to read a chapter a day until I finish a book. If I read more than a chapter, my mind tends to wander and then I have to go back and read what I missed. I am in 1 Corinthians now and plan to read 2 Corinthians after that. I will probably read one of the gospels next.

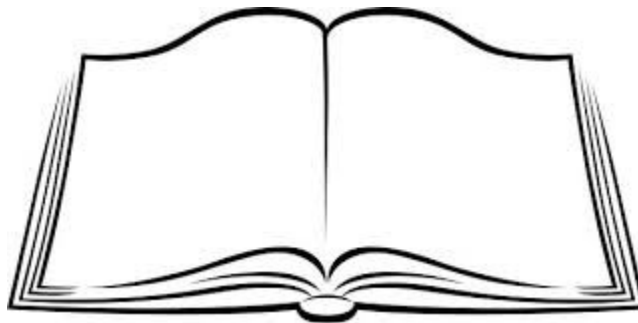
The complications in reading the Bible are what intrigues me. According to Genesis, God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. Moses finds Yahweh in a burning bush. Psalm 22 is a lament

by someone whom God had forsaken. The gospels indicate that Jesus called each of the apostles individually. Saint Paul met God on the road to Damascus and went on to preach the gospel to others across the Mediterranean region. That God is revealed is not in doubt, but

revelation came in many forms. (Even Psalm 22; read it to the end and you'll see.)

If you haven't already, think about adding a chapter of the Bible to your daily prayers. I promise you won't be disappointed.

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S POTLUCK

Save the date for our annual St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Potluck Dinner on Saturday, March 10th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets are posted in the vestibule and by the side entrance of the Church. For more information, contact Jim St. Omer Roy at 714-609-1297.

ALASKA FISHING ADVENTURE

St. Anne's Knight's of Columbus has organized another tremendous opportunity to fish in Alaska. It's a great package at a great price! Details of the trip are posted on the Knight's bulletin board in the walkway to the Church parking lot. This fishing trip, first organized by Al Hentges, is the main provider of the fish for our Annual Al Hentges Memorial Alaskan Fish Dinner where all proceeds go directly to support local seminarians. The deadline to sign-up is March 1st! For additional information, contact Rich Greco at 562-896-1025

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Share an evening with fellow parishioners as we explore this Sacred Journey on Monday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our own Fran Ragland will answer questions and reveal her life changing experience. An award winning short documentary "Phil's Camino" will be shown. Open to everyone!

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$3,581 which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so that they in turn can share it with others.

TOILETRIES FOR THE HOMELESS

This is the last week to donate toiletries for those who are homeless. This drive, sponsored by our Life, Peace and Justice Ministry, wishes to thank you for your donations.

PREPARING FOR EASTER



Our myPARISH app has a new look for Lent! In addition to the new special background, there is an Lent button bringing you a series of Lenten reflections.



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

Are you on our LYBUNT (last year but unfortunately not this) list for 2018 PSA pledges? Trusting that the Lord has continued to bless you and your family in many ways, we hope that you will be able to participate in PSA again this year. Your continued support is a great encouragement as we continue our work of Christ. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule and by the side door to the church.

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| 2018 | As of 2/19/18 | |
| | Registered Families | 750 |
| | Family Pledge Goal | 200 |
| | Families Pledged | 112 |
| PSA | Amount Pledged Goal | \$120,000 |
| | Amount Pledged | \$72,825 |
| | Thank you to all who have prayerfully and generously made a pledge in support of our Church! | |

CAREER RENEWAL MINISTRY

Are you looking for work? Do you know someone who is? The Career Renewal Ministry holds meetings on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

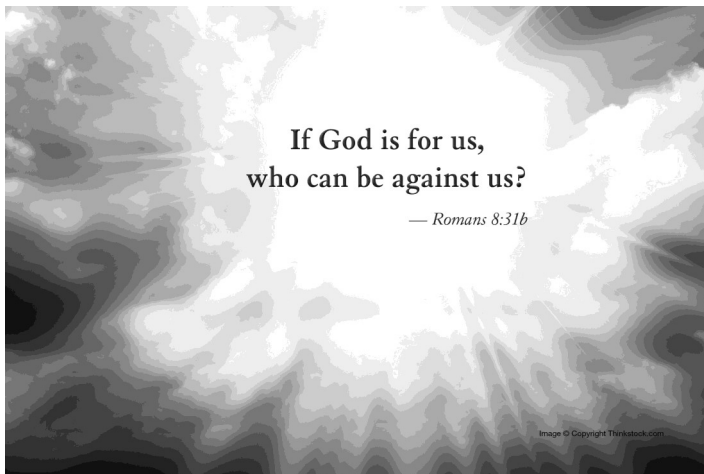
CRS RICE BOWL/FAITH IN ACTION

How will you answer the call to love your neighbor this Lent? Your neighbors live across the street and across the country, across oceans and hemispheres. Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Jesus reminds us that we are all made in God's image and likeness and that every human being has a special value and a purpose. We need to care for each other so we can be the people God calls us to be. As millions of God's children flee war, persecution and poverty, Pope Francis, Caritas Internationalis, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Relief Services invite you to share your neighbor's journey by walking with them in prayer and support.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—2/19/18 \$8,879





Call for Volunteers

For our 2018 PSA, once our Diocesan goal is met, additional funds will be used here to enhance safety and security on our campus.

Fortunately, in July 2017 a Safety & Security Working Group was formed. We have a good set of subject-matter expert volunteers among the current members: Jan Cooper, Terry Cunningham, Tim Kimminau, Joe Lazzari, Don Miller, Tom Ryan and Dave Smith.

However, we are **looking for additional volunteers** with experience and expertise in medical (i.e. physician, nurse, paramedic), law enforcement (i.e. police, sheriff, fireman), and training (i.e. teacher, instructor). Please consider volunteering if you currently work in those jobs, or are retired from those professions.

The group meets every other Friday from 5:00-6:00 p.m., and the work is expected to take several months. If you are unable to volunteer directly but have experience and expertise in the required areas, perhaps you can consider being an on-call resource.

If you have questions, would like more information, or would like to volunteer, please contact Don Miller at don@corinium.com, or 562-430-2516 (home).

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9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

2/26 † Charles Smith
 2/27 Roy Roudine
 2/28 † Casey Neill
 3/1 † Martha Ryan
 3/2 Seminararians
 3/3 † Stephen Wierzbicki
 († Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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, Don Miller, Jean Barbazette

DOUBLE PARKING

Please **do not park behind** other cars in our parking lot. Several times fellow parishioners have needed to leave to pick up a minor child or for an emergency and could not get out of the lot. Let's show each other respect and park on the street or in another lot when our lot is full.

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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: Applications for enrollment in next year's faith formation programs will be available in April.

Confirmation: Students typically begin the Confirmation process as a freshman in high school and complete the process at the end of their sophomore year.

Marriage: 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. Please 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.