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Fourth Sunday of Lent

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



The Virgin and Child with Saint Anne, Leonardo da Vinci

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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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## IMAGINING SAINT ANNE

**Y**ou won't find Saint Anne in the gospels, but she makes her appearance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century "First Gospel of James" and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century "Gospel of the Nativity of Mary," both apocryphal writings. In their devotion for Mary, believers tried to imagine what *her* mother may have been like. Her name gives us the first clue; it means grace. Then, of course, she must have been married; her husband's name came to be known as Joachim which means "he whom Yahweh has set up."

Although the couple had a comfortable and devout life in Nazareth, they were childless. When Joachim went to the Temple to offer sacrifice one day, a certain Reuben stopped him on the pretext that men without offspring were unworthy to be admitted. In grief and shame he ran away to the mountains. When Anne found out why her husband had not returned, she made her own plea to God, promising, if the Lord would take away her curse of sterility, she would dedicate her child to the service of the Lord.

Their prayers were heard; an angel came to Anne with the message, "The Lord has looked upon your tears; you will conceive and give birth and the fruit of your womb will be blessed by all the world." The angel brought a similar message to Joachim who then returned home. When a daughter was born, she was named Mary.

Surely every child is loved by his or her parents; new mothers, in particular, fairly glow. But imagine how

supremely delighted Joachim and Anne would have been after so long of time without a child. Often in art, Saint Anne is depicted as seated with her child, Mary, playing on her lap. It would have been Saint Anne's responsibility to teach her daughter how to live, how to cook and clean, how to wash and dry the laundry, how to pray and, most importantly, how to dedicate her life to God. She would have taught her daughter how to love God and her neighbor as herself. We can see how well Anne performed that last duty when, later, the angel Gabriel comes to her daughter and asks her to be the mother of our Savior. Mary does not hesitate but replies, "Behold, I am the

handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done unto me according to your word."

Through the centuries devotion to Saint Anne has remained strong, first starting in the eastern churches and then in the west. And, for nearly a century, here in Seal Beach.

On the cover of this week's bulletin we have Leonardo da Vinci's beautiful and moving take on mother, daughter and grandchild. It is the most beautiful image of Saint Anne I have ever seen. The original oil painting can be seen in the Louvre in Paris. But the crusader church dedicated to Saint Anne in Jerusalem, seen on this page, is also quite stunning

in its simplicity; be sure to see it if you get the chance to visit the Holy Land.



Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### ALASKA FISHING ADVENTURE

We still have a few spots left to join other parishioners on a great fishing trip in Alaska! Details of the trip are posted on the Knight's bulletin board, or for more information call Rich Greco at 562-896-1025.



#### MEETINGS

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th. For information, call Bob at 562-594-4762.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

St. Anne Women's Guild will present its 5th clinical update. The topic for Monday, March 26 will be "Women and Heart Disease." Our guest speaker, Debbie Truax is a



Geriatric Nurse Practitioner from Kaiser Permanente, Downey. She will talk about why women's heart disease presents differently

from men's and will also focus on how to optimize heart health. The meeting is open to all parishioners and the Seal Beach community. Refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### TRIP TO ST. ANNE SCHOOL

A trip to tour St. Anne School in Santa Ana has been planned for Monday, March 26th. It is amazing to view the children in their classrooms and see first hand what a terrific job their principal, Sister Teresa, and her staff are doing each day. We will car pool from the church parking lot, leaving at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining us, please call JoAnn at 562-598-4967 or email her at jarossi@verizon.net.

### HOME MISSION APPEAL



This weekend, we will take up the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Nearly half of our country is considered home mission

territory. This appeal helps our neighbors here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeals helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—3/4/18 \$10,486  
 Online Giving week ending —3/4/18 \$6,255



#### 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

We contribute to the PSA for the benefit of the community served through our Diocese in assisting the poor, providing training, formation, education and outreach that reinforces the mission of each individual parish and also reaches out to those in the community. If you would like to donate anonymously or receive assistance making a pledge, help is available in the parish office. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule and by the side door to the church. "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? *Psalm 116:12*

<b>2018</b>	As of 3/5/18	
	Registered Families	750
	Family Pledge Goal	200
	Families Pledged	135
<b>PSA</b>	Amount Pledged Goal	\$120,000
	Amount Pledged	\$ 83,917
Thank you to all who have prayerfully and generously made a pledge in support of our Church!		

### CRS RICE BOWL

Do you struggle to keep your Lenten sacrifices year after year? Do you go to Easter Mass feeling guilty for having neglected your Lenten devotions? Are you committed to improvement—to making this your holiest Lent yet? Following the CRS encounters with those who struggle daily for necessities is one way to bring you closer to God. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)



### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2018

#### March 29th – Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 Adoration following until 10:00 PM

#### March 30th – Good Friday

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross  
 12:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday  
 7:00 PM Via Matris

#### March 31st – Holy Saturday

No Mass at 5:00 PM  
 7:00 PM Solemn Easter Vigil

#### April 1st - Easter Sunday

6:00 AM Sunrise Mass  
 8:00 AM Mass – 2 masses, church and hall  
 10:00 AM Mass – 2 masses, church and hall  
 12:00 PM Mass

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## Around our Diocese

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### TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. DUY AND FR. BRANDON

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS  
NOVEMBER 25—DECEMBER 4, 2018

Reaffirm your baptism in the Jordan River, visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem, the holy city that was witness to the death and resurrection of our Lord. Imagine crossing the Sea of Galilee or renewing your wedding vows in Cana at the sight of the first miracle. Brochures are available in the vestibule. For more information call Carre at 949-589-7747 or email mba+carre1@yahoo.com

### PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Men interested in Diocesan Priesthood are invited to attend the next Priesthood Discernment evening on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Diocese Pastoral Center, First Floor, Room 1D on the Christ Cathedral campus. The purpose is to familiarize interested men with the life, prayer, and possible call to Priesthood. There is no commitment other than an interest to participate. Questions? Call Rev. John Moneypenny at 714-282-3036.

### CHRISM MASS

This year's Chrism Mass will be held at the Arboretum at Christ Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26th. All the faithful are invited to participate in this Mass to witness the blessing of the Oil and the consecration of Holy Chrism.



Priests serving in our diocese concelebrate this Mass, during which they also renew their commitment to priestly service. Oils to be used in the coming year are presented for the bishop's blessing. These include the oil for the sick, used in anointing the sick; the oil for catechumens, used during baptism; and the oil for the sacred chrism, which is the primary anointing oil. It is used in the sacraments of initiation and holy orders as well as special acts of dedication. The word "chrism" means "consecrated oil."

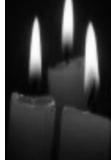


*Lent summons us,  
and enables us, to come  
back to the Lord  
wholeheartedly  
and in every aspect  
of our life.*


Pope Francis' message for Lent

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

3/12 †Denise Van Norden  
 3/13 †Margaret Galindo  
 3/14 Fr. Ed Broom  
 3/15 †Giuseppa Bologna  
 3/16 †Chris Tristanich  
 3/17 †Brian Fish  
 († 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

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS NO LONGER IN NEED  
 OF BEING ON THIS LIST, OR WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED,  
 PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 562-431-0721.

## CHURCH CLOSED



Our church will be closed from April 2nd through April 7th while the altar floor is being refinished. Morning Mass will be held in the hall. All ministry meetings/ events are being rescheduled.

## 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 want information about any of our many active ministries, please pick up a brochure from the vestibule.