

24 September 2017
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Abidan Paul Shah

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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SLEEP

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. Ps. 4:8

I love a good sleep but you wouldn't know it by my actions. In the evening at some point I fall asleep with the television on. Though I feel myself getting sleepy, it just seems like too much work to get out of the chair and go all the way down the hall to my bed. Maybe an hour or two later, I wake up just enough to shut off the TV, make a pit stop in the bathroom (without the light on) and tumble into bed. When it works I am back asleep in less than a minute, and most of ten it works. It's a habit.

The Bible has a number of sleepers, starting with Jacob. In a dream, he saw a stairway that reached up to heaven with angels going up and down it. In that dream, the Lord told him that he gave him and his descendants this land in Bethel.

Joseph was the most famous dreamer in the Hebrew Bible. His first dream was of sheaves of wheat. The one Joseph had harvested stood straight and tall while those of his older brothers bowed down to his. In his next dream, the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to Joseph. He should have kept his dreams to himself. Soon his jealous brothers sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites, who sold him in Egypt. Take away: be careful who you tell your dreams to.

Because Joseph could interpret the dream of Pharaoh, he was appointed second-in-command over Egypt. The prophet Daniel had many dreams and visions but his ability to interpret a foreigner's dream brought him high position. Take away: dream interpretation was a good job skill in those



days.

In a dream Solomon received a generous offer from God: "Ask me what you wish me to give you." He asked for wisdom and became a great leader.

In the New Testament, sleeping Joseph has a dream in which an angel assures him that Mary's pregnancy was due to divine initiative, not infidelity. After Jesus had been

arrested, Pilate's wife sent word that she had a nightmare and the governor should have nothing to do with Jesus. Take away: maybe we should listen to our dreams.

I used to have vivid dreams which I could remember in the morning; now I only remember the emotion a dream evoked or a brief image, and this only if the dream wakes me up.

Perhaps I love sleeping most in the winter during a storm. The raindrops are pounding against the window. Distant thunder rolls over the land. I hear the sound of tires driving along PCH. I have piled on the blankets and am warm and comfortable between the sheets. All this soothes me and I am soon snoring contentedly.

Here's part of a poem by Charles Péguy that is about God's opinion of sleep. It is one of my favorites:

God speaks:

And yet they tell me

That there are men who don't sleep.

I don't like the man who doesn't sleep, says God.

Sleep is the friend of man.

Sleep is the friend of God.

Sleep may be my most beautiful creation.

And I too rested on the seventh day.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

SINGERS NEEDED

Come join the St. Anne's Adult Choir and praise the Lord through song! Rehearsals are on most Wednesday evenings from 7:30—9:00 p.m. and we sing at the 10:00 a.m. mass. It is a great opportunity for fellowship and service—no previous choir experience is necessary. If time commitment is an issue, consider joining us for a liturgical season—Advent, Christmas, Easter, Lent. If interested, please email John Glaudini jungledini@me.com or see John upstairs in the choir loft after 10:00 a.m. mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 24th following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses for our world famous homemade buttermilk pancakes along with eggs and sausage. The suggested donation is \$6 per person or \$20 per family. All donations help support local charities.

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 Tuesday, October 2, 2017. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

SALAD SUPPER

Don't miss the Spectacular Salad Supper on Monday, September 25th at 6:30 pm. in the parish hall. It's not too late to sign up after all masses today. All salad and toppings and desserts are provided. Water will be available. You may bring other beverages if you'd like. Meet new friends and enjoy the fellowship. If you'd like to attend or help setup or cleanup, call Laura Vincent at 714-756-0704.

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.

LIFE, PEACE AND JUSTICE

Thank you to all who have contributed to our homeless requests. For the next month, for those who are able, we will be collecting handiwipes. We are told this is the only way the kids who are homeless clean up for school. On behalf of all those who have been helped by your generosity, thank you for your support.



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.

ADVENT CLASSICAL CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE—Our parish will host an Advent concert on Monday, Dec. 11th at 7:00 p.m. Professional classical musicians will present an hour repertoire of Classical and Christmas music in our sanctuary. Please plan to attend and invite your friends.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Last weekend, the Church celebrated Catechetical Sunday, "Living as Missionary Disciples." Catechists from our many ministries were commissioned at mass. Catechetical Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each one of us plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is a chance for everyone to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

ADORATION

We are hoping that all parishioners will join us for an evening of Adoration on Friday, October 6th from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. We will only have one Adoration evening this fall due to our Confirmation I retreat and the Seal Beach Christmas parade falling on first Fridays. This will be an evening filled with prayer, reflection, and worship! Hope to see you there!

NEW TABLES IN THE HALL

Our Knights of Columbus have generously donated 16 new tables for use in our hall. Besides being used for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, most of our ministries use the hall on a regular basis and will benefit from their benevolence.

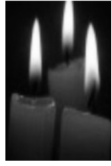
EAGLE PROJECT

St. Anne was fortunate to have another Boy Scout complete his eagle project benefiting our Youth Ministry Program. Trevor Geraghty and his fellow scouts built shelves and cabinets in our access path from the breezeway to the patio. Jyllian now has an efficient way to store the large items she uses for Youth Ministry in a safe and visually appealing path.



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

9/25	Michelle Cave
9/26	✠ Carmeline Jones
9/27	✠ Eva & Manuel Ceballos
9/28	Rudy Jingco
9/29	✠ Jan Spinato
9/30	✠ Tim Carlin
	(✠ 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, Msgr. Mike, Roy Roudine, Rosemary Hirsch

Around Our Diocese

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

Visit the most famous and historic sites of Christendom as we visit Vatican City, Italy, Spain, France, and Mallorca

Join Bishop Tim Freyer, the Diocesan Choir, and priests from throughout the Diocese of Orange on a pilgrimage to Vatican City and Rome, followed by a Mediterranean cruise departing from Naples that will take our pilgrims to some of the most

beautiful and historic sites in Christendom - visit the birthplace of St. Junipero Serra in Mallorca, celebrate Mass in the famed Gaudi Cathedral of Sagrada Familia in Barcelona Spain, daily Mass Cathédrale Sainte-Marie-Majeure de Marseille in Provence France, and visit Pisa and Florence Italy. The Pilgrimage date set for July 2018.

An information night regarding this amazing pilgrimage will be held in the Freed Theater at Christ Cathedral on Sept. 28, 2017 from

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. RSVP at <https://bishopspilgrimage.eventbrite.com>

