

29 April 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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MASSSES: 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

Saints come in all shapes and sizes and they become patrons for the oddest reasons. Over time it becomes hard to separate truth from folklore.

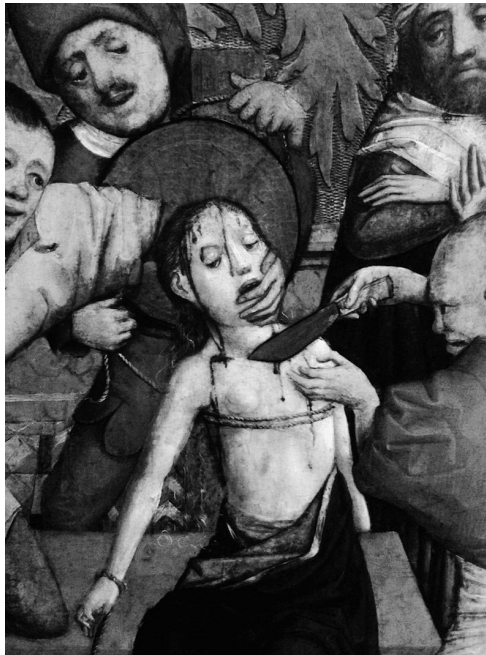
St. Polycarp was a revered Christian leader and a friend of John the Apostle and Ignatius of Antioch. He was known as a teacher and practical leader. When he was 86 he was sentenced to death by being burned at the stake, but the flames did not harm him. So they stabbed him to death with daggers and then burned him. This second attempt succeeded. For reasons that remain murky, he has been traditionally invoked against dysentery. Perhaps his work took place in an area where dysentery was wide-spread. He's also against earaches, and no one is sure why.

St. Barbara's father was a wealthy man named Dioscorus. When she converted to Christianity, he was so angry he had her tortured and then beheaded her with his own hands. But on the way home from her execution, he was struck by a lightning bolt and died. People started calling upon Barbara during thunderstorms, then prayed to her against sudden deaths in general. When gunpowder and artillery were invented and used—where sudden deaths became more common—St. Barbara became identified with all the explosion-based activities, and thus became the patron saint of fireworks.

Born circa 560 in Spain, the young St. Isidore was a lousy student. Instead of giving up, he turned to God for help. With that help he became one of the most learned men of his time, writing a dictionary, encyclopedia and complete history of the Goths. (He should not be confused with St. Isidore the Farmer—who was also Spanish—and who is the patron of, you guessed it,

farmers and rural communities.) Today the scholar Isidore is widely recognized as the patron saint of both computer users and schoolchildren. In 2003 he was invoked as the patron saint of the internet. Do you think he has a blog?

Captured by Muslims during the First Crusade, St. Adjutor is said to have escaped by swimming (either swimming to Crusader territory or swimming all the way to France; or he might have been recaptured, but then miraculously transported back to France by St. Mary Magdalene.) Or he might have calmed a whirlpool that had emerged beside a boat he was traveling on. Water was involved with him somehow which is why he's now considered the patron saint of swimmers and those in danger of drowning.



The Torture of Saint Barbara

St. Columbanus loved the open road so much he spent much of the 6th and 7th century roaming around Europe—and that led to him being considered the patron saint of motorcyclists. (And you thought that was St. Harley.)

In the early 15th century St. Bernardino of Siena was such a well-known and crowd-pleasing public preacher, he's now considered the patron saint of advertising and public relations.

If you google around enough, you'll probably be able to find a patron for everyone and every endeavor. Somewhere I saw recently that there was even a patron saint for murderers; no, it must have been a patron saint of ex-murderers, of repentant murderers, or maybe for those who are so angry that they are tempted to murder someone.

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus are teaming up once again with the Life Centers of Orange County to offer roses for a suggested donation of \$5 per pair and \$30 per dozen on Mother's Day weekend, May 12th and 13th, after all masses. All proceeds go to benefit Pro-Life efforts at Orange County Life Centers. Please help make our Mother's Day Rose campaign another great success. For more information, please contact Tom Ryan at 714.679.5300.



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 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7th. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

MAY CROWNING

The Women's Guild is honored to present an Evening of Marian Art, with music by J. Jones and May Crowning with Msgr. Mike on Monday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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 Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

2018	As of 4/23/18	
	Registered Families	750
	Family Pledge Goal	200
	Families Pledged	176
PSA	Amount Pledged Goal	\$120,000
	Amount Pledged	\$125,442
Thank you to all who have prayerfully and generously made a pledge!		

CONFIRMED

Congratulations to our 58 teens who were confirmed on Saturday, May 21st! It was truly a beautiful celebration with our new Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen. Many of these teens will be continuing their journey with us in Lighthouse which kicked off last Sunday.



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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Before receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion, our children are drawn into further understanding of prayers, who Jesus is, and what their relationship is with Him. As these children gather and are nourished by Jesus' own body, they will take this loving gift with them into the world. Those receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5th at 10:30 a.m. include: Logan C., Noah C., Tristan C., Caden D., Lincoln F., Elizabeth G., John H., Luke L., Miles N., Luke P., Grant R., Lylah R., Saulo Q., and Riley T. Please pray that their relationship with Jesus continues to be strengthened through the Eucharist.



WILLS AND TRUSTS

During the week of May 21-26, the Orange Catholic Foundation will provide eleven Wills and Trusts sessions throughout the Diocese. St. Anne will be hosting one of the sessions on Wednesday, May 23rd from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Estate planning and having a Will or Trust in place are responsibilities that all of us should take seriously. All presenters are Catholic Estate Planning professionals. During the session, they will answer questions regarding estate taxes, probate, trusts, guardianship, selecting a personal representative, and steps on how to create or update your plans. Individuals and couples who attend will be offered a complimentary consultation to be used within six months. If you don't have a Will or Trust or you need to update yours, please try to join us. Mark your calendars now—more information will follow in the next few weeks.



Around the Diocese

UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY

If you or someone you know thinks they might be pregnant, there are resources available for support through pregnancy, childbirth and beyond. Visit www.rcbo.org/pregnancy-resources for information on the Orange County Crisis Pregnancy Clinics, Centers and Shelters.

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

The contemplative prayer ministry at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Huntington Beach invites us to join them on Saturday, May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a Centering Prayer Workshop. The gift of centering prayer offers us the opportunity to get away from the noise, tension and stress of daily life and be with our loving God in the silence of our hearts. The cost is \$20 for program materials. To register fill out the registration form found at www.ssj.org in the "Upcoming Activities" section and return to the SSJ Parish Office by April 30th. For more information, contact Linda at lmcgbri@earthlink.net.

CRS RICE BOWL



Our 2018 Lenten Rice Bowl sacrifices totaling \$3,720 will reach out to those in need in solidarity and with a promise of an ongoing encounter with our one human family.

Whenever we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty or welcome the stranger, may we remember we are encountering the Risen Christ.

ST. HEDWIG MISSION CIRCLE

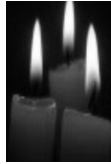
Maria Immaculata Mission Circle #138 is holding their Annual Luncheon on Monday, May 7th at 11:30 a.m. at St. Hedwig's in Quinn Hall. There will be an opportunity drawing, great food, music and a raffle. All proceeds go directly to their missions in the Philippines. The Mission donation is \$15. For more information or tickets, call Mary Murray at 714-867-2511, or Mary Ann at 562-430-0744.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Men interested in Diocesan Priesthood are invited to attend the next Priesthood Discernment evening on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. The purpose is to familiarize interested men with the life, prayer, and possible call to Priesthood in the Diocese of Orange. There is no commitment. Questions? Call Rev. John Money penny at 714-282-3036.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

4/30 ✠Hap Pudewa
 5/1 ✠Ric Reynado
 5/2 ✠Ramona Saldumbide
 5/3 ✠Sam Aliotta
 5/4 Seminarians
 5/5 ✠Andrew Kiely
 (✠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, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Gary Rousselo, Sylvia
 Bartolomucci, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette,
 Mark Hepp, Noemi Baeza

*If you would like to have your name added or removed
 from this list, please call the parish office.

LANG FUNERAL

A rosary and funeral for Kay Lang will be held on
 Thursday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne.

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. Baptism preparations classes for
 parents and Godparents are held once a month on a
 Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

PreK-8 Faith Formation: Applications for enrollment in
 next year's faith formation programs are now available.

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.

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