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## WASTING TIME

One morning I was sitting in the blue chair I always sit in, saying my prayers. I looked up from my iPad and out in the water I saw a dolphin pod coming in from the ocean. Maybe they were following a school of fish or maybe they were just checking out the neighborhood. I couldn't tell but what I could tell was that they were enjoying each other's company. They were almost playful in the ways they came up above the surface and then descending back underwater, not all at the same time like a chorus line, more like acrobatic tumblers in a circus. I watched them as long as they were in sight.

I am currently reading "The Art of the Wasted Day" by Patricia Hampl, a beautiful writer from St. Paul who is also a Catholic. The cover flap describes the book as "a picaresque travelogue of leisure written from a lifelong enchantment with solitude." We live in a world of many activities, "To Do" lists to accomplish and chores to be completed. If by some miraculous grace, we get all these done, we feel a bit guilty. "I must be forgetting something I need to do," I mutter to myself. Such a life is all surface and no depth. To find the depth you have to meditate on and contemplate your own life, things which appear in a busy life to be a waste of time.

The Sunday readings we use at Mass are organized on a three-year cycle. Every third year a preacher is confronted by exactly the same readings, something that has happened to me thirteen times. I sometimes read over the readings for the upcoming Sunday and wonder what else I can say about these same readings. If I sit with them long enough, they begin to reveal themselves to me. This is especially true of the passages of scripture that are poetry or narrative. Every good story deserves repeating. Of course, when I come back to certain readings, I have three years more of experiences; the readings may be the same, but I am different, so I often see them differently. That allows me to see

what I have missed in earlier readings; they can remind me of things I've read or seen or a conversation I had with someone.

The same can happen with memories. An event I interpreted one way when it happened to me can look quite different all these years later. I considered a scripture study I taught a few years after I was ordained, a great success then; lots of people attended and what I had to say was much appreciated. But now I think I talked too much and listened too little. They got the Gospel of Luke According to Father Mike. They probably would have learned more if



they engaged with the passages more themselves. The Gospel of Luke According to Their Own Burning Hearts.

I waste time thinking of my relationship with friends, especially those that have died, what they meant to me and mean still, what I loved in them and learned from them, but, most important, the life we shared. I remember the night I stayed up with a classmate; we

were newly ordained then and had lots of thoughts and feelings to sort out. Besides the pastoral work, we had to learn how to work and live with other priests and it was turning out more complicated than we had imagined it would be when we were inexperienced seminarians. The session ended abruptly when one of us saw how very late it was and we both remembered that we were assigned to the early morning Mass in our respective parishes. I was exhausted the next day but not sorry I had stayed up so late. It had been a good conversation.

I am not yet ready to write my memoir. I still look forward now more than I look back. Yet with the help of Patricia Hampl, I am learning the fine art of wasting time, and I find it to be right up my alley.

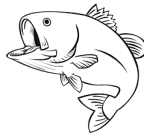
Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### ALASKA FISHING ADVENTURE

We are looking for a couple more fisherman to join us fishing in Alaska. It is a tremendous opportunity to get a great fishing package at a great price. The remaining spots need to be filled ASAP. Details are posted on the K of C bulletin board in the walkway to and from the Church parking lot. The Alaska Fishing Adventure was first organized by Al Hentges, one of our past Grand Knights. A small part of this typically large catch gets donated to the Annual Al Hentges Memorial Fish Dinner where all proceeds go directly to support our local Seminarians. The trip dates are July 8th-14th. For additional info, contact Dave Davies at 562.708.9900.



#### 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, June 11th. 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 host an Evening of Marian Art, Music and May Crowning. Msgr. Mike will present slides on Marian Art followed by Lina Saw crowning Mary while J. Jones provides music. This event will be on Monday, May 21st at the Guild's monthly general meeting. Social gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m., presentations at 7:00 p.m. 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.

### PARISHES IN COLLABORATION

Next weekend, all people of the Diocese of Orange will have the opportunity to donate to the Parishes in Collaboration Collection. The purpose of this collection is to assist parishes within our Diocese that exhibit ongoing needs that cannot be paid for by their ordinary income and have urgent needs such as repairs and maintenance.

All money donated to this collection is put into a restricted fund that is administered by a group consisting of laity and clergy of the Diocese. Parishes with needs apply for grants from this fund to be used for a specific purpose.



#### 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.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

All incoming freshmen and high school students are invited to attend our summer events. Join us for a summer full of reflection, community, and fun! Our first event is May 20th from 5:00–6:30 p.m. for a Tacos & Game Night Social.



### PreK-8 FAITH FORMATION

End of the year classes were held on May 7-8 and featured a May Crowning rosary with Father Bob, ice cream, and a basketball free throw contest on Monday courtesy of our Knights of Columbus. The Knights organized this special tournament with trophies for our students. We are grateful that they took time to spend the afternoon with us.

Thank you to our catechists and aides who made this year a success by volunteering their time and talent for our children: Mrs. Krishnan, Mr. Silver, Mrs. Souza, Mrs. Fiori, Mrs. Scandura, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Gotoski, Mrs. Littleford, and Mrs. Elliott. We enjoyed getting to know our families better and helping children to grow in knowledge and love of Jesus. Thank you to all the parents who substitute teach, assist the catechists with classroom management and projects, and who lead Liturgy of the Word on Sundays. It's wonderful to work with you.

Families registered for next year's PreK-8th grade faith formation classes will receive email information about the fall session which begins September 9-11th.

### MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day prayer cards are available in the pews and in the vestibule to honor our mothers living on earth and in heaven. Write in the names of the mothers in your life on a card and place it in the basket located in the vestibule.

We will pay special tribute to them on Monday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m. when we celebrate the new feast day - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—5/6/18	\$11,045.
Online Giving week ending —5/6/18	\$6,110.

## MARIAN CONSECRATION

There's a well-known proverb: "Behind every great man is a great woman." certainly applies to the greatest Man that has ever lived on the face of this earth, our Lord Jesus Christ. The great woman behind him is of course his mother, Mary. All the saints understood, if you want to be holy, surround yourself with holy people. Next to Jesus, who better to surround yourself with than with the holiest woman that has lived?



In the last four weeks, I've had the awesome privilege of journeying with, and guiding, forty devote men and women in a Marian retreat based on Fr. Michael Gaitley's book, "33 Days to Morning Glory"— a Marian consecration. As Catholics, we hold Mary very dear to our hearts. After all she is the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our Mother. The word consecration comes from two words: "con" meaning "with" and "sacra" meaning "holiness". The purpose of this retreat was to gain more wisdom and graces to help us grow in holiness specifically with the help of Mary. In other words, to set our hearts on fire for Jesus and his mission. We gained incredible insights from four of the greatest Marian giants of the Church: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Theresa and St. Pope John Paul II. After 33 days of prayer, pondering and fellowship we gave our formal consecration to our Blessed Mother on the Eve of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima which also happens to be Mother's Day! Thank you Jesus for the gift of such a perfect and loving mother, Mary! In the words of the Angel Gabriel, "Hail Mary full of grace..."

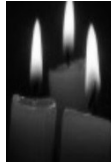
Fr. Ben

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP

The Diocese of Orange is offering a Children's Choir Camp this summer from June 25 - 29th at Christ Cathedral. The camp is open to all children in grades 1-4 and grades 5-10. Participants will develop choral singing and musical skills, and liturgical knowledge. The camp is open to all children! For choir camp information, call 714-971-2141, ext. 5529.

# 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 5/14 Andrew Portes
- 5/15 ☩Marie Roudine
- 5/16 Fr. Ed Broom
- 5/17 Janice Donovan
- 5/18 ☩Claire Brunone
- 5/19 ☩Jack Senske  
(☩Rest in God’s love and peace)

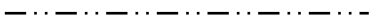


## PLEASE PRAY FOR



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, Robert Dutro

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



“We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

## 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.

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