

15 July 2018
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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COMMUNION

Years ago, a classmate of mine had a mother who was dying of cancer. He had been visiting her in the hospital as much as he could. On one of his visits his mother told him that a short nun had been coming to visit her every day and she was greatly comforted by that. This struck him as odd, so he asked her what the nun's name was. She told him, but he did not recognize it, though he thought he knew all the religious who were living in this rural locale. He didn't think anything about it again until he ran into that same name in the Catholic newspaper; the Vatican had recently declared a nun by that name a saint. There was a picture and, sure enough, she was short. It must be a coincidence, he thought. There are a lot of short nuns in the world. By then his mother had died and been buried so there was no going back to her to check. He asked at the hospital the next time he went to anoint a patient but none of the staff could recall having heard of or seen any nuns. The reason my classmate told me this story was because he didn't know what to make of it. Had a saint chosen his mother as her special charge? Or had his mother's pain medication given her hallucinations? Had someone told her about the new saint? Short of heaven, there was no way to know.

We speak of "eternal rest" when we pray for the dead. I imagine the saints sitting comfortably in heaven on very nicely upholstered sofas, perhaps done in a brocade. Struggle and drudgery belong here on earth; in heaven every day should be a holiday.

Yet I am not so sure that's really the way it works. Think of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, someone we know well who is now in heaven. Do you think she would be content to sit around? No, she'd be bored to tears. I

think of my parents. On a lovely evening, particularly in Summer, they enjoyed sitting out of the back patio, having their drinks, smoking their cigarettes and talking about those things that adults talked about, subjects that bored us kids to death, but during the day they both worked very hard. Doing crossword puzzles for all eternity would not be enough to occupy my mom, though she was very good at them when she was alive. She even did them in ink! My father was a wiz with an adding machine, totaling a long list of numbers without ever looking up from the page, so if he is still looking for an interesting challenge in heaven, perhaps he'll receive a post in the Creator's workshop calculating the half-life of galaxies.

So now I am considering various eternal options. Up there, people will no longer need me to say Masses or distribute the sacraments, so maybe I could go back and improve my piano playing. Likely there are people who would be interested in a sing-along. There are many books that I will not yet have read. But I imagine—at least for the first part of my time in heaven—I'll busy myself with praying for and encouraging those I knew and loved who are still on earth: members of my family, parishioners and friends. No doubt I will be missing them and so I

would do so to make sure that they lived their lives in ways that would make it possible for them to join me in heaven. But if my classmate's story is true and heavenly bodies can be assigned to various earthly bodies, I would be honored to attend to someone who was dying or facing a divorce or has had a nervous breakdown. People in those circumstances deserve their own saintly partner. That would be a good job for me, don't you think? Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Paul Pudenz at 562-370-5341.

ALASKAN FISH DINNER

The 15th annual Al Hentges Memorial Alaskan Fish Dinner will be held on Sunday, August 5th. There will be a 5:00 PM and a 7:00 PM seating. The suggested donation is \$20. per person, with *all proceeds going directly to support local seminarians*. Tickets will be available after all masses on the weekends of July 21/22 and July 28/29. This event is fun and popular – tickets sold out early last year – please show your support and buy tickets early. For additional information, please contact Ed Harkins at 562.505.4535.

“Help Us Help Those In Need”

THIRD WORLD GIFTS/HOMEBY

Third World Gifts & Handarts will be having a sale of fair trade crafts from Native American lands and developing nations this weekend. In addition, products from Homeboy/Homegirl Industries will be for sale while supplies last.

ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, July 16th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary and Healing Mass. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Mass. All are welcome! For more information, please call Janice Herlihy at 562-594-6357.

YOUTH MINISTRY

OUTDOOR MOVIE

This Wednesday, July 18th all teens are invited to an outdoor movie night in our parking lot. Grab a beach chair and join us at 7:30 p.m. for “Nacho Libre.”



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.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Catholic Church produced many of the world's notable women scientists and scholars. Other Catholic women have risen to international prominence through charitable mission works and social justice campaigns. Scholars have recognized the Belgian nun, St Juliana of Liège (1193–1252) as the promoter of the Feast of Corpus Christi, first celebrated in Liège in 1246, and later adopted for the universal church in 1264.

From her early youth, Juliana had great veneration for the Eucharist and longed for a special feast day in its honor. Juliana was 16 when she had her first vision telling her to promote the Feast.

Around 1225, she was elected prioress of her local order and told her visions to her confessor who relayed Juliana's vision to distinguished religious leaders. These theologians unanimously agreed and endorsed instituting the Feast.

Juliana's life was filled with turmoil, a consequence of the religious and political controversies rampant in Liège. Persecuted, she left her order and found refuge in various communities where she lived in seclusion until her death.

In 1264, Pope Urban IV instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Pentecost as a feast for the Church and commissioned his chief theologian, Saint Thomas Aquinas, to compose an office for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Juliana was canonized in 1869 by Pope Pius IX and mentioned by Pope John Paul II, in a letter on the 750th anniversary of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Juliana's visions help us to remember that Christ in the Eucharist is the center of our lives and connects us to each other, especially in troubled times.



YOUTH MTC

Thank you for all of your support and prayers! Our 45 St. Anne missionaries had a fun and powerful experience on their Mission Trip. The Trip included service (helping others at ten different locations), retreat, and leadership experiences enabling each teen to have a unique and rewarding journey!

Around the Diocese

BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the Date! This year, the Bishop's Classic Golf Tournament, Dinner and Auction will be held at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course on October 17th. Tee-off is at Noon with Dinner at 6:00 p.m. For sponsorship opportunities or more information, contact Alba Ramiro at 714-347-9668 or aramiro@ccoc.org.



CHRIST CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

The popular music series, now in its third year, has grown in its reach and scope. This year's lineup features a trio of globally renowned groups from England as part of the six-event series that runs between August and April. This year's concert series is particularly notable as it will serve lead up to the cathedral's dedication on July 17, 2019. The first



concert is the Libera Boys Choir from London, on Tuesday, August 7th at 7:30 p.m. The Libera Choir consists

of boys from South London schools who range in age from 7-16. The group has performed in many venues including Yankee Stadium and at a Papal Mass for Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States. Tickets prices are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. For more information log on to christcathedralmusic.org/Christ-cathedral-concerts or call 714-971-2141, ext 5529.

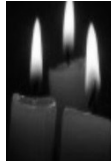
PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS

Here we go again! The Diocese of Orange Priests vs. Seminarians Annual Basketball Game will take place at Mater Dei High School on Friday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. The Priests are hungry for a comeback, and the Seminarians are looking to continue with a winning streak. All funds raised go toward Seminarian education. Come early for a social and a meal from food trucks between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Vocations office at 714-282-3033. Tickets are being sold online at <https://ocpriestsvsseminarians2018.eventbrite.com> or <http://www.ocvocations.org/basketballgame>



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

7/16 †Cody Roy
 7/17 †Patricia Pokorski
 7/18 Brian & Francie Diulio
 7/19 †Kay Lang
 7/20 †Jack Grisley
 7/21 †Gary Moates
 (†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, Don Miller,
 Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell,

Merrill Butler, Steven Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner,
 Gary Rousselo, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette,
 Robert Dutro, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Mike Maloney,
 Ernie Ramirez

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

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Wednesday: St. Camillus de Lellis
 Friday: St. Apolinaris

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 preparation classes are held
 once a month on a Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

PreK-8 Faith Formation: For information and/or
 enrollment in faith formation programs please contact
faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

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.

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