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MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

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## CONFESSING TO THE POPE

ast night I dreamed I went to confession to the Pope. I was in Saint Peter's Basilica standing in a line at one of the side altars. I saw the person in front of me, who had finished confessing to the Pope, leave and so I started toward him. At that moment I realized that I had been so excited to be so close to Pope Francis that I had failed to put together a list of my sins. I panicked. The Holy Father is such an important person, shouldn't I have equally important sins to confess? The problem is that I live a

rather dull life; I am not much given to violence, larceny, mayhem or similar sins. But should I bother the Pope with white lies, tacky remarks and being sometimes too grumpy? (At what point does being grumpy become a sin rather than iust a bad mood?) Having knelt down on the kneeler, I started— How else?—"Bless me, Holy Father, for I have sinned...." Then I

looked up and saw his merciful face and the shock of him being right there woke me up.

What was that all about? I laid there wide-eyed in my bed, trying to imagine what had been going on in my subconscious that brought on such a vivid dream. Had the Pope been in the news recently? Was I in need of reassurance in my life? I had been reading the apostolic exhortation, *Rejoice and Be Glad*; maybe something I had read yesterday had drifted into the pile of leftovers that are stored in my subconscious. Or maybe it was a call to examine my conscience more closely. With those questions drifting above me, I went back to sleep and I was visited by no more dreams the rest of the night. Thank God!

To the world I try to project myself as a considerate, confident and occasionally courageous. My conscious-

ness is in the PR business, handing me phrases, ideas and gestures that I use to convince myself and others that I know what I am doing. My subconscious does the cross examination, "Is that so? Do you really know yourself? Are you so sure of what you are doing? Will things really work out the way you imagine? You don't really know. You don't know what to say, not really."

My dream is like another more important encoun-

ter that we all will face one day. We will find ourselves standing before the Judgement Seat of God after our life here comes to an end. Will the just Judge say, "Come to me, you who are blessed by my Father, for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes

and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me"? Or will it be something more direct, "What is this I hear about you? What do you have to say for yourself?" I will certainly squirm and lower my eyes. I will start to feel the heat coming up from down below.

The very best would be to see something like the merciful eyes of Pope Francis that I saw in my dream last night.

Msgr. Mike

# Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### ANNUAL PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

This weekend, St. Anne Knights of Columbus will begin scheduling blood donors for their Annual Blood Drive taking place in the Parish Hall on Thursday, July 12 from 1:00–7:00 PM.



#### 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 Monday, July 9th. For more information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the parish hall. Meetings are not scheduled for July and August. Our next meeting will be the salad supper in September! To support our events and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

### UNIVERSAL CHURCH COLLECTION

(Combines Peter's Pence and Catholic Relief Services) Thank you for your generous support in last week's special collection. Our parish collected \$3,460. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help provide essential relief for people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link.

## ST. ANNE SCHOOL IN SANTA ANA



Sister Teresa, the principal at St. Anne School, will speak at all Masses next weekend regarding sponsoring a student at the school. The program is called "Saints Club" and its purpose is to help ensure a sustainable future for current students who need financial assistance. Amaz-

ingly, 99% of St. Anne students graduate from high school. Additional program information will be available at masses.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth ministry will have a Taco Tuesday get together on Tuesday, July 10th from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the hall. All teens are invited to participate.



#### **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.

#### ST. ANNE BOOK CLUB

Please join us the first Thursday of each month from Noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center living room. At our book club we learn about the author's background and discuss different aspects of the book. Everyone is invited! Our book for July 5th is Barking to the Choir by Fr. Greg Boyle. In a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, Fr. Greg shares what three decades of working with gang members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship. Barking to the Choir offers a snapshot into the challenges and joys of life on the margins. Some former gang members uplift the soul and reveal how bright life can be when filled with unconditional love and kindness. Gently and humorously, Barking to the Choir invites us to find kinship with one another and reconvinces us all of our own goodness.

#### LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost your keys, sunglasses, umbrella or rosary beads? There is a basket on the counter in the vestibule which contains items that have been left in our church.

## THANK YOU



Not long ago, many of you helped me celebrate 40 years as a priest. You came to the Saturday evening Mass or to the party afterwards, or to both. I had a great time and so did my sister. I got the impression that everybody else did too.

To all who helped to put together these lovely events, I extend my thanks. I was given all sorts of cards and gifts and greetings. Thanks for them too. They are all expressions of your love and affection. The feeling is mutual.

Msgr. Mike

## THANK YOU

Creating our beautiful sacred environment drawing us deeper in worship is in part thanks to Ted and Myrna Pollard and the many years they have provided the special care our altar linens require! Thank you!

## Around the Diocese

#### CONCERN AMERICA

The weekend of June 9-10, Fr. Jerome Herff spoke at St. Anne regarding the international community development program of Concern America and their partnership with economically poor communities. St. Anne parishioners contributed \$6,256 as of June 15th. Concern America wishes to express their gratitude for such powerful generosity on behalf of economically poorer brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

#### ST. ISIDORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The oldest public building in Los Alamitos, St. Isidore Historical Plaza has been purchased! The mortgage is being paid down with funds raised by rentals and fund raising events and now the Board is addressing restoration of the Chapel. With this wonderful news we are now moving forward to seek a State Historical Landmark Designation. The application requests attachments of historical documents. For this we are in need of your help! Were you a resident of the community, parishioner, visitor, or know someone who participated in the Fiestas, different programs and Religious Ceremonies (Marriage, Baptism, First Communion, etc.) at St. Isidore? If so, please let them know and/or send copies of original documents, photos, movies or written memories to PO Box 1434, Los Alamitos, CA 90720, via email: info@stisidorehistoricalplaza.org or stop



by the Office at the back of the Chapel, on weekday mornings, 10961 Reagan Avenue, Los Alamitos. Thank you.

## MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

If you are a licensed Mental Health Professional please join the Diocese of Orange Mental Health Referral Network. Our Diocese has partnered with eTherapyFinder.com to create an easy way for those seeking help to find mental health professionals who are associated with the Diocese. Affiliated therapists are defined as those that have taken the Diocesan pledge to "understand and respect the religious beliefs and values of Catholic clients." For more information about this program, please contact Linda Ji, Director of Office of Pastoral Care for Families in All Stages at lji@rcbo.org or call 714-282-4203.

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS



(Prest 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, Noemi Baeza, Robert Dutro, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco

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

On June 9th, the Most Reverend Kevin Vann ordained two men to the priesthood in an ancient and solemn ceremony at Holy Family Cathedral. Rev. Gaston Mendiola Arroyo and Rev. Aristotle Quan, were welcomed by a large and vibrant Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, a Catholic community that traces its beginnings to Saint Junipero Serra and the first Catholic missionaries who founded the Mission at San Juan Capistrano in 1776.

#### 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.

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