

12 August 2018
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Elijah in the Desert, Washington Allston, 1818

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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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JUMP

At some point in my childhood a trampoline appeared in our backyard. Maybe my folks got it at Sears. What really appeared before us was a big box containing all the parts and my poor father who went about trying to decipher the hieroglyphics that came with the box of parts. I didn't know what it was until he got to the part where he tied the canvas to the frame with something like a huge, thick elastic band threaded back and forth between the frame and the canvas. My father put his hand on the canvas and pushed down, testing how much give it had. "Not bad," he said. "Not which of you boys wants to try it first?"

My brother immediately waved his hand back and forth and so he went to get on it. This turned out to be more complicated than what he had imagined. His foot slid through between canvas and the frame. In the end my father picked him up and tossed him to the center of the canvas. Tentatively he started jumping up and down, throwing his hands out as he flew into the air again and again. On the trampoline he would find himself hovering in the air momentarily free from gravity. He pushed down harder as he came down and this allowed him more altitude and a little longer time in the air the next time up. Just when he was getting the hang of it, my father told him to get off and let me try it.

I was no more expert than my brother when I tried to get on it. Again, my father intervened and soon I was jumping like my brother had done, exhilarated, laughing for joy and the pleasure of it. Even if I teetered to one side or the other, the trampoline was forgiving. When all else failed, all I had to do was fall over and wait for the canvas to settle.



The trampoline instantly became our most favorite toy. Bikes were nice for getting somewhere but to fly up into the sky, able to peer into neighbors' backyards and to be seen by the other kids in the neighborhood who, seeing you, came to see what all the commotion was about. The only rule was that we had to be willing to share our time on the trampoline. If we started fighting over it, my mother would close the trampoline and send our friends home.

Soon we figured out how to stick our legs out and fall onto the canvas in the sitting position, then up again and then down in a kneeling position, then, and this was the best, going up and doing a quick somersault in the air before coming back down to push into the canvas again. I am not saying I was particularly elegant or impressive; I just loved the jumping. My brother and I would jump on it whenever we had the chance.

Every once and awhile the elastic in the thick band would become weakened and the trampoline would be closed for safety until my mother could get a new band from the store and my father could install it. But then there came a time when, having sufficiently grown, my brother and I would be heavy enough to hit the ground underneath the trampoline on our downward fall. There my mother drew the line; the trampoline had to go before someone broke a leg. It was a sad day in our family when the trampoline was disassembled. The aerial antics were over.

Back to our bikes, alas.

All these years later what I remember is the exhilaration of floating in the sky. As I write this, I have a smile on my face.

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, September 10th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Paul Pudenz at 562-370-5341.

“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. Our next meeting will be the salad supper on Sept. 24th!

ASSUMPTION MASSES

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 14th at 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, August 15th at 9:00 a.m., Noon and 7:00 p.m.

STRENGTHENED BY BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

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NEW MISSALETTES

Our Seasonal Missalettes are a valuable worship resource for use during our masses. We prayerfully request that our missalettes are **NOT** removed from our Church so they will continue to be available for all parishioners.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER EVENT

Join us for the last summer event on Sunday, August 19th from 5:00–6:30 p.m. for plenty of food, games and fun!



OUR MISSION:

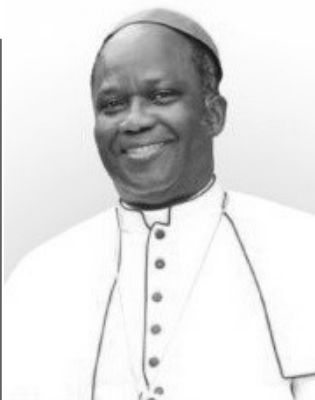
Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.

RCIA

Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are not baptized and recognize a need for spirituality in your life, a baptized Catholic or baptized into another religion but never received any formal religious education, a Catholic seeking to increase the knowledge of your faith, RCIA classes will provide faith development beginning from where you are in your journey right now. You are invited to explore your faith to make an informed decision about entering the Catholic Church through RCIA. St. Anne will not offer RCIA classes this year, however, St. Hedwig invites everyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and/or being initiated into the Catholic Church to join their classes. Please contact **OUR** Parish office at 562-431-0721 for an application and consultation appointment with Fr. Ben.

MISSION COOP ASSISTANCE

Bishop Emmanuel Kofi Fianu, SVD, the Catholic Bishop of Ho in Ghana, will celebrate masses here August 18th-19th in support of the Mission Cooperation Plan. This helps missionaries provide evangelization, support for the poor, medical care, education and ministry formation around the world. Bishop Emmanuel is excited to share his own mission story with our parish! He was a priest for thirty three years in Africa and in Rome. He was appointed bishop by Pope Francis and has been a bishop for nearly three years. A second collection will be taken to help missionaries with their vocation to serve those in need. If you are willing to provide Bishop Emmanuel with a ride or a meal from August 20th through August 26th while he stays in our area, please call Claudia at Holy Family at 562-430-8170.



Around the Diocese

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 7–9, please call 714-306-6469 or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org

SCRC RENEWAL CONVENTION

The 47th Annual Southern California Renewal Communities Convention will take place over Labor Day weekend, August 31st to September 2nd at the Anaheim Convention Center and Arena. This year's theme is "The Spirit Gives Life." With over 40 Catholic speakers and 70 presentations, the event will be spiritually enriching for all ages! There will be a 3-day Triumphant Track featuring official exorcists, a MEGA healing service, dynamic daily liturgies with a special Saturday night Mass and healing service, a Catholic marketplace, a young adult conference, teen conference and children's programs. For brochure or additional information call 818-771-1361 or email spirit@scrc.org. Online registration is available at scrc.org.

JOURNEY OF HOPE

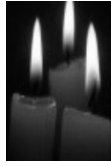
Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Huntington Beach is hosting a 13 week program to support our brothers and sisters going through the emotional pain of divorce and separation. These meetings will be held on Monday evenings September 10th through December 17th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the multi-purpose room. These sessions address key challenges and unique family dynamics that occur as a result of this unexpected journey. They also offer a safe environment to share concerns and reconnect with a new understanding and new hope. Please come and open yourself up to experience healing and allow Jesus to restore your faith and renew your path. Register and join the class anytime. Donation is \$35 and includes a book, journal and a daily devotional. For more information or to register, contact Barbara Weaver at 714-614-5517. You can also register on the day of the group sessions.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

8/13 ✠ Jack Senske
 8/14 Arthur Oliver
 8/15 For the Parish
 8/16 Michael & Kira Tran
 8/17 ✠ Chelsea Wojciakowski
 8/18 ✠ Nora Hepp
 (✠ 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 Roussel, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette,
 Robert Dutro, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Mike Maloney,
 Ernie Ramirez, Msgr. Mike, Genevieve Nauman, Robert
 Crabb, Dixie Redfearn

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

**As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful
 mother of many unhappy children. —St. John Climacus**

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 for
 parents and Godparents 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 brochure from
 the vestibule.