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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Drunkenness of Noah, Giovanni Bellini, 1515

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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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## TRAVEL

When I sit out on my balcony in the evening, I can see the planes on their way to land at Long Beach airport. Up higher above me I see the larger planes banking as they come in from over the Pacific to line up for the runways at LAX. I imagine where these planes are coming from: Phoenix, San Jose, Las Vegas and also Hawaii, Tokyo, Saigon, Singapore and as far away as Sydney. The big Qantas planes with their red-painted kangaroos are hard to miss.

Over the years I have taken flights to such destinations from those airports. I remember being on a DC10 landing on Maui which used every inch of the short runway to come to a halt; I was sure we were going to end up in the palm trees. On a night flight from Dallas/Fort Worth we were coming over the mountains somewhere around Palm Springs and I saw the L.A. basin laid out before me like a lake of diamonds.

When I have thought about travel, I have often thought about the flights I would take and the highways I would drive on. Now I more often think about the destination I am going to, sometimes a place I have been to before—like New York or Chicago—or someplace I have wanted to see but have never been to: Beijing, Seoul or Cape Town, South Africa.

My mother was a stay at home kind of person; she had to be talked into going anywhere on a trip. When I suggested that she would enjoy seeing London, Paris and Rome, she would counter that she felt a citizen should see America first. When my dad suggested a trip to Washington D.C., she scowled and replied, "Really? Washington? It's nothing but monuments and politicians! Why would you want to go there?"

However, my longtime friend, Msgr. Davis, has never seen a boarding pass he didn't like. His favorite way to prepare for bed is to get out and review maps and travel

guides for a place he wants to visit. Then he turns off the light, hoping he will visit that place in his dreams.

I like going to places, as Pico Iyer says, "to slip through the curtain of the ordinary, and into the presence of whatever lies just outside our comprehension." I have had travelling companions who, in a new place, always sees and wants what we have at home. "Look, they have a McDonald's here!" "Do we have to stay in these B&B's? Isn't there a Hilton nearby?" I prefer to discover what's done differently in a new place. What do they eat here that I have never tried? How can they be so placid with all this traffic? I look for the little café that is not listed in anyone's guide book. I hear no English being spoken and don't recognize anything listed on the menu, so I just look around at what others are eating and point to a table and say, "I'll have whatever it is she's eating." This can backfire. I've eaten some strange things; sometimes I didn't want to know what it was I was eating.

Matteo Ricci, the famous Jesuit missionary, gave this advice to those traveling to India: They "should not be too tied to life but ever ready to die, having great faith in our Lord and a great desire for suffering, ready to mortify all their senses, for here one learns to know oneself from experience, not by theoretical reflection." Sounds like fun, doesn't it? (I've been to India and have experienced a little of what he was talking about.) Sometimes after a difficult trip, I look over my shoulders and ask, "How did I survive all that?"

I enjoy my trips but when I come home, I am also delighted to be sleeping in my own bed again.

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### AL HENTGES ALASKAN FISH DINNER

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parishioners for their generosity in making the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Dinner another huge success. Thanks to all of you, the Knights of Columbus will be able to donate \$8500 to the Seminarians assigned to the Diocese of Orange.

#### 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. Meetings are not scheduled for August. Our next meeting will be the salad supper on Sept. 24th! To support our events and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Are you called to prayerfully serve the people of St. Anne by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ ?**

Eucharistic Ministers serve as extraordinary ministers in the celebration of the Eucharist by assisting the priest in the communion rite.

The requirements to serve as a Eucharistic Minister include being a fully initiated Catholic, having celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation, being at least 25 years of age, arriving at Mass 15 minutes before it begins and dressing appropriately. The duties are to be willing to serve once or twice a month at the weekend mass time of your choice.

If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please fill out a form located in the vestibule and drop it in the offertory basket or through the mail slot in the front door of the parish center. For more information, please call Suzanne at 562-431-0721, ext. 16.

### SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

On Thursday, September 6th our Book Club will be meeting at noon in the Parish Center to discuss "A Different Way: Journey to a Better Life" by Louise Mueller. The books are for sale in the parish office for \$12, please have exact change. This book should make for a great discussion. All are welcome to join us!



#### 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.

## SO LONG AND THANKS! — TRICIA TEMBRUELL

Over the last few years, if you came into our parish

office during the week, you might have noticed an energetic woman, usually on the phone, laughing and encouraging whoever it was she was talking to. She was Tricia Tembreull, who was not a member of our parish staff but a consultant to our Youth Ministry while she served fulltime as a parish coach to a number of parishes which were associated with Life Teen, a national resource for youth ministry. She's done a great job for Life Teen and was ever-ready to help us out especially when we were trying to get youth ministry going, and we sincerely thank her for that. She's taken a new job recently; she's going to be working at the USC Caruso Catholic Center, which has linked Catholic students at USC who wish for fellowship with others to live their Catholic faith for more than ninety years. Sounds like a very good match for her and we wish her well.

### ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, August 20th 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 562-537-4526.

### RCIA

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.

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## Around the Diocese

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### ST ANNE SCHOOL

St. Anne School in Santa Ana begins the school year on August 27th. Please pray that God will watch over the students and faculty. They will begin the year using the new math books provided by our parishioners. And know that these students pray for us with gratitude!

### MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 7-9 call 714-306-6469 or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://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 a brochure or additional information call 818-771-1361 or email [spirit@scrc.org](mailto:spirit@scrc.org). Online registration is available at [scrc.org](http://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.

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

8/20	✠David Losquadro
8/21	Larry Cave
8/22	✠Jack Senske
8/23	✠Richard Sweet, Jr.
8/24	✠Connie Conway
8/25	✠Jesus Rainier & Eufemia Destura (✠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, Msgr. Mike, Genevieve Nauman, Robert  
Crabb, Dixie Redfearn, Norma Reinhardt

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

The effect of receiving the body and blood of Christ  
is to change us into what we receive.  
—Pope Saint Leo the Great

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink  
his blood, you do not have life within you.  
— *John 6:53*

## 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.

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