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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Jesus and His Disciples by Georges Rouault

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MASSES: 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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SCHOOL

Soon enough many of our younger parishioners will be going back to school. Maybe some of them are already giving some thought to what they will

write down when on the first day the new teacher assigns that inevitable essay, "How I Spent My Summer Vacation." Will I write about the trips we took as a family to visit relatives? Or to National Parks? Will I include the surfing lessons? I might include the wedding of my cousin in

Ontario because it was so much fun. And there was a week at scout camp learning how to make a fire without matches and the rules for safety around water. For all the times I complained to my mom that I was bored, I sure did a lot of things this Summer.

Getting back into sitting in a desk and listening quietly will be hard, especially on the teachers who must insist on that discipline because they know that little learning can take place in a chaotic classroom. Soon students will have to open their textbooks to a certain page and fill out the pages of their workbooks. Teachers will pass handouts to them; they will squirm while trying to remember the right answers to the questions on tests and pop quizzes. *I knew the answer to that last June but that was months ago.* They will have to slow down and read the questions carefully to make sure they know what is being asked for. The classes can feel so long, and recess is always too short. Then after school there's the grind of homework to complete. (I disliked that so much I put it off and got up early the next morning to do it just before leaving for school.)



This weekend some students are already looking forward: *I wonder what kind of math we'll be studying this year. I hope the new teacher is nice. Will there be any field trips this year? Maybe we'll have new students joining our class. Who knows? There may be a new subject that will be really interesting. Some friends may have been gone all summer and it will be fun to see them again and hear about their adventures.*

Here too we will school our students; we will do it in the ways of Christ and the Church. Some will be preparing for their First Communions—which grandparents find particularly attractive—and older students will be deepening their faith in preparation for their reception of the sacrament of Confirmation; this includes retreats which often touch them deeply. Parents and godparents will have to attend class in preparation for their child's baptism. New altar servers will have to learn the ropes. The choir will be warming up their voices to learn new songs and chants. The Women's Guild will have a slate of speakers; even the Knights will be hearing from those who remind them of their religious responsibilities or give them ideas on how to be better parents and grandparents.

In heaven learning will be a breeze; I'm thinking you might not even have to crack a book. But here on earth learning requires attention, comprehension, memory, rote, questions that have to be answered just so and the practice that makes perfect. It's work even when it is a labor of love. And everybody has to do it, not just those enrolled officially in a school. Sorry, Summer is over. Get to work! 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. 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.

CAREER RENEWAL

Let us help you in your job search! The Career Renewal Ministry continues to meet on Thursday nights, from 7-9 PM in the Parish Hall. Come and join us on any Thursday. All are welcome! For more information, contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885 or Ted Rozolis at 714-330-5067.

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!

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Kick-Off is Sunday, September 9th. Confirmation 1 students and their parents will be meeting from 2:30 -5:30 p.m. which includes a meeting, 4:00 p.m. Mass and a BBQ dinner. Confirmation 2 students and their parents will be meeting from 4:00-7:00 p.m. which begins with Mass, then a BBQ dinner, and ends with our meeting. It will be a meaningful and fun evening. Welcome to Confirmation at St. Anne.

MISSION COOP

Our generous parishioners donated \$10,129 to the Mission Cooperation Plan. Bishop Emmanuel Kofi Fianu, SVD, the Catholic Bishop of Ho in Ghana, is a great theologian and in addition to emphasizing the need for evangelization of Catholics and non-Catholics, he spoke to us on the importance of education for all ages, but especially children.



OUR MISSION:

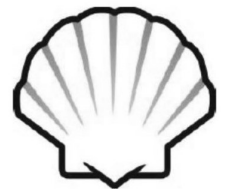
Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

We hope you had a relaxing and faith-filled summer growing closer together as a family. Our catechists are preparing for an exciting start to our school year. It will be a fun year of camaraderie and learning for all of our students with lots of new activities!



First day of Classes:

PreK and Kindergarten—Sunday, Sept. 9—10:00 a.m.

Grades 6-7-8—Monday, September 10—4:00 p.m.

Grades 1-5—Tuesday, September 11—3:00 p.m.

Mandatory Parent Meetings:

There are mandatory parent meetings for grades 1-8 during class time on Monday and Tuesday.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word:

All year children, ages 4–10, are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday 10 a.m. mass. Registration is not required.

For more information:

Please email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org or call 562-431-0721 ext. 16.

Around the Diocese

MARRIAGE HELP

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? 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.

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. Online registration is available at scrc.org.

JOURNEY OF HOPE

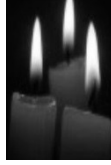
Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Huntington Beach is hosting a 13 week program to support our brothers and sisters going through the emotional pain of divorce and separation. These meetings will be held on Monday evenings September 10th through December 17th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the multi-purpose 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.

SB ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRE

On Saturday, Sept. 8th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and on Sunday, Sept. 9th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 100+ arts and crafts vendors will be selling their creative merchandise at Eisenhower Park at the Foot of the Pier.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

8/27	Mary Khong
8/28	✠Noemi Baeza
8/29	✠Thomas Clarke, Sr.
8/30	✠Hap Pudewa
8/31	✠Karen Castellana
9/1	✠Thu v. Nguyen
	(✠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.

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.

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.