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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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# **PARENTING**

We have an agreement with the swim school across the street allowing their clients to park in our lot during the week. Nearly every time I am in the parking lot I find fathers or mothers, sometimes grandparents, dutifully marching off with their children to the school, with towels and bags and whatnot in one hand and the hand

of their child in the other. The adults remind the children to look both ways before crossing the street.

This is only one of the many possible tasks that each day parents are called upon to complete. Someone has to look through the pantry and fridge to make a list, so groceries can be bought, and meals can be cooked, though, truth be told, parents are often tempted to load up the kids and drive through a fast food restaurant to simplify the plan.

People have been wearing clothes for centuries and so there is always laundry to sort and wash and fold. And don't forget the sheets and towels! Open the windows and

doors and soon someone will have to go through the house with a dust rag. Things break and need to be fixed, or replaced, which usually starts with a stop at the hardware store and then requires checking out sights on the internet to figure out how to install the strange new item, this despite the careful instructions received from the guy at the hardware store.

Lawns get mowed and gardens weeded, every couple of months the garage gets swept out, band aids are applied to a child's cuts and bruises and sunscreen on the face and ears when children go to play outdoors. Bills are paid on time, every few days halls and rooms are vacuumed and swept, light bulbs are replaced, and house plants are watered in the sink. You can understand

why people with a big house would need a lot of money to hire people to keep the place up. The *To Do* List is endless.

In my family, by default my father was Mr. Fix-it. No one else was going to do it, though we all agreed that

my dad was not always up to the task at hand, particularly if it involved the use of power tools. We gave him wide berth. At some point he would cry out, "Hell's Bells!" And we would then give him even wider berth.

My mother took charge of the kitchen. She and my father would do the week's grocery shopping on Saturdays. As to the week's menu, my mom decided if it was going to be chicken or hamburgers or beef stew or the ingredients for some recipe she found in a magazine. Will it be pasta with chicken? Fries with hamburgers? She is the one who decided, though we were allowed to re-

mind my parents not to forget to get some ice cream or, better, ice cream sandwiches for deserts. Then one day it occurred to my mother that her children could be taught to cook, so she taught us, offering sage advice from her seat at the bar.

Even when we take them for granted, parents hardly notice. A new tie or tool on Father's Day, roses on Valentine's day, a dinner cooked for mom on Mother's Day without destroying the kitchen in the process, that's all they expect or want. They have learned the most important lesson: it is better to give than to receive. A lesson I hope all of us, their children, also learn.

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

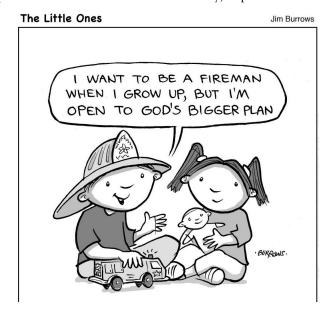
Our next general meeting will be our Salad Supper on Sept. 24th! To support our events and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

## TAMALE FEST

On Sunday, September 16th, St. Anne will have another Tamale Fest with tamales prepared by parents of students at St. Anne School in Santa Ana. We are taking preorders for chicken, pork, beef or corn tamales. Prices are 6 for \$18.00, or 12 for \$30.00. Orders can be a combination of types. Please call JoAnn at 562-598-4967, or Larry and Jane at 714-897-9331. If you leave a message, clearly state your order request, your name and phone number. We will plan on having twice a many tamales this time!

## LABOR DAY

For most, Labor Day means a day off and a chance to say goodbye to summer. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. Mass to honor the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. The parish office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3rd.





#### 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. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and/or being initiated into the Catholic Church, 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 call 562-431-0721 ext. 16, or email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

### CONFIRMATION

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

# Around the Diocese

## PRECIOUS LIFE GOLF

Precious Life Shelter is offering a fun-filled day of golf, fellowship and good food! Please join them for their annual Golf Tournament and fundraiser to support women and their babies at the shelter. The tournament will be held at the El Dorado Golf Course on September 12th. For details, or to register, go to www.preciouslifeshelter.org.

## STIR UP THE FLAMES RETREAT

On Friday, September 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., St. Philip Benizi Parish will host "Living the Catholic Life, Stir Up the Flames" weekend retreat. The retreat will have opportunities for confession and include 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday, music by Karisma and SOW, lunch on Saturday, and topics including: Jesus our Salvation, Father's Love, Forgiveness Prayer, the Holy Spirit and Mother Mary, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Divine Mercy and more. Featured speakers are Dr. Elizabeth Kim, Fr. Patrick Crowley, Fr. Ben Tran and Henry Sandjaya. Registration will be at the door, and while there is no charge to attend, donations are welcome. The retreat will be followed up with "Keeping the Flame Alive" meetings on the 1st Saturday of each month from 6:15-8:30 p.m. in the St. Philip Benizi Faith Formation room. St. Philip Benizi is located at 235 S. Pine in Fullerton.

## SB ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRE

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

## **HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

Are you able to share your home and build a new cross-cultural friendship? If yes, consider hosting a German high school student for 4–6 weeks this fall. Volunteer hosts provide a bed (room can be shared), meals, and a plan for transportation to school. Students have their own insurance and school/personal spending money. To learn more, contact Deann at deann.sdhosts@gmail.com. or 858-260-0747.

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Monica Tuesday: St. Augustine

Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of Prayer for

the Care of Creation

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

9/3	<b>₽</b> Anthony Bell, Jr.
9/4	∜Noemi Baeza
9/5	<b>∜</b> Vera McNamara
9/6	<b>₽</b> Jack Senske
9/7	Seminarians
9/8	For the Parish



(†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.

#### **OCCUPANCY**

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.

—St. Therese of Lisleux

## **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.