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Baptism of the Lord

Saint Anne

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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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GIVING

At the time of my writing this, we are just finishing the season of gift giving and gift receiving. When I was young, it was all about what I wanted to get. I dreamed about it, hinted not-very-quietly about it and then opening the package that had been so beautifully wrapped—not that I noticed—to see if I got it. If it was the thing I had hinted about, I was pleased beyond measure. If not—for example, if the gift was a pair of pajamas—I would give a routine nod to the giver and move quickly on to the next gift to be opened.

As the years have passed, I find myself more taken with the gift giving enterprise. I start by thinking of what the person might need or want. What might delight him or her—within

my price range, of course? Since I love to read, I usually start with what book or author might be a good match. Something classical? A thriller? A well-reviewed best seller? A new author I want to introduce? If not a book, sweaters are always welcome, unless they are garishly ugly.

Often enough when I am surfing the web for something completely different, I will cast my eyes on an item and say to myself, that's the perfect gift for so-and-so, and I will click on it right then and there, telling myself I will simply hold on to the item until Christmas or her birthday. This last part I usually don't do; rather, I give the gift the next time I see the person because I don't want to put off seeing the pleasure in the receiver's eyes. Why wait?

The change is from being pleased to pleasing others. A parent will work two jobs for the pleasure of seeing a child go to college. A husband will squirrel away

money when possible for the time when his wife's old car needs replacing so there will be enough to get a model he knows she really likes, or even the same model she has but with all the bells and whistles. A friend will work on several drafts, so his card will say exactly what he wants to say to his friend. The enjoyment is the anticipation of the other's pleasure.



I want you to see how much good you do by your support of our parish and diocese. You have been very generous to St. Anne's and to the diocese—last year our parish was one of only four parishes to increase PSA participation by 30%—for which the bishop and I are very grateful. That gained us a \$4000.00 bonus. Despite the

added cost of buying and renovating the used cathedral we bought a few years ago, we are doing very well. That reconditioned cathedral, by the way, will be dedicated next Summer.

Our annual Pastoral Services Appeal is again at hand and I am again inviting you to participate. You can, I hope, again to take pleasure in supporting the Church. The funds collected will help our Catholic Charities to feed the poor, our Catholic schools to keep their tuition costs almost reasonable, our deaf community to receive the sacraments and be catechized, and incarcerated Catholics in Orange County to receive the same. Any donated funds from the parish above our diocesan PSA goal returns to the parish, where, as before, we will hold on to them for future building and renovation projects. Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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, February 4th. For more information, contact Paul at 657-245-3722.

“Help Us Help Those In Need”

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

This weekend, St. Anne kicks off its annual PSA! Our call to action for this year’s Pastoral Services Appeal is **WE ARE ONE—Living the Gospel Message**. Every household is encouraged to support the work of our Church by participating in this appeal. No gift is too great or too small. Once we have met the goal for our parish’s share (\$65,000) for diocesan services, your donation will be returned to our parish to help us with our 2019 goal of preparing St. Anne for its second 100 years. In 2021, St. Anne will celebrate its 100th anniversary! Since its establishment, times have changed—more parishioners come to mass by car, a robust economy increased the number of visitors attracted to Seal Beach as a travel destination that attend St. Anne, general urban growth has increased the number of Catholics in our community (79 persons in 1923). Last week a letter from Msgr. Mike, along with a brochure about the PSA, was sent out in the mail. If you didn’t receive a letter, PSA information and envelopes are available in the vestibule of our church. Pledges can be made by mail or you can drop your pledge in the collection basket during Mass. Please prayerfully consider how your family will respond to this call to carry out Christ’s work in our community.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS

Parishioners who made deductible financial donations to St. Anne Church during 2018, requiring a statement for the IRS, will receive one in the mail the end of January. Please review your statement to insure accuracy and contact the parish office if clarification is needed. If you donated to St. Anne through WeShare, you may print out your tax statement from their website at your convenience. For WeShare questions, call 800-950-9952, option 1, Monday–Friday, 7 AM to 7 PM CT.



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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Interested in joining our parish family? Please complete a registration form (available in the vestibule of the church or from the parish office) and return to the office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Welcome!

CAREER RENEWAL

You are invited to Career Renewal meetings to learn skills you can use to enhance your career and meet new friends as you reach for your career goals. Meetings are held on Thursday nights from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. For more information, call Ted at 714-330-5067 or email him at trozolis@earthlink.net.

ADORATION

We are not able to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, January 26th. Please join us on Tuesday, February 26th for monthly Adoration.

TAMALE FEST

We are having a Tamale Fest on Sunday, January 20th after the 8:00 mass. Please place your order for corn, chicken and/or pork tamales as soon as possible by contacting Jane at 714-897-9331, or JoAnn at 562-598-4967 (jarossi@verizon.net).



BAPTISM MINISTRY HELP

We are looking for another baptism team to put in our rotation schedule. The time commitment is **ONLY** one Tuesday night and one Saturday from 10:30–11:45 a.m. once every three months. The baptism team prepares parents and Godparents for the baptism and their commitment to raise their child, or support their Godchild, as a Catholic. The class is facilitated with a video and prepared discussion questions. For additional information, please email Kristin at kabadjian@yahoo.com.



Around the Diocese

MASS FOR UNBORN CHILDREN

Bishop Vann invites you to join him at the Mass for the Protection of Unborn Children on Tuesday, January 22, to pray for an end to abortion, healing for those involved in abortion and a renewed respect for all human life in our society. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Arboretum at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove. A ministry fair will follow on the 1st floor of the Cultural Center. All Catholics are encouraged to practice fasting, abstinence and prayer on that day.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

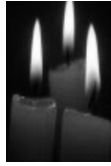
Sts. Simon and Jude Church is hosting a 12-week program to support those going through the emotional pain of separation and divorce. These meetings will be held on Monday evenings, January 7th through April 8th, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in their Multi-purpose room. The sessions address key challenges and unique family dynamics that occur as a result of this unexpected journey. The sessions also offer a safe environment to share concerns and reconnect with 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 anytime. Donation is \$35 and includes a book, journal, and daily devotional. For more information or to register, please contact Barbara Weaver at 714-614-5517. You can also register on the day of the sessions.

WELCOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

Sts. Simon and Jude Church is offering Catholics wanting to explore a more active return to their faith a program called Landings. The program provides an opportunity for returning Catholics to share common experiences, ask questions, and learn more about their Catholic faith in a confidential, supportive environment. Participants will be able to share their own story, hear others' spiritual journeys, and talk about issues of faith in an open, respectful, nonjudgmental atmosphere. To register for Landings, please contact Lisa Einch at 714-963-0014. A new 8 week series will begin on Thursday, February 21st from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

1/14 † Daniel Zavala
 1/15 Nepomuceno Family
 1/16 Jim & Lee Swearingen
 1/17 Ken Hammond
 1/18 Connie Meister
 1/19 † Joe Sellers
 († 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, Julia Poirier,
 Jerome Gendron, Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell,
 Merrill Butler, Steven Lang, Linda Bolt,

Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette,
 Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey,
 William Spillane, John Barnes, Carol Forbes, Catherine
 Tautges, Ken Hammond, Stefanie Lavery, Myrna Navarro,
 Jean Engel

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

"Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate
 questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully
 understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God."
 — Pope St. John Paul II

SACRAMENTS

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.