

10 February 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH

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Great Catch of Fish by John August Swanson

MASSSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Mon. - Sat. 8:30 AM; Sat. 4:00-4:45 PM

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BEHEADED MARTYRS OF FEBRUARY, PART 2

The 14th of this month will be Valentine's Day. People will give their loved ones gifts of chocolate, flowers and sometimes even jewels. Young people will ask others if they will be their "Valentines." A lot of couples will go out to eat a romantic meal that evening.

Tradition has it that St. Valentine died on this day in Rome in 278 A.D., having been beaten to death with clubs and then beheaded. His crime was said to be that he secretly married couples. Let me explain: Under Emperor Claudius, Rome carried out many unpopular and bloody campaigns and the emperor was having trouble raising enough soldiers. Claudius believed that Roman men preferred to stay at home because of their strong attachment to their spouses and children. So, he banned all marriages and engagements. When it was discovered that Valentine had defied Claudius and was witnessing the marriages of couples anyway, he was condemned to death. Legend has it that while he was in prison, he prayed over the jailer's blind daughter and her sight was restored; Valentine left a farewell note to her whom he had befriended and signed it "From your Valentine."

Romans used to have a pagan festival of love called Lupercalia on the 15th of February. The names of young women were placed in a box where the young men picked one out of the box by chance. Then each young man and woman would date for the coming year: Speed-dating in slow motion. In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius put an end to that feast while at the same time establishing the feast of St. Valentine on the 14th of February. That may explain how Valentine got so associated with things romantic.



Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, February 10th following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM masses for our Parish Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. The Knights will be serving their "world famous" homemade buttermilk pancakes (blueberry or chocolate chip pancake options also available) along with eggs, sausage and fruit. Suggested donation is \$6 per person and \$20 per family. All proceeds go towards supporting local charities. For additional information, please contact Steve Bradt at 714-418-7041.



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

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

FAITH FORMATION

Every year we complete a census for our Diocese on Faith Formation programs in our parish. Here are a few facts about our elementary/junior high programs:

- Our classes meet Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays accommodating the 79 students/60 parish families enrolled.
- Eight volunteer catechists cheerfully give their time each week assisted by two volunteer classroom aides.
- We also rely on four terrific volunteer substitute teachers.
- We prepare students for the sacraments and more. After First Communion, we offer curriculum that helps our students to grow in knowledge of their faith, in the love of Jesus, and in fellowship with other Catholic children through 8th grade.
- We offer Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 a.m. mass on Sunday! Children from age 4 through age 12 receive the mass readings at their age-level in Room 1 and then rejoin parents in the family pew for the second half of mass.

If you have any questions about our Faith Formation programs, please call 562-431-0721 x16 or email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.



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.

CONFIRMATION

Sixty teens have been preparing for two years with study, service projects, reports and fellowship. Please pray for these students who will someday be in positions of leadership and service in the Catholic church. St. Anne Confirmation will take place on Monday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m.



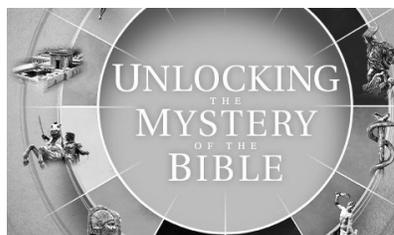
WOMEN'S GUILD

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the Parish Hall. Next month's meeting will be Monday, February 25th. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will benefit from participating in this study series and help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. The series includes eight informative and engaging half hour videos. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. The eight-week series begins on Thursday, March 7th, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The cost to attend is \$25 and includes a Bible Timeline Chart, a Bible study workbook, and the ability to stream the study videos online at your convenience. For more information call Joseph at 562-343-8993. To register, pick up a registration



form in the back of the church, from the parish office, or email the parish office to receive one electronically.

Around the Diocese

RETURNING CATHOLICS

Sts. Simon and Jude is hosting a program that offers an opportunity for returning Catholics to share common experiences, ask questions, and learn more about their Catholic faith in a confidential, supportive environment. A new 8 week *Landings* series will begin on February 21st, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information or to register for *Landings* please contact Lisa at 714-963-0014.

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. The act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

To support the need of our Diocese we participate in the annual Pastoral Services Appeal. 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—2/3	\$8,216
Online giving week ending 2/3	\$2,875
2019 PSA as of 2/3/19	
Registered Families	750
Family Pledge Goal	200
Families Pledged	33
Amount Pledged Goal	\$120,000
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Thank you to all who have prayerfully and generously donated in support of our Church!

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 2/11 †Burke & Keating Families
 2/12 †Arlene Baggott
 2/13 †Ronald Cole
 2/14 †Tom Bolt
 2/15 Maureen & Steve Pekar
 2/16 †Kathryn Lang
 (†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, Steven Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, Mary Kiely, John Barnes, Carol Forbes, Catherine Tautges, Ken Hammond, Myrna Navarro, Jean Engel, Carmela Chiurazzi

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

**My great concern is not whether God is on our side;
 my great concern is to be on God's side.**

—Abraham Lincoln

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.