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First Sunday of Lent

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Temptation of Christ by Eric Armusik

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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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HOW IT ALL TURNED OUT

I vividly remember as a teen thinking that, above all else, I did not want to grow up to be like my father. He struck me then as stuck in his ways, an advocate for the status quo; even the way he dressed said “fuddy-duddy.” I arrogantly believed that I would be different. I’d certainly have better style, more thoughtful opinions, clearer thinking on politics and other matters of the day than he. I would be someone who thinks “outside the box”, as they say nowadays. I was going to fight for things that would improve the world. I was going to be open and creative. I still loved my father; I just didn’t want to be my father.

When I survey my life today, I have to admit that I turned out to be very much my father’s son. I even have the same bad habits that he did; when eating he was always spilling his food and staining his ties. I don’t often wear ties but there is barely a shirt or sweater in my closet that I have not stained. Am I too a fuddy-duddy? Maybe not, but no one who looks at the way I dress thinks “stylish.” Experience has taught me that “openness” and “creativity” have to be balanced with following the good example of one’s elders; they often had good reasons for going at things the way they did. I became a priest, in part, because I wanted to improve the world, one disciple at a time, but I don’t think I have done any better in that regard than my father who brought his children up right and was particularly devoted to my mother. She rarely had to ask him for anything as my Dad had already figured out what she wanted and got it. I remember him lighting a cigarette and handing it to her with-

out her having to say a word. When he moved up the ranks at work and had some money, he would go to Gump’s in San Francisco and buy my mother a ring or necklace. She didn’t want jewelry and told him so. “Well, what am I going to get you?” he asked. “Pat, if you have to get me anything, bring me flowers.”

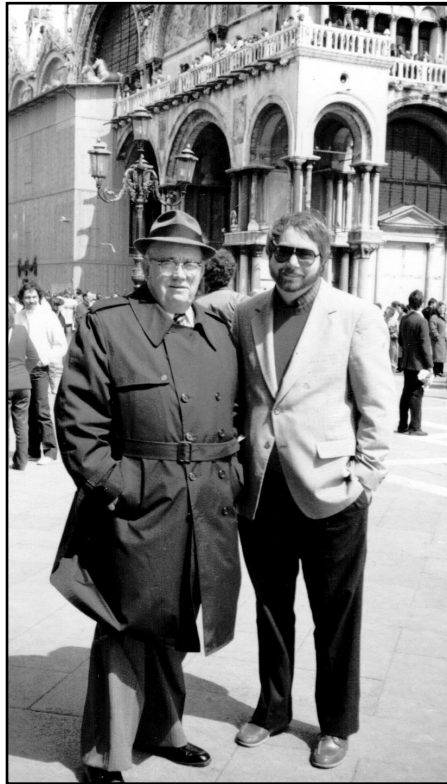
Henceforth he did so every single Friday afternoon, a big bunch of fresh flowers. And he went back to Gump’s and brought here a fancy cut crystal vase to put them in.

Perhaps when we are growing up, we tend to think of ourselves in ideal terms: we imagine we will become what we *wish* we were. But it really turns out to be a negotiation. For example, I wanted to be good with numbers like my Dad who could add up a long sum of numbers, his fingers zipping on the keys of his adding machine, without ever looking up from the paper on his desk, but I didn’t have the mind one needs for math; I wasn’t precise the way a mathematician needs to be. Besides, to me numbers were not fascinating.

Art and literature were what I enjoyed and so I figured out how to make good use of these talents. I also liked praying. After more than forty years, I trust it has all worked out the way it was ordained.

A longtime friend looked at me one evening and said, “Mike, the older you get, the more you remind me of your father.” It was a compliment, and I was grateful for it.

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEW DEGREES

St. Anne Knights of Columbus, Council 9594, is pleased to announce its newest 1st Degrees:

Fr. Edward Jablonski, John Dentzer, John Scandura, Alfredo Fernandez and Greg Sommer.

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, April 1st. For more information, contact Paul at 657-245-3722.

"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. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 25th. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

ST. ANNE SILENT RETREAT

St. Teresa of Calcutta always said that prayer is "God speaking in the silence of our hearts and us listening." With the amount of noise in our world today, it really is necessary at times to get away from it in order to be able to connect with God on a deeper level. His voice most often can be heard not in the noise of the world, but in the silence of the heart. In the New Testament we see that Jesus is frequently going away to a solitary place to pray. There are many types of retreats, but we are more likely to receive the grace the Lord desires to give on a silent retreat when we can allow the Lord to be the only voice speaking in our hearts.

Give yourself a quiet weekend retreat of 2 nights/3 days during Lent (April 5-7) at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. Fr. Gary Sumpter will give thoughtful talks with the theme; "In You, all find their home." The Carmelite sisters provide rooms (shared room, a private room with a shared bathroom, or a private room), deliciously prepared meals and beautifully serene grounds and chapel. Its not too late to attend this year. For more information about our parish weekend at the Sacred Heart Retreat House contact Maureen at 562.596.4141 or askmaureen@yahoo.com.



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.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Ministry to the Sick will have a meeting on Monday, March 11th at 9:45 a.m. in the Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join Fr. Ben after mass on Friday mornings for Stations of the Cross.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross (which go back to the 4th century) can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, speaks on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross. Here are 2 reasons from his speeches.

1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him

"The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.... let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone! Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption."

2. They Put Us into the Story

"And you, who do you want to be? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all the strength of your youth, how will you respond to him?"



CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA...

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa. For many in these countries, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

Around the Diocese

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 11—7:00 PM

St. Vincent De Paul, Huntington Beach

Monday, March 25—7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Parish, Fountain Valley

Tuesday, March 26—7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Parish, Fountain Valley

Tuesday, April 2—7:00 PM

St. Bonaventure, Huntington Beach

Monday, April 8—7:00 PM

St. Mary by the Sea, Huntington Beach

Thursday, April 11—7:00 PM

Sts. Simon & Jude, Huntington Beach

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

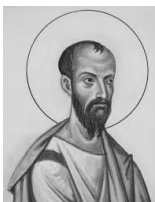
Men interested in Diocesan Priesthood are invited to attend the next Discernment evening on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. on the 1st floor of the Pastoral Center on the Christ Cathedral Campus. The purpose is to familiarize interested men with the life, prayer, and possible call to Priesthood in the Diocese of Orange. Questions? Call Rev. John Money penny at 714-282-3036.

ODCCW

Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is having their next general gathering on Tuesday, March 19th at St. John Neumann Church in Irvine. Fr. Scott Borgmen will speak on “Prayer in the Life of the Saints.” Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by Opening Prayer at 9:30 a.m. The cost to attend is \$18 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Please send your check payable to ODCCW to Pat Martin, 9525 Reading Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 no later than March 15th.

PAUL THE APOSTLE

Join Executive producer Eric Grath for a screening of the award-winning film “Paul: Apostle of Christ” on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Hedwig Catholic Church. After the film, Mr. Grath will be available for reflection and Q&A. Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 562-296-9000 or at <http://bit.ly/sthedwigrsvp>



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 3/11 †Burke and Keating Families
- 3/12 †Denise Van Norden
- 3/13 †Danny Flores
- 3/14 †Danny Flores
- 3/15 †Danny Flores
- 3/16 †Kathy Stadtlander
(†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, Ken Hammond, Steven Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette, Pat Giacomi, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, Mary Kiely, John Barnes, Katherine Irwin, Dcn. Gary Mucho, L. Tanguay

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

"We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."

— St. Francis de Sales

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.