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Palm Sunday

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Jesus Enters Jerusalem by Giotto

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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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PROTECTING CHILDREN

Like many of you, I have been quite dismayed by the many revelations of child sexual abuse by members of the clergy and other religious personnel. I have been particularly depressed and ashamed that there were members of the Orange presbyterate that committed such acts, men that I knew personally. I am proud of Bishop Brown who worked to settle our many civil suits, the first diocese in California to do so.

In June 2002, the U.S. bishops established *The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, a comprehensive set of procedures addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The *Charter* also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. It was revised in 2005, 2011, and 2018.

A lot of people are pointing fingers, making accusations, calling for bishops to resign, or defending bishops uncritically. When there is controversy in the Church I try to find out what Timothy Radcliffe thinks. Radcliffe is a Dominican priest, preacher and writer, who also spent ten years as Master of the whole Dominican Order. This is what he had to say:

“It is generally imagined that the Vatican is a vast and efficient organization. In fact it is tiny. The CDF [Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith] only employs 45 people, dealing with doctrinal and disciplinary issues for a Church which has 1.3 billion members, 17 per cent of the world's population, and some 400,000 priests. When I dealt with the CDF as Master of the Dominican Order, it was obvious that they were struggling to cope. Documents slipped through the cracks. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger lamented to me that the staff was simply too small for the job.

People are furious with the Vatican's failure to open up its files and offer a clear explanation of what happened.

Why is it so secretive? Angry and hurt Catholics feel a right to transparent government. I agree. But we must, in justice, understand why the Vatican is so self-protective. There were more martyrs in the twentieth century than in all the previous centuries combined. Bishops and priests, Religious and laity were assassinated in Western Europe, in Soviet countries, in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Many Catholics still suffer imprisonment and death for their faith. Of course, the Vatican tends to stress confidentiality; this has been necessary to protect the Church from people who wish to destroy her. So it is understandable that the Vatican reacts aggressively to demands for transparency and will read legitimate requests for openness as a form of persecution. And some people in the media do, without any doubt, wish to damage the credibility of the Church.

But we owe a debt of gratitude to the press for its insistence that the Church face its failures. If it had not been for the media, then this shameful abuse might have remained unaddressed.

Confidentiality is also a consequence of the Church's insistence on the right of everyone accused to keep their good name until they are proved to be guilty. This is very hard for our society to understand, whose media destroy people's reputations without a thought.

Why go [i.e. leave the Church]? If it is to find a safer haven, a less corrupt Church, then I think that you will be disappointed.”

Jesus came to save sinners. but sinners have to do their part and repent. Let every member of the Church from the pope on down to us here at St. Anne's do everything possible to protect every child and vulnerable person.

Msgr. Mike



Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP

Around our Parish

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, April 22nd. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

CRS RICE BOWL

Our sacrifice for Catholic Relief Services this Lent draws to a close on Easter. Prior to returning your Rice Bowl, please make sure check donations are made payable to Catholic Relief Services. Your Rice Bowl may be turned in to the Parish Office or placed in the CRS box in the vestibule of the church.



PALMS

Unsure of what to do with your blessed palms from Palm Sunday, knowing that you cannot just throw them away because they are now blessed articles? We will gladly take them and recycle them into ashes. Please bring your blessed palms to the Parish Office anytime or return them to the basket in the vestibule of the church.



ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary and Healing Mass. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Mass. All are welcome! For more information, please call Janice at 562-594-6357.

CAREER RENEWAL

There will not be a Career Renewal meeting during Holy Week. Weekly Thursday meetings, held from 7 to 9 p.m., resume April 25th. Come to learn the skills you need to find the job you'll love. Meet new friends as you reach for your career goals. For more information, contact Ted at 714-330-5067 or Kathy at 714-206-0885/ keller.math@gmail.com. All are welcome!



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.

GOOD FRIDAY

This Friday, Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The collection supports parish clergy, Catholic schools and religious education, humanitarian aid to refugees and the preservation of sacred shrines. Wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Envelopes for this special collection are located in the vestibule and were mailed out with monthly offertory envelopes.

COVERING THE CROSS

In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.



Why do we cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven? The covering of sacred images is a custom that can lead us to greater contemplation as we walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Our eyes are not drawn away to other objects and we can turn our focus to the altar and inward to contemplate Christ.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive the St. Anne School in Santa Ana's weekly newsletter, please send an email to Sr. Teresa at Tlynch@saintanneschool.net.



The newsletter captures student and campus activities showing the joy surrounding the school.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 18th – Holy Thursday

No morning Mass

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 10:00 PM



April 19th – Good Friday

No morning Mass

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross

12:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday

7:00 PM Via Matris



April 20th – Holy Saturday

No morning or 5:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Solemn Easter Vigil



April 21st - Easter Sunday

6:00 AM Sunrise Mass

8:00 AM Mass-church and hall

10:00 AM Mass-church and hall

12:00 PM Mass

No Mass at 4:00 PM



Around the Diocese

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Join other young Catholic professionals (20s/30s) for a special speaker on Wednesday, April 17th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the AC Hotel in Irvine. YCP offers an avenue to engage with prominent Catholic executives in a unique way.

ODCCW GENERAL MEETING

The ODCCW monthly gathering is April 23rd at St. Norbert Parish in Orange. This meeting is a Baby Shower to help the residents of Precious Life Shelter. The morning will include games, fun, food and a presentation by Theresa Murphy, Precious Life Director. Please bring a gift! Mass is at 8:30 a.m., Opening Prayer at 9:30 a.m. An \$18 donation payable to ODCCW is due by Friday, April 19th to Pat Martin, 9425 Reading Ave., Westminster, 92683.

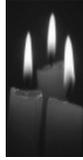


MEMORY LOSS DISCUSSION

Caregivers or friends of a person with dementia are invited to an informational meeting offering resources for problem solving and emotional support on April 24 from 2:00–3:30 p.m. at the Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center. For more information call Patty at 714-349-5517.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

4/15 †Clyde LaBaron
 4/16 †Mae McGlynn
 4/17 †Londa Comini
 4/18-20 For the parish
 (†Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Ken Hammond, 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, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, Mary Kiely, John Barnes, Katherine Irwin, Dcn. Gary Mucho, L. Tanguay, Madeline Watkins

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

"Lent is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." - Pope Benedict XVI

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.