

18 August 2019

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Jeremiah the Prophet by Michelangelo

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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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ALTAR SERVER

You had to be at least a fifth grader to even be considered. Your teacher could veto you if you didn't have proper deportment in the classroom. In those days you also had to be male; that's why the parlance then was that you were an altar boy. I was no good at sports, but I could take direction; I hoped to shine as an altar server.

First, you had to be trained and the training was so important that one of the priests did it. At the first session in church, he handed each one of us a card with the Latin we were to memorize. (Note for our younger parishioners: before the sixties, Masses were said in Latin, the language of the Roman empire.) The actual Latin was on one line and then a syllable by syllable guide to help you sound the Latin out phonetically was underneath. One line was in black and the other was in red.

"Let's get started," intoned the priest. He said a line of the Latin and then we repeated it back to him. There were about twenty of us recruits. The hardest part was the prayer servers said at the end of the offertory; the first word was "*suscipiat*," but the rest of the prayer was a real tongue twister. Some of us once had a contest to see which of us could say the "*suscipiat*" prayer the fastest. It was like having secret knowledge that none of the girls—who were so smart—in the fifth grade knew.

After we learned the Latin, Father would take us out of class in groups of five to show us where to stand and what to do at the altar. He told us that we had to learn our moves because no priest wanted to tell servers what to do during Mass. We had to know our parts. He showed us how to bring up the wine and the water, how to wash the priest's hands, when to stand and when to kneel, etc. There was a tricky maneuver after communion when two servers would go up to the altar, each taking an item and then crossing over to put our items on the other side of the altar. When done well, it was like a great basketball move, all teamwork and timing.

In those days, people knelt at a communion rail and the priest went down the line stepping to the right to

go to the next person; to the priest's right, the altar server was to hold a paten, something like a gold plate attached to a handle. The server's job then was twofold: move your feet quick enough that the priest didn't stumble on your feet; and hold the paten under the chin of the person receiving communion so that any fragments of the host would be captured on the paten. Someone discovered that stepping along the carpet generated static electricity and you could send a charge to someone receiving communion if you got the paten close enough to his or her neck. This, of course, was not something a good altar boy would ever intentionally do, but it was almost irresistible when it was the neck of one of your friends during a school Mass. (Not that I ever did such a thing, no, not me, never.)

In the sacristy both before and after Mass you had to know your priest's preferences. Some would want to engage you in conversation while others wanted you to keep your mouth shut and stand quietly in your place next to the door out to the sanctuary. Usually whatever priest was assigned to the early Mass would not want to chit-chat. It was way too early.

Another thing: we had to be careful to hang up our cassock and surplice properly after Mass. This was essential because if the women who laundered the servers' vestments found them askew—or worse, piled on the floor of the closet—they would complain to the priest in charge and no priest wants to be nagged by the holy women. I remember being called back into the sacristy after Mass to rehang my surplice because it had slipped off the hanger.

What I liked about altar serving was that I could see what was going on. When you're a kid in the pew, all the adults in front of you blocked your view. But also, I liked participating; in those days the people in the pews were mostly witnesses of what the priest did in the sanctuary; some people said their rosary during Mass. But on the altar with things to do, an altar boy was in on the action. What's not to like?

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, Aug. 25th following the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM masses for our Parish Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. The Knights will be serving their "world famous" home-made buttermilk pancakes (blueberry or chocolate chip pancake options available) along with eggs, sausage and fruit. The suggested donation is \$6 per person and \$20 per family. All proceeds go towards supporting local charities. For more information, please contact Steve at 714-418-7041.



MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our next meeting on Monday, September 9th. For more information, contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

Our next meeting will be the Salad Supper on September 23rd! For membership information, please pick up a Women's Guild brochure and membership application from the back of the church. For more information, please call Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

ST. ANNE BOOK CLUB

Please join us the first Thursday of each month from Noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center living room. Everyone is invited! Our book for September 5th is "The Apostles and Their Times" by Mike Aquilina, a look at the lives and sacrifices of those first Christians who were given the task of spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Relying on ancient documents, as well as latest archeological findings and scientific research, the author takes you on a journey through the Apostolic Age, bringing to life the ancient streets and crowded marketplaces through which Mary and the Apostles journeyed. You'll also discover the beliefs of the early Christians, what they taught about the Eucharist and the Divinity of Christ, how their Church services resembles today's Mass, and how Rome became the spiritual center for Christianity. *The Apostles and Their Times* will give you confidence that the Church is indeed Christ acting in the world.

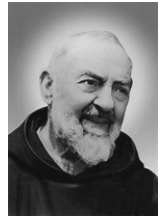


OUR MISSION:

Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith,

ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, August 19th 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, call Janice at 562-594-6357.



MATTHEW: BIBLE STUDY

The *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* study program shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth. In this study of the Gospel of Matthew, presenter Jeff Cavins explains how Jesus is challenging and empowering us to a new level of holiness and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live it. The program includes twenty-four 50-minute video presentations and the "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom Workbook," containing session summaries, home reading assignments, and study questions & responses. A link to the online video is made available for those who have to miss a class!

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church. The session begins Thursday, Sept. 5th and meets weekly (no class 10/31 or 11/28) through Dec. 12th. The cost is \$30 per person. Please turn in your registration form to the Parish Office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

All freshmen through seniors in high school are welcome to join us for our summer events!
Aug. 21—Outdoor Movie Night (7:30-9:30 PM)



Bring a chair/blanket and join us to watch *Mulan* outside under the stars. Popcorn will be provided.

Around the Diocese

ANNUAL SCRC CONVENTION

The 48th SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place over Labor Day Weekend, 8/30-9/1, at the Anaheim Convention Center and Arena. This year's theme is "Jesus, Hope of the World" with over 40 Catholic speakers, 70 presentations, dynamic daily liturgies, and a catholic marketplace. For a brochure or information, contact 818-771-1361 or spirit@scrc.org. Online information and registration is available at scrc.org.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Please join Fr. Aaron Galviso & St. Irenaeus Church for a memorable experience following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in the Holy Land, February 4-15, 2020. Highlights of the pilgrimage will include the Egyptian Museum, Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx in Egypt, and the Jordan River, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and Cana in Israel. For more information, please contact Josie at 714-761-6375

MISSIONARY MASS INTENTIONS

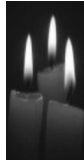
There is another way you can support the missionary efforts of priests in missions who are unable to participate in Mission Co-op. Our diocesan Mission Office will forward your mass intention requests to mission territories worldwide where missionary priests will celebrate these intentions in a timely manner. The missionaries are also able to celebrate Novena and Gregorian masses for those that seek those special offerings. Mass Intention Request Forms with detailed information for payment and fulfillment of your request are included on the form which can be found in the vestibule of the church. The average monthly allowance a priest in the missions receives for food and basic living expenses is approximately \$50. Mass stipends are often the only means of additional daily support for these priests and frequently supply elements used for their masses like the bread and wine for Eucharistic celebration.



**Mass
Intentions**

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

8/19 †Nora Hepp
 8/20 Larry Cave
 8/21 †John Wiltgen
 8/22 Kevin Martinez
 8/23 †Richard Sweet, Jr.
 8/24 †Anton Le Truong
 (†Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho,
 Kathy Purcell, Julia Poirier, Jerome Gendron,
 Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mary Kiely,
 Steven Lang, Marlene Blackford, Linda Bolt,
 Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi,
 Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, John Barnes, Mike Mauro,
 Katherine Irwin, L. Tanguay, Dixie Redfearn, Mary Kunz,
 Eddie Kearns, Dewey Linehan, Jean Ramirez,
 Beverly Maybrier

"Let us thank God for having called us to His holy faith. It is a great gift, and the number of those who thank God for it is small." — St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances." — St. Vincent de Paul

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 email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org or call 562-431-0721 ext. 16.

Confirmation: For more information about Youth Ministry programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 15 or email ym@stannesealbeach.org.

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.