

1 September 2019

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Veronese, *The Wedding Feast at Cana* (1563)

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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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LUNAR COMMUNION

More than 50 years ago, on 21 July 1969 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped on to the surface of earth's moon, the first humans to do so. A few hours earlier, Buzz Aldrin said, "Houston, this is Eagle. This is the LM (landing module) pilot speaking. I would like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever he may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours, and to give thanks in his own individual way."

Aldrin had already decided how he would mark the moment. Earlier at the end of a communion service at Webster Presbyterian Church in Houston with a few friends, the pastor had handed Aldrin a small piece of Communion bread, a phial of wine and a tiny chalice. Aldrin had taken the items with him among the few personal items he was allowed on the flight. He wrote later that he wanted to express "his feelings that what man was doing in this mission transcended electronics and computers and rockets." It was also about communion with God, about reaching beyond humanity and putting faith not only in science, but in the aid of a higher power.

In the LM he unwrapped the bread, opened the tiny bottle of wine and poured the contents into the tiny chalice. "In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup," he wrote afterwards. Then he ate the bread and drank the wine and read from John 15:5, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me." At the same moment in Houston, 239,000 miles away, his fellow parishioners gathered for their own eucharistic service. Aldrin said he felt very bonded with his friends in the church back

home.

Nasa had told him, it was fine to take communion on the moon, but it could not be broadcast. The US space agency had recently had to defend itself from an attack by a notorious atheist, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, (no relation) because the crew of Apollo 8 had quoted from the book of Genesis in a live broadcast. She believed that violated the constitutional separation of Church and State. The lawsuit went nowhere but it made the space agency cautious.



Aldrin wrote later that, "Although it was a deeply meaningful experience for me, it was a Christian sacrament, and we had come to the moon in the name of mankind—be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics, or atheists."

Faith is often thought to be the enemy of science. Consider the case brought against Galileo by Pope Urban VIII because he taught that the earth orbited the sun. It only took the Church a few centuries to admit that Galileo was correct. However, the Church also has a long history of scientific research; in 1582 the dates for Easter and the other feasts were set using an astronomical basis for the Gregorian calendar. Even today, the Vatican has its own observatory in Arizona with the astronomer, Brother Guy J. Consolmagno, SJ, as its head.

Scientists are discovering wonders everywhere: in the tiny nucleus of an atom all the way to the grandeur and nature of stars at the far end of the visible universe. God bless them. As the astronaut, Buzz Aldrin, has taught us, science and faith are both about reaching beyond our human lives to what has yet to be seen, yet to be experienced.

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 the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9th. For additional information, contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

SALAD SUPPER

Come join the friendly women of St. Anne parish at our annual Salad Supper on Monday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This year our theme is "Serving Up Friendship." Salads, toppings, water, punch, decaf coffee and desserts will be provided. (BYOB if you wish.) Sign-ups will be accepted after all masses beginning next weekend.

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

For membership information, please pickup 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This Friday, September 6th, our parish will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to sign up for an hour or more on the sign-up sheets located in the vestibule of the church, or just drop in.



EUCCHARSTIC MINISTERS



All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend mass on September 7th or 8th to receive prayers of commissioning and a blessing. Through your generous service to others, your careful and personal ministering of the Eucharist at Mass and to the sick, your sensitivity, grace and faithfulness, you become a real sign of all the richness of the Eucharist to others. Thank you!



OUR MISSION:

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

LOVE IN ACTION—LAUDATO SI

In anticipation of the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si, the Pope's Encyclical on the Care of Creation, Deacon Peter invites you to participate in a year of celebration starting with a beautiful month long Season of Creation beginning September 1 and ending with the Feast of St. Francis in October.

Below are the scheduled events:

9/6 - Adoration/Holy Hour/Benediction/Mercy to Earth Rosary in the Church. Time to be determined.

9/19 - Mercy to Earth Rosary after morning Mass in the Church.

9/21 - California Coastal Clean-Up in Seal Beach with Youth Ministry. Meet at the Parish Hall at 8:00 a.m. for prayers and a light breakfast.

10/3 - Feast of St. Francis, a 90 Minute Program including readings, prayers, activities after morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

10/4 - St. Francis Feast Day Adoration, prayers & Guided Meditation with Youth Ministry in the Church at 7:00 PM. Bring a picture of your pet.

10/5 - Blessing of the Animals in the Church courtyard. Bring your pets.

For more details about the Season of Creation Events, please look at the Season of Creation Bulletin Board located on the pathway between the parking lot and the church and in the Bulletin .

CAREER RENEWAL

Everyone is invited to the Career Renewal ministry season Kick-off meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for information about job search, changing careers, updating resumes, etc. We will also be available to talk about opportunities to be a volunteer in our ministry. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2nd for Labor Day.



Around the Diocese

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

A new ministry at St. Bonaventure is giving adults an opportunity to get together, share a meal and be spiritually nourished. The monthly potluck and talk will be held every second Thursday of the month with enlightening topics and spirited speakers. Join them for the first evening on Thursday, September 12th.



Mass Intentions

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.

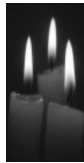
MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat is pleased to welcome Dr. Cynthia Hunt, physician, professor and international speaker, as their guest speaker for the Orange Diocese Magnificat Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Anaheim—South in Garden Grove. The doors open at 8:45 a.m. Advanced reservations, \$28 per person, must be postmarked by Sept. 16th and mailed to Magnificat Ministry, P.O. Box 4381, Orange, CA 92863. Registration at the door is \$33. To register by phone, call Anne at 714-420-5482.



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

- 9/2 ✠Jim Hale
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- 9/4 Catherine Cannova
- 9/5 ✠Marie Roudine
- 9/6 Seminarians
- 9/7 ✠Thu Van Nguyen
 (✠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, Cathy Oliver



"In college, remember, just as important as your grade point average is your *grace* point average."

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 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.