

8 September 2019

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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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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PURGATORY

Let me fill you in on what will happen after you die. If you find yourself in an elevator going down and it is getting hotter as you descend, the elevator door will open and you will be at the fires of Gehenna. Drink plenty of water. On the other hand, if you sprout wings spontaneously that float you up, up and away, you'll be landing in heaven. I have never been there but Jesus indicates that it will be quite lovely. My favorite image he uses is of a wedding banquet; everyone is dressed up, the food is an all-you-can eat buffet and the beverages flow on and on. Sweet.

Most of us are not bad enough to merit hell nor are we pure enough to be sure of a heavenly reservation. So we'll end up in purgatory.

Let me tell you what I suspect purgatory is like. It will be like finding yourself at the Department of Motor Vehicles. The line will be very long and it will not seem to be moving. Because the air conditioning isn't working very well it will be warm.

Once you finally get to the head of the line, a bossy angel will hand you a long form to be filled out and then turned in at Window P. After enduring another long line, the bored agent at Window P will take a long time reading over your form, comment to you about how poor your handwriting is, stamp the last page with a seal and send you to Building J. When you ask for directions, she gives you a look that says, "Everybody knows where Building J is" and points vaguely toward the west.

Wandering generally in that direction, looking for something with a J on it. Everyone you meet along the way you ask if they know where Building J is, but they all speak a language different than your own.

After walking for a long time, you see a structure on the horizon. When you get to it, the door on it does indeed have a small gold J painted on it. Upon entering you find yourself in a vast classroom with desks as far as the eye can see. You take your place at one of the empty desks. On the desk is an exam with a Number 2 pencil next to it. You start to fill out the answer sheet, being careful to fill in the circles fully without going outside the line. It takes a long time to complete because there are many, many questions on it. Then, exhausted, you take the answer sheet and the form stamped by the surly agent up to the proctor at the far end of the hall. He checks to make sure you have the proper stamp and feeds the answer sheet into a scanner which spits out a score sheet. If your score is high

enough, he stamps your paper work and you get on a golf cart that takes you to heaven. If not you are sent back to take the exam again.

Though finally forgiving, purgatory is a numbing bureaucracy. Be virtuous so you don't end up there. You have been warned.

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. 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

Save your spot at the Women's Guild annual Salad Supper on Monday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be "Serving up Friendship" along with salads, toppings, water, punch, decaf coffee and desserts. Sign ups will be accepted after all masses TODAY and next weekend. Your \$5.00 donation at the door will help us cover costs. For more information or to sign up online, email Judy and Marge at stannesalsup19@gmail.com.

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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory—9/1/19 \$9,045

Online week ending 9/1/19 \$2,875

WeShare is our platform for online donations. There are Pew Cards explaining how to sign up in each pew. Additional questions may be answered on the bulletin board in the breezeway or by calling the parish office.

Thank you to all who have prayerfully and generously donated in support of our Church!

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

The July 2019 PSA report has been received. St. Anne received pledges from 171 families (54 families less than 2018) totaling donations of \$120,937.50. If you are using the payment plan for your contribution, PLEASE complete all of your payments to PSA by Dec. 1st! A big thank you to all families who chose to support our parish and our diocese by participating in this year's campaign. The amount received above our diocesan subsidy will be deposited into our building fund.



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:

9/19 - 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 breezeway 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 or Ted Rozolis at 714-330-5067.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Eucharistic Ministers will be asked to stand to be commissioned during Masses this weekend.



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.

BISHOPS' GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 21st Bishops' Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club, 26772 Avery Parkway in Mission Viejo. Hosted by Bishops Kevin Vann, Timothy Freyer, Thanh Nguyen and Tod Brown, proceeds from this event benefit children at risk in Orange County with food, shelter and emergency needs. Last year, golfers and sponsors helped over 30,000 children become safe, stable and healthy. Registration and lunch will take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m. followed by a 12:00 Noon Tee Off. At 6:00 p.m., join the fun for dinner, an auction, opportunity drawing and fine wine opportunity. For registration, sponsorship or underwriting information visit www.ccoc.org or phone 714-347-9668.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

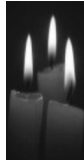
One of the best things about attending a grief support group is the reminder that you are not alone. Grief can feel very lonely and isolating, especially when no one else around you seems to be grieving. Although no two people experience grief in the exact same way, by attending a support group you may find that other people have experiences, feelings, and struggles that are similar to your own. When you feel totally alone and misunderstood by the world, the support group community can provide you with a haven of understanding. Two local Catholic groups include:

St. Irenaeus, 5201 Evergreen, Cypress
Grief support group on 3rd Mondays
Contact Dcn. Bruce at 714-826-0760
and

St. Bonaventure, 16400 Springdale, Huntington Beach
Weekly sessions, Thursdays from 7:30 p.m.
Contact Louise Dow at 714-846-3359

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

9/9 Fr. Ben Tran
 9/10 Christie Reichman
 9/11 Kimmie Lakin
 9/12 Denise Grant
 9/13 †Patrick Gallagher
 9/14 Elizabeth Conway
 (†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

"Let us love the cross very much, for it is there that we discover our life, our true love, and our strength in our greatest difficulties." — St. Maria de Mattias

"To join two things together there must be nothing between them or there cannot be a perfect fusion. Now realize that this is how God wants our soul to be, without any selfish love of ourselves or of others in between, just as God loves us without anything in between." — St. Catherine of Siena

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.