

29 September 2019

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



St. Michael Archangel

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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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## SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

When I was a child, September 29<sup>th</sup> was the feast of the archangel, Saint Michael. After Vatican II, the Church revised the feast days, adding Saints Gabriel and Raphael to the feast since they were also archangels. I did not think that was fair to Michael who had had the day all to himself since time immemorial; but I was a kid then; nobody listened to me.

Michael is mentioned in the Book of Daniel, described as a great prince who delivered the people at a time of trouble "such has never been since there was a nation." Later, when Daniel was in some sort of trouble and tried to get out of it for 21 days, Michael finally came to his rescue. The idea that Michael was the advocate of the Jews became so prevalent that, in spite of the rabbinical prohibition against appealing to angels as intermediaries between God and his people, Michael came to occupy an assured place in the Jewish liturgy.

In the New Testament Michael leads God's armies against Satan's forces in the Book of Revelation, where during the war in heaven he defeats Satan. In the Epistle of Jude Michael is specifically referred to as "the archangel Michael." Catholic sanctuaries dedicated to Michael appeared in the 4th century, when he was first seen as a healing angel, and then over time as a protector and the leader of the army of God against the forces of evil.

We read in the letter of Jude, that when the archangel Michael argued with the devil in a dispute over the body of Moses, he did not pronounce a reviling judgment upon him but only said, "May the Lord rebuke you!" And God did rebuke the devil.

Traditionally Michael has four main roles or offices:

He is the leader of the Army of God in their triumph over the powers of hell. He is the angelic model for the virtues of the *spiritual warrior*. Michael is also the angel of death, carrying the souls of all the deceased to heaven; he descends at the hour of death, and gives each soul the chance to redeem itself before passing, thus countering the efforts of the devil and his minions. Many images of

Michael show him with a scales to weigh the goodness or evil of the soul. Those of you with a good memory will remember this prayer that was recited at the end of Mass up until 1964:

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Saint Michael is also the guardian of the Church; that is why he is often depicted as wearing the armor of a soldier.

Msgr. Mike



## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

This weekend is our 2nd week of fundraising. Please pick up a “Baby Bottle” and fill it with coins, cash and/or checks and return to the Knights at any Mass through October 13th. All donations will be delivered to the Orange County Catholic Diocese Respect Life Ministry to support Diocese approved Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers and Women's Shelters. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity. For additional information, contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.



#### 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 October 7th. For more information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172  
*“Help Us Help Those In Need”*

### WOMEN’S GUILD

#### 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.

### LAUDATO SI

Join Deacon Peter in the Parish Hall on Thursday, October 3rd at 9:45 a.m. for a special 90 minute presentation in appreciation of the patron saint of animals, birds, and the environment. This year is the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si, Pope Francis’ encyclical on the care of our environment.

### YOUTH MINISTRY ADORATION

All teens and their families are invited to a night of prayer with the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 4th from 7:00–8:00 p.m. We will have a guided meditation, music and time for quiet personal reflection. Come join us and get filled with the Holy Spirit.

### CAREER RENEWAL MINISTRY

Join us on Thursday October 3rd at 7pm for a fascinating guest speaker on personality assessment! Contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885, keller.math@gmail.com



#### OUR MISSION:

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

### ADORATION

This Friday, October 4th, our parish will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come pray and spend some time with Our Lord. Sign-ups are available in the vestibule of the church for those who are willing to volunteer for an hour or more.



### LIFE CHAIN—SEAL BEACH

October is Respect Life Month. On Sunday, Oct. 6th from 5:00–6:30 p.m. we will pray for all the unborn babies and stand with thousands of proliferators across the USA in remembrance of millions of babies whose lives were ended by abortion. Posters will be provided or you may bring your own. Please refrain from the use of overly graphic images as this is a family event. All are welcome. Feel free to bring lawn chairs, umbrellas, etc. Be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! This event will be preceded by a Mass for Life in the Church at 4:00 p.m.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even fish, may come to St. Anne for a special ceremony, the Blessing of Animals. If it is difficult for your pet to attend, you may choose to bring a photo instead. Please join Fr. Tim for the blessing which will take place on Saturday, October 5th at 9:45 a.m. on the steps of the church. This blessing is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures. After the Blessing, the pet will be gently sprinkled with holy water. All pets must be on a leash, in a carrier, or physically restrained.



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## Around the Diocese

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### MARRIAGE UNITY

St. Timothy Catholic Church in Laguna Niguel invites you to an inspirational marriage series to

“Strengthen Your Marriage Unity.” Guest speakers Dr. John Yzaguirre and Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, will present three sessions on October 6th, October 13th and October 20th from



12:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$10 per person, per talk and includes hospitality (and childcare if needed). Walk-ins are welcome! To RSVP or for more information, contact Matt Zemanek at 949-973-9021 or [mzemanek@st-timsrc.org](mailto:mzemanek@st-timsrc.org)

### SHROUD OF TURIN

On the evening of Friday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.,



Rev. Robert Spitzer, SJ will present “Science and the Shroud of Turin” in the Freed Theater on the Christ Cathedral Campus. Joe Marino will join Fr. Spitzer to present expert carbon dating evidence. Since the last event sold out, please go to

[rcbo.org/shroud](http://rcbo.org/shroud) to get tickets as soon as possible for this extraordinary opportunity.

### HEALING MASS FOR DIVORCED & SEPARATED

Msgr. John Urell invites all members of the Catholic Community that are feeling pain and loss from divorce or separation to attend a Healing Mass on Thursday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Arboretum on the Christ Cathedral Campus in Garden Grove.

The painful journey through the changing family dynamics is felt through every member of the immediate and extended family. Join us in Mass and prayer as divorce and separation does not have to feel isolating. Community resources will be available after mass. All are welcome!

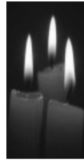
### PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Join Fr. Chris Heath for 10 days in Ireland, May 4-13, 2020. For more information or a brochure contact Peter’s Way Tours at 800-225-7662 or email [jclark@sainthedwigparish.org](mailto:jclark@sainthedwigparish.org).



## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

9/30 Anthony Hao Dinh  
 10/1 †Ed Kearns  
 10/2  
 10/3  
 10/4 Seminarians  
 10/5 †Maria Riec 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,  
 Dewey Linehan, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith,  
 the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit  
 of service is peace." — St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Truth sees God, and wisdom contemplates God, and from  
 these two comes a third, a holy and wonderful delight in  
 God, who is love." — St. Juliana of Norwich

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.