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Thirty First 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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CLUTTER.

I have spent the last hour clearing my desk. I have been having problems with my digital devices so a professional tech person is coming today to sort the problems out. The desk clearing became crucial because every other surface on my desk was covered in piles of papers, notes, a scotch tape dispenser, a Kleenex box, two cups to hold my pens and pencils, post it notes and assorted whatnot. I am in the habit of leaving things on my desk—out where I can see them—so I don't forget to do what needs to be done with this note, that phone number, those meeting minutes or whatever else needs my attention. The habit I have not yet developed is to clear the items off my desk when I have finished with them. Thus the constant clutter.

I also have a cluttered mind. One moment I am remembering an afternoon years ago at a beautiful beach north of Malibu. The colors were so crisp. Then it occurs to me that I am out of coffee and I will have to stop at the store or there will be no coffee to drink tomorrow morning. Then something someone told me yesterday returns and I am trying to guess what she meant by what she said. What will I have for dinner tonight? In the midst of these thoughts, a few lines of a lyric or a poem will come to mind; for the next few days, these same lines will repeat themselves unbidden. It is not because the lines have an emotional relevance to me or reminds me of some significant event. They have often enough been lines from a commercial jingle: "Mm, mm good; mm, mm good; Maxwell House Coffee is mm, mm good." I am cluttered even by commercials.

Not all people live with clutter. A few years ago I went to an office to talk with a colleague but he wasn't there. So I grabbed for his top desk drawer to get a pencil to leave him a note and was astonished when I opened it: the drawer was perfectly organized. Each item was in its proper place. The pens in one place and the pencils in another, and both pens and pencils were pointing in exactly the same direction. Who is this friend of mine who is so orderly? How did I never notice it before?



Sometimes nature causes the mess: a strong earthquake can topple not only our buildings but trees and mountainsides. A strong storm can eat away at the shoreline. Torrential winds can denude every tree in the neighborhood with the liberated leaves dancing in piles across the highway. Someone will have to rake them up; I hope it is not me.

We humans are cluttering the atmosphere with our greenhouse gasses. Our landfills swallow tons and tons of our trash every day, despite the recycling we do. We have made progress in keeping our manufacturing chemical waste from polluting our streams and lakes, but there is still lead in the water supplies of some large cities.

What does God think of clutter? I'm not sure. I once flew over the Sahara desert in a plane; it was cluttered with hundreds of miles of sand dunes, ever changing their shapes because of the winds. Surely his creation didn't really need so much sand. Another time I was flying from Sydney to Los Angeles; did the earth really need the Pacific Ocean to be so vast, filled with nothing but water and the occasional cargo ship? But best of all was a night I was sitting out in the high desert with the whole Milky Way above me, more stunning than the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. There are

more stars than can be counted with countless planets, moons and comets surrounding them. And yet we know from scientists that the universe is very large, so vast its size is close to infinity. No matter how many heavenly bodies, there seems to be plenty of room for them, at least ever since the "Big Bang."

Clutter can be order in which we are not able to discern the pattern. Most of the time we live busy lives full of many and varied experiences; only on occasion can we look over our shoulders to see how the whole thing might fit together: an anniversary, a baptism, a graduation, a retreat, a quiet summer evening sitting on the back porch with a beer in your hand, waiting for the stars to come out.

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 each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4th. For more information, please contact Russell at 949-527-0172

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

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.

NIMBLE FINGERS NEEDED



Nimble fingers are needed on Wednesday, November 13th after the 9:00 a.m. mass to gently remove the plastic covers from our missals in preparation for the new liturgical year. Please join us in the back of the church if you are able to help.

REMEMBRANCE MASSES

All Souls envelopes are available in the vestibule. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November in memory of our loved ones who have died.



LOVE IN ACTION—LAUDATO SI

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Encourage prayer before and after meals to express gratitude to God for His generosity in meeting our daily needs, but also as a reminder of our duty to be good stewards of His creation so that it may continue to serve the needs of all His creatures.

"O Lord, We thank you for your loving provision. We thank you for this food and ask you to bless it. May we never forget those who have want and are in need. May our eyes and our hearts be alert and our hands be open to give from the abundance you have given us. Amen"

"For food in a world where many walk in hunger; For faith in a world where many walk in fear; For friends in a world where many walk alone; We give you thanks, O Lord. Amen."



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.

NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION

The National Needs Collection will be taken up this weekend in our Diocese. This collection combines four national collections into one: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic Home Missions and the Catholic University of America.

FLU SEASON IS HERE

It takes about two weeks after receiving your flu shot to build up immunity so the sooner you get your shot, the better. The CDC recommends that you receive your immunization by the end of October.

Get your Flu Shot!



Flu vaccines have been updated for the flu viruses expected in the U.S. this year. All vaccines are quadrivalent and have been grown in cells, not eggs, a previous concern for those allergic to eggs. **Get it while you can-** Shipments of flu vaccine will be delayed in some parts of the U.S. If your doctor's office or pharmacy has the vaccine, get your flu shot!

Stay well- In addition to getting your annual flu vaccine, the best way to prevent getting the flu is to wash your hands and stay away from people who are sick. If you do get the flu, stay home to prevent spreading the flu to others.

CSU LONG BEACH STUDENT?

Join Catholic Newman club! The only Catholic community on the CSULB campus. Please join us for weekly meetings, prayer group, bible studies, mass carpools, and social events!

For more information:

<http://beachnewman.org/>

Email: beachnewman@gmail.com;

Facebook: Catholic Beach Newman;

Instagram: @beachnewman



Around the Diocese

ORDER OF MALTA MASS

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Malta in Orange County will host a Mass in Memory, Honor and Appreciation of our Veterans, active Duty Military, Reservists and their families with Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, on Saturday, Nov. 9th at 10:00 a.m. The Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 105 Baker St. in Costa Mesa. Refreshments will follow Mass. Please RSVP to infolee@aol.com. For more information contact Melody at 909-205-3994 or m2paulsen@gmail.com.

ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

On Saturday, Nov. 9th, the St. Francis Assisted Living Home will host a Christmas Boutique with holiday decorations, religious articles, a bake sale and more from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The home is located at 1718 W. 6th Street in Santa Ana.

MATER DEI VISIT DAY

Mater Dei High School will hold a 7th and 8th grade visitation day from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5th. Register to attend now at www.materdei.org/visitday.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

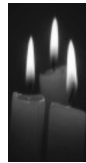
Come pray and see if God is calling you to be a priest! Join Fr. Brandon Dang on Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church located at 9 Hillgate in Irvine. For more information, contact Fr. Brandon at 714-282-3046 or bdang@rcbo.org.

FINDING HEALING 4 YOUR HEART

The Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Palos Verdes is hosting "How to Deal with Loss in Your Life" on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We go through life having different experiences of pain and loss. Sometimes we don't know how to deal with those situations. Facilitated by Jenny Ocegueda-Reynosa, MA, there will also be time for meditation, reflection and sharing. Please bring a picture of someone you have lost. The cost for the retreat is \$50 with lunch included. For more information or to register, call Marlene at 310-377-4867 x234.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

11/4 All Souls
 11/5 All Souls
 11/6 All Souls
 11/7 All Souls
 11/8 All Souls
 11/9 All Souls



(✠ 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, Linda Bolt, Marlene Blackford, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, John Barnes, Mary Kunz, Katherine Irwin, Dixie Redfean, Dewey Linehan, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay

"Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours."

— St. John Bosco

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 six 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.