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First Sunday in Advent

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



Noah's Arc by a Mugal artist circa 1600

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A WORK IN PROGRESS

"My God stands by me, all my trust is in him."

That was the responsorial in this morning's Divine Office. I have faith that God does indeed stand by me (though his timing can be a little off, in my experience.) I was taken more by the words *all* and *trust*. Is *all my trust* really in him? Not really, not yet.

This business about placing all my trust in you, Lord, is a work in progress, not hyperbole. When I pray that, I really mean is that I *want* to place *all* my trust in you.

Right now I also trust the police, fire fighters, my doctors, Wells Fargo Bank, Dewar's Scotch and bread from Angelo's Deli on Main Street. I also put my trust in friends and family, except at the end of a very long day when any of us could say the wrong thing.

Though I trust you, I hope you don't want to send me to be a missionary in Angola. I am not entirely sure where Angola is; in Africa somewhere? Before I left, I'd have to "google" it.

I am told that Siberia can be freezing cold and the Amazon can be quite hot and humid. Don't send me to either. I like where I am now. Please.

May it not be your will that any more huge fires with high winds explode in California. You've made your point. We have to clean up our act. If you could keep

holding off "the big one," I'd appreciate that too.

There are only a few people whom I *don't ever* want to see again. (You know who they are and why; I told you.) So I hope we can agree that this is also your will.

I know you hear the cry of the poor; I hope you also hear the mumbles of the comfortable.

The Bible says you cast down the mighty from their thrones so, whatever you do, please don't make me mighty.

To tell you the truth, Lord, your will is not so easy to know. If you really want me to do something, hit me over the head with it. Or send the angel Gabriel; that will surely get my attention.

Oh, another thing, I know that for each of us, the days are numbered. I'd like a high number, if you don't mind. The same for family and friends, please, and for our parishioners. We have too many funerals as it is, as you very well know.

Your sometimes obedient servant,

Mike

P.S. Are there books in heaven? I love to read.



Around our Parish

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will be collecting canned and boxed food donations (please, no perishables), and cash or checks at all masses through the weekend of Dec. 15th. All donations will go towards assisting local disadvantaged families. For more information, contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come join our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, December 15th following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses for a Parish Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. The Knight's will be serving their almost "world famous" homemade buttermilk pancakes (blueberry and chocolate chip options also available) along with eggs, sausage and fruit. The suggested donation is \$6 per person and \$20 per family. For additional information, please contact Steve Bradt at 714-418-7041.



MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd. For more information, please contact Russell at 949-527-0172

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Since December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9th. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. St. Anne will celebrate one mass at 9:00 a.m.

LOVE IN ACTION—LAUDATO SI

A TIP FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



Resist the "gospel of consumption" that says "more is better." Embrace the Christian spirituality that says "less is better" and proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little.

Laudato Si #222

Buy less, waste less and enjoy it more!



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.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday, December 6th from 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Church. All are invited to come, pray and spend some time with Our Lord. There is a sign up sheet by the front door to ensure that every hour with our Lord is covered.

CAREER RENEWAL MINISTRY

In December, Career Renewal meets the first two Thursdays, 12/5 and 12/12. Weekly meetings will resume on Thursday, Jan. 9th. Please come if you are unemployed, underemployed or seeking a career change. Refreshments are provided.

ADVENT CLASSICAL CONCERT

Our parish will host an Advent Classical Concert on Monday, Dec. 9th at 7:00 p.m. Professional classical musicians will present an hour repertoire of classical and Christmas music in our sanctuary. Please plan to attend and invite your friends. This free concert is an early Christmas gift to our parishioners and the Community of Seal Beach.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

A Children's Christmas Choir will perform at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass. All children ages 6-14 are invited to participate. Practices, led by Mr. Von Kolen, will be held on Tuesday, December 10th and 17th from 2:40-3:00 p.m. Different school dismissal times will be accommodated. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Sign up at faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

Around the Diocese

JESUS VR

Share a theatrical Virtual Reality experience witnessing Christ's journey. "Jesus VR—The Story of Christ" was shot entirely in 360 degree 4K video on location in Matera, Italy. It is a you-are-there experience for the entirety of Jesus's life and death, from his baptism to the Sermon on the Mount, and from the Last Supper to his crucifixion. Minimum age is 13 years. Screenings are on select Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until Dec. 30th at Christ Cathedral. The ticket price is \$15.00 + \$2.01 service fee per person.

CAPISTRANO LIGHTS

Kick off the holiday season at the Mission. The nightly program runs from December 8th through January 6th featuring nightly tree lighting in the ruins of the Great Stone Church. The Mission grounds will be decked out in lights, a nativity, a 10-foot wreath and community Christmas trees. Sometimes community musical groups, choirs and orchestras may join the pre-tree lighting performances. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$7 for children. On Dec. 14-15 and 21-22 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. selfies with Santa are free and holiday crafts are a nominal fee.

HE IS BORN

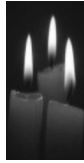
He is Born is coming to the Freed Theater, Christ Cathedral Cultural Center. This Daughters of St. Paul Christmas Spectacular is performed by the award winning Medianuns. The live concert is on Sunday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. It is a joyful and inspiring experience offering the true meaning of Christmas in music and song! Tickets, \$25 each with open seating, are available online at Pauline.org/LAconcert or by calling 310-397-8676.

EUROPEAN CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join the Diocese of Orange on a pilgrimage to Prague, Austria and Germany led by Bishop Timothy Freyer, Auxiliary Bishop Fr. Christopher Smith and accompanied by the Diocesan Choir, Cathedral Choir and Dr. John Romeri, Music Director on June 14-23, 2020. For more information, go to www.petersway.com, call 800-225-7662 or email angela@petersway.com.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

12/2 Raquel & John Davies
 12/3 †Ken Hammond
 12/4 †Stephen Pryharski
 12/5 †Margaret Stock
 12/6 Seminarians
 12/7 †Albert Dinger
 (†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, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Leo Zuvich, Ed Michaud

"You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run." — St. Augustine

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 about Faith Formation programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 16 or email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

Confirmation: For information about our 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.

Sacrament of the Sick: In case of serious illness, contact the Parish Office.

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.