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Baptism of the Lord

# Saint Anne

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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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## GOALS

Michelangelo had a motto: "The greatest danger is not that we aim too high and miss it, but that we aim too low and reach it." I am comforted by this because I tend to make high resolutions for the New Year and rarely reach or complete them.

It's hard to get the mix right. Aim for things beyond my grasp will likely end in disappointment, but aim for very modest things, which I'll reach, but none of them will make much of a difference in my life or the lives of others. If I aim to lose 50 pounds, good luck with that. But if I aim to not eat cumquats, so what?

The important thing is not to get set in your ways. A couch potato never gets the house painted or the dishes washed and put away, though he has very relaxing naps. This is more tempting as one gets older and is often short of the energy for doing the things that should be done.

Jesus began his ministry proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God, a very high goal but that is what he was born to do. Much of the time he and his disciples were itinerants, going from town to town. I wonder which apostle was responsible for what. Were the brothers, James and John, the sons of Thunder, responsible for shopping for food? Was Peter given the task to get the word out that Jesus was coming to town? Who did the laundry? With Jesus and twelve apostles, not to mention an entourage of disciples, there had to be laundry days. I can see those robes lying on many bushes to dry. If the iron had been invented then, who would do

the ironing? Would Thomas take care of the fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee? Practical people must set goals if anything is to be done.

Reasons are allowed, but not excuses. If you have a sick child to care for, you can dispense with the vacuuming that week. But you don't get out of washing the dishes because your favorite soap opera is on TV; nowadays you can record the program and watch it after you have finished your housework.

Our culture is seductive. You can get your lunch at a drive-thru. Many markets are open 24/7 and there are many pre-prepared items in them that merely need to be microwaved. The shoes I'm wearing don't need to be polished, just dusted. CVS will deliver my medications to me if I want them to. (I don't because Martin, one of the pharmacists, is always so helpful in explaining things to me that my doctors didn't tell me.) These things and others make life easier but not focused.

Goals are what we live by and what gets what needs to be done, done. Even our New Year's resolutions need to be transformed into goals that we can accomplish.

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 February, 3rd. For more information, please contact Russell at 949-527-0172

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

#### SPUDTACULAR

All women in the parish are encourage to attend our "Be My Valentine" potato bar on Monday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will join us and make our SPUDTACULAR even more spectacular! The suggested \$5 donation includes baked potatoes, topping, refreshments, and hospitality. Please sign-up to attend after any mass this weekend. Call Desiree at 714-906-0996 or Jolinda at 714-655-6348 with questions.



#### 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.

### TAX STATEMENTS

Parishioners who made financial donations to St. Anne Church during 2019 requiring a statement for the IRS will receive one in the mail the middle of January. Please review your statement to insure accuracy and contact the parish office if clarification is needed. Items not tax deductible include: mass stipends for a mass intention, sacrament offerings, faith formation and youth ministry fees. One reason for discrepancies may be due to a name or an amount not written, or illegible, on the outside of the offertory envelope. Specified and in-kind donations made to St. Anne are recognized in a letter to the donor at the time of the gift.

Contributions made through WeShare can be printed out directly from the WeShare website.



#### 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.

### COLLECTION FOR AMS

The National Collection for the Archdiocese of the Military Services (AMS) will be taken up today.



The AMS was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 Installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the US in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children. The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is a personal jurisdiction, meaning that it has no defined territory and that its jurisdiction extends to those whom it serves throughout the world. It has jurisdiction wherever American men and women in uniform serve and all United States government property in the United States and abroad, including U.S. military installations, embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions. The Archdiocese of the Military Services operates on a very tight budget and is grateful for our generosity. Please make all checks payable to St. Anne and write AMS on the memo line. Thank you!

### THANK YOU

On behalf of all your clergy and staff members, I want to say thanks for the many cards, gifts, chocolate, personal notes, even cash, which we received at Christmas. You are mighty fine folks. I also want to thank the many who helped clean and decorate the church and hall, and who scheduled the lectors, servers and Eucharistic ministers. The whole campus looked marvelous and we were well-organized. All the musicians and choirs performed spectacularly, putting in extra hours of practice. These things do not happen spontaneously; they happen because you care enough to make them happen. Happy New Year! Msgr. Mike

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## Dynamic Faith

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### GIFT OF A RETREAT

After the joyous, but busy, holidays why not indulge in a quiet weekend retreat of 2 nights/3 days (April 3-5) at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. During the weekend, you will have opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration and conferences given by Retreat Master Rev. Phillip De Vous. You will also be able to spend quiet moments in personal prayer and reflection in the Chapel or the beautifully serene outdoors. The retreat begins on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and concludes after Mass on Sunday. The Carmelite sisters pamper us with deliciously prepared meals. There are many choices of weekend accommodations from shared rooms at \$190, a private room with a shared bathroom at \$270, and a private room at \$310. For more information contact Maureen at 562-596-4141 or [askmaureen@yahoo.com](mailto:askmaureen@yahoo.com).

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All are welcome to our Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass inside our newly dedicated Cathedral. This Mass celebrates the joy of Christian marriage for all, but we especially invite those couples who are celebrating 20+ years of marriage in 2020. It will be held on Sunday, February 9th at 3:00 p.m. in Christ Cathedral. The Most Rev. Bishop Freyer will be the celebrant and anniversary couples will have an opportunity to take a photo with him. The registration fee is \$20 per couple. An informal reception for anniversary celebrants and their guests follows the Mass and will be held in the First Floor of the Cultural Center. Online registration is available at: [www.rcbo.org/marriage](http://www.rcbo.org/marriage), or if you wish to register by mail, download a registration form from that site. Pre-registration is required by January 26th. For more information, contact Esther Ramirez at 714-282-6001.

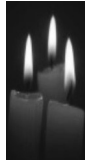


### MATER DEI OPEN HOUSE

Future Monarch Information Night will be held on Tuesday, January 14th with tours at 6:00 p.m. and a presentation at 7:00 p.m. Applications for the 2020 school year are now available online at [www.materdei.org/admissions](http://www.materdei.org/admissions).

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

1/13 †Almadean Gillespie  
 1/14 Toni LaFerrara  
 1/15 Angela McCoy  
 1/16 Lee & Jim Swearingen  
 1/17 †Steve Hamrock  
 1/18 †Steve Hamrock  
 (†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, Bob Dutro

"If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility and charity." - St. Philip Neri

## 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](mailto:faithformation@stannesealbeach.org).

**Confirmation:** For information about our 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 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.