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Third Sunday of Easter

# Saint Anne

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## GIVING THANKS

I have had more time for reading these days, like we all have. I am in the middle of two very interesting books. (It is my usual style to have at least a couple of books on my side table as I never am sure what mood I will be in when I sit down to read.)

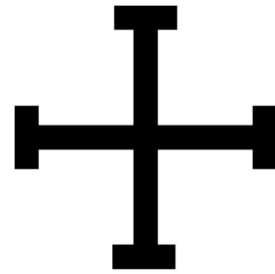
The first is a work of fiction, based on facts around the real life friendship of a Palestinian and a Jew, who find themselves united by loss; it's Colum McCann's new novel, *Apeirogon*, named for a shape with a countably infinite number of sides. (I am not even sure how to pronounce the word.) You might remember McCann from his award winning best-seller, *Let the Great World Spin*, which among other things was the story of a tightrope walker who crossed between the two Trade Towers in New York and its effect on the people who witnessed him doing it. *Apeirogon* shows the many, many sides of life in the Middle East where Jews, Arabs and Christians, the fervent and the profane, share the same space and all the complications borne of such a society. I have been to the Holy Land twice in my life but I was a pilgrim both times, and pilgrims see and pray at the holy sites and listen to tour guides and preachers but rarely get a glimpse into the tensions of living daily life among such pressures in a small country the size of Delaware. I like the book so far but wonder where this story will take me next.

The other book I am reading is a book of essays by Thomas Lynch, who has written both poetry and nonfiction but is also a professional undertaker, a trade that, naturally leads to encounters with both the living and the dead. In the essay I read this morning, Lynch describes his alcoholism and that of his son. He is very candid in his description of his personal struggle and the pain he felt when he was not able to get his son to stop drinking. "Fix things: that is what a parent is supposed to be able to do." When he was drinking he was sometimes depressed, angry, blaming others for how he felt but there was always a reason to drink. If you are in mourning, let's drink to old so-and-so; but if things were going well, let's drink to celebrate our good

fortune. But after he stopped drinking, he began to feel thankful. "Every day begins with thanks."

Which got me thinking about our current circumstances. If you watch the news too much, either Fox or CNN, depending on your temperament, you can get fixated on what's wrong, what's dangerous, what isn't working, all the reasons to be anxious. You just want this pandemic to be over with so you can get back your "life"! Like you, I am restless, unsettled, and having strange, unpredictable sleep patterns. Which is why I am recommending to you the following part of an old Gaelic prayer. Say it every day to remind yourself of why you pray.

Msgr. Mike



Each day may I remember the sources of the mercies thou hast bestowed on me gently and generously;

Each day may I be fuller in love to thyself.

Each thing I have received, from thee it came,  
Each thing for which I hope, from thy love it will come,

Each thing I enjoy, it is of thy bounty,  
Each thing I ask comes of thy disposing.

Holy God, loving Father, of the word everlasting,  
Grant me to have of thee this living prayer:

Lighten my understanding, kindle my will, begin my doing,

Incite my love, strengthen my weakness, enfold my desire.

## Around our Parish

### ARE YOU IN NEED OF HELP

Do you need supplies? A friendly voice to speak with over the phone? We have many parishioners willing to be there for you. Please call us at 562-431-0721 ext. 13 or email us at [office@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:office@stannesealbeach.org).

### JOIN US FOR MASS

VIA LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE  
Mass can be livestreamed from [stannesealbeach.org](http://stannesealbeach.org) at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. It can also be viewed on St. Anne's public Facebook page. If you missed the livestream you can view it any time on the website under archived Masses.

### ARE YOU MISSING INFORMATION

In an effort to communicate with all of you during this time we have added periodic phone/text communications. Emails are done through Constant Contact. Check our website at [stannesealbeach.org](http://stannesealbeach.org), it is constantly being updated with information. If you have not received calls, texts or emails call the church office at 562-431-0721 ext. 13.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting TBD. For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

Saint Anne's Women's Guild is an organization endorsed by the pastor whose members are committed to providing spiritual enrichment, parish and community support services, and social interaction for women of the parish in a collaborative and supportive role with other parish organizations. To register, go to our website at [stannesealbeach.org](http://stannesealbeach.org) or for more information on the Women's Guild please call Jolinda Mailangi at 714-655-6348.

For the latest updates on COVID-19,  
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#### 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.

### ST. ANNE PARISH SCHOOL



Our sister parish, St. Anne's in Santa Ana, is struggling as many parents have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 virus. The school is closed and classes are online for those able to participate. Sister Teresa, Principal of St. Anne's, said groceries are a huge need for these families. We will be taking up a collection to help St. Anne's Parish School families. If you would like to donate, send a check made payable to *St. Anne Catholic Church* and memo St. Anne Parish School. We will send one check to the school from our parish with a list of all families who made a contribution. If you wish to remain anonymous please let us know.

### DATABASE UPDATE

We are in the process of updating the St. Anne database. If we do not have a phone or email contact for you we will send you a letter with request for information to update the database. Those without phone numbers will receive an email request for information. All those with phone numbers will receive a phone call. This will also give us a chance to connect with you to see how you are doing during this isolation time and if there anything we can do to help you. We want to make sure that you are able to access all the information we have been providing since the church doors were closed. Know you are all in our prayers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

### PRAYER AND DEVOTION

#### U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

[www.usccb.org/about/communications/resources-for-catholics-at-home-during-covid-19.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/resources-for-catholics-at-home-during-covid-19.cfm)

#### Bishop Robert Barron

[www.wordonfire.com](http://www.wordonfire.com)

#### Matthew Kelly

[dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)

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## Dynamic Faith

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### MASS RESOURCES

Daily Readings in English and Spanish from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm?utm\\_source=googleadwords&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_content=catholicbible&utm\\_campaign=NABRE](http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm?utm_source=googleadwords&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=catholicbible&utm_campaign=NABRE)  
 Prayers, readings for Mass, and additional spiritual readings are available at: Magnificat publication, a spiritual guide that includes daily Mass:  
<https://us.magnificat.net/free>

### CAREER RENEWAL

Attention job seekers. Find and give encouragement to fellow job seekers. Get job search and networking tips. Career Renewal meetings are continuing using Free Conference Call. You can dial in, or join by internet, on Thursdays. For log in information and more, please contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885/[keller.math@gmail.com](mailto:keller.math@gmail.com) or Ted Rozolis at 714-330-5067.

### ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

#### LAUDATO SI'

As the variety of fresh produce in the store begins to expand, keep the emphasis on organic and local; this goes for meat consumption as well. While you're at it, try replacing one or two meat-based meals with a vegetarian meal per week.

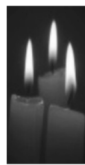
### POPE FRANCIS

#### FROM ST. PETER'S SQUARE

*“Dear brothers and sisters, from this place that tells of Peter’s rock-solid faith, I would like this evening to entrust all of you to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary, Health of the People and Star of the stormy Sea. From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world, may God’s blessing come down upon you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: ‘Do not be afraid’ (Mt 28:5). And we, together with Peter, ‘cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us’ (cf. 1Pet 5:7).”*

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 4/27 | Ricardo Reyes & Family        |
| 4/28 | †The Burke & Keating Families |
| 4/29 | †Jake (Jacob) Jahn            |
| 4/30 | Fr. Edward Broom              |
| 5/1  | Seminarians                   |
| 5/2  | †Ana Ho                       |



(†Rest in God's love and peace)

Your Mass intentions are being said during the priests private celebration of Mass each day.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Hal Noring, Sharon Casserly, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Kathy Purcell, Jerome Gendron, Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mary Kiely, Linda Bolt, Jackie Chambers, Marlene Blackford, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi, Ernie Ramirez, Pat Clustka, Mike Harvey, John Barnes, Mary Kunz, Katherine Irwin, Dixie Redfearn, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Ed Michaud, Bob Dutro, Laurel Creasy Tenelshof, Dixie Redfearn and Nick Williams.

## 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 [faith\\_formation@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:faith_formation@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.

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