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Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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**NO MASSES OR CONFESSION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**The Church is closed to the public until further notice per the Governor's order**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 562-431-0721, EXT 13 MESSAGES CHECKED DAILY**

## BREAKING BREAD

As a youngster, bread was always “wonder bread,” a white bread without much taste but which served well with butter and jam for toast and held the bologna in place when you were eating a sandwich. Ubiquitous, I didn't think anything of it unless we were running low. It was what we ate. Except that me and my siblings did not like the “hard crusts” and begged my mother to slice them off, which she rarely agreed to do, saying, “That's where all the nutrients are.” To heck with nutrients; we didn't know what they were.

When I was in the seminary I was occasionally on a weekend at the dinner table at St. Boniface rectory in Anaheim. The pastor, a Belgian who served as chaplain to American forces during Second World War and decided to come to America when the yanks went home, Fr. John Quatannens, ate no bread but baguettes, long skinny loaves that were more crust than bread. (In fact he would often crack his piece in half and scoop out and dispose of the soft white inner core, returning to ravenously devour the crusty rest.) Baguettes were not sliced, they were broken, as the loaf was handed to each person at the table to take as much as desired. I was used to putting butter on my bread. (Why wouldn't I? White bread was nearly tasteless; it certainly needed something.) Obviously this was not Father Quatannens style. Eating the bread alone was more than enough, the exception being for dipping it into a rich sauce if dinner came with such a sauce.

By such experiences I came to begin to understand the New Testament passages having to do with the breaking of bread. A few weeks ago, we heard Luke's account of two disciples returning home after Jesus' death, disheartened and disappointed. They invited a stranger to join them on their walk, and this stranger asked what anyone would ask, “What's going on?” The disciples were surprised that this man hadn't heard what happened to Jesus; all Jerusalem was abuzz with the goings-on. About Jesus, one of them, Cleopas, said “We were hoping he would be the one who would redeem Israel.” As you know from hearing it many times, Jesus held a tutorial about the meaning of what had happened as they continued walking all the way to Emmaus. But he remained a stranger to them until dinner, during which

Jesus picked up the bread “said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them.” Then their eyes were opened and they realized who was dining with them. Only at the moment of the breaking of the bread were their eyes opened. Cleopas and his friend ran back to those locked up in the upper room, “They began to relate their experiences on the road and how he was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.”

At the last supper before Jesus died, Jesus had broken bread. “Take and eat. This is my body.” It's typical of Jesus to make the simplest daily event holy. The Acts of the Apostles said about the harmonious disciples, “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Later in the Acts, they were “breaking bread from house to house and taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart.” Saint Paul joined the community at Miletus during which they “had broken the bread and eaten, [and then] he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left.” Yes, Paul talked for a long time; good thing they had broken the bread beforehand.

Today “breaking bread” is still a common expression for dining together. Often enough someone will ask, “Shall we break bread?” Since recently we have all eaten far too many meals alone or almost alone, You, as I do, look forward to being able to “break bread” together, giving nourishment both to tummy and soul.

Zoom, thank you for letting me see people at internet meetings. Skype, I don't know you well, but I am sure we will get acquainted soon enough. Thanks for letters, emails, texts and phone calls (except from those trying to sell me something) but nothing matches the pleasure of breaking bread.

In my family, inviting someone to dinner was a significant event. On Saturday evening when my Dad barbecued porterhouse steaks so huge they poured over the sides of the plates. The rest of the week we were left to our studies, chores, sports and hobbies, but then the family came together around the picnic table for dinner; our invited friends knew that they were to be part of something special, the breaking of the bread at the Heher household.

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### NEW HOPE CRISIS HOTLINE

714-NEW HOPE (639-4673)

The New Hope Crisis Hotline provides telephone crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Orange County. Trained crisis workers at the Tower of Hope on the Christ Cathedral Campus provide counseling to those who are struggling to cope with day-to-day life. Services are free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### 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

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

Our Emergency Blood Drive was a huge success. 70 units of blood was collected which will help save 210 lives in Orange County! Please check your email for a link to our meeting on Zoom scheduled for May 4th at 7:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

MEMBERSHIP

Interested in joining our Saint Anne's Women's Guild? You can download a membership application on our website at [stannesealbeach.org](http://stannesealbeach.org). Need more information please call Jolinda Mailangi at 714-655-6348.



#### 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.

## SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE

### COMPLIMENTARY VIRTUAL RETREATS

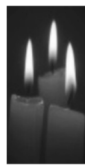
Sacred Heart Retreat House is offering complimentary future weekend virtual retreats. Please check the website at [sacredheartretreathouse.com](http://sacredheartretreathouse.com) for more information and registration. Help us spread the word! May 1-3, 2020 Father Jeremiah Shyrook - Pre-recorded "A Love Story with God"; May 8-10, 2020 Father Quan Tran - New Recordings Mary, our Mother; May 15-17, 2020 Father John Henry Hanson, O. Praem - Pre-Recorded "The Heart as our Home".

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) COVID-19 Information and Resources: <https://www.nami.org/Support-Education/NAMI-HelpLine/COVID-19-Information-and-Resources>  
COVID-19 Resource and Information Guide: [www.nami.org/covid-19-guide](http://www.nami.org/covid-19-guide).

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

5/4	†Nelida Maria Grotti
5/5	†Bobbie Nell Worley
5/6	†Melvin Ramos
5/7	†Earl Stallard
5/8	†Christina Mauser
5/9	E & L Nepomuceno (†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.

