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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

# Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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**MASSES: SAT: 5:00; SUN: 8:00, 10:00, 12:00, 4:00; DAILY 9:00 AM**

**LIVESTREAM MASS 10AM EVERY SUNDAY AT STANNESEALBEACH.ORG**

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

## AFFLICTED

In a few short months, our strong, vibrant, rambunctious planet has been severely stung by a virus, which can be as small as 20 nanometers, but causing our global pandemic. We have suddenly been confronted by our vulnerability and it makes us fearful not only for ourselves and loved ones but for strangers everywhere.

During this season, I have mostly been saying private Masses at home at my dining room table. When I come to the prayer of the faithful, I imagine all whom I am praying for. I see my family, I see vulnerable patients in nursing homes near and far, I see first responders in their masks and face protectors, I see nurses and doctors in Congo and Guatemala trying over long hours to attend to their patients, I see the patients in ICU units having to die without their loved ones with them, never being able to say goodbye.

When I go over to the grocery market, I see the cashiers keeping good spirits as they handle the contents of my shopping basket and the money I give to pay for the items, while other workers are restacking the emptying shelves and setting out fresh fruits and vegetables. Keep going back up the chain and see the farmer workers and farm owners who grow the produce and the truckers who bring the harvest to my market. I see our bishops around the world and international political leaders and researchers and experts trying to make very difficult decisions, decisions I am very glad not to have to make.

I see you.

Recently I turned on my television to see Long Beach burning, all those protesters with others—unfortunately, looters—and I see the officers, sheriffs and National Guard trying to keep or restore order. The firefighters and their captains trying to understand what they were dealing with in their attempt to quell the flames. I recognize places there where I have been, streets on which I walked and shopped, distorted now into something very different. Isn't that near where I used to go to the matinee on my days off? I see the reporters and photographers who put themselves in

the midst of the melee so I can know what the heck is going on in the chaos. I see the owners looking out at the burnt shells of their places of business.

I think everybody of faith wonders where God is in all this. Pope Francis said, "While painfully aware of our own frailties, we have to march on without giving in, keeping in mind what the Lord said to Saint Paul: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'" (2 Cor. 12:9).

Personally I think being weak sucks. As you probably have noticed, I have a low tolerance for discomfort. I signed on to my vocation to be the swashbuckling leader out in front, yelling, "Charge!" But for all of us there are funerals which will take place for family and friends that we may not be able to attend. Grief may be our lot now, and the fear about what may be coming next. We have been afflicted and it's been going on for months and who knows how much longer.

Maybe this affliction has something to teach us. Maybe we can find the grace within the loneliness. Maybe we will see something about ourselves that we had worked very hard not to see. But that will likely only be the case if we are able to stay with our vulnerability. After all, it's been long enough that we have run through all of our distractions. Instead of being bored out of our minds, maybe we can, as they used to say, suck it up. Well, but maybe only with a big dose of God's grace.

Rainer Maria Rilke, the poet and writer, advised: "Just . . . wish you may find in yourself enough patience to endure and enough simplicity to have faith; that you may gain more and more confidence in what is difficult and in your solitude among other people. And, as far as the rest, let life happen to you. Believe me: life is in the right, always."

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### WELCOME FR. JOHN SHIMOTSU



A native of Culver City, California, Rev. John M. Shimotsu is a priest of the Diocese of Orange. Following graduation in 1985 from the Virginia Military Institute, he completed four years of active duty service as a Surface Warfare Officer in USS Oldendorf (DD 972) in Yokosuka, Japan, before pursuing formation for the Catholic priesthood. While at Mount Angel Seminary, he received a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Divinity degree. Upon being ordained a priest for the Diocese of Orange in 1994, he was assigned as a parochial vicar in St Polycarp Church, Stanton.

Fr. John served from August 1997 to August 2019 in the Archdiocese for Military Service as an active duty Navy Chaplain. Assignments as a chaplain include First Tank Battalion and Third Battalion, Fourth Marines and USS Nimitz (CVN 68). While ashore, Chaplain Shimotsu earned a Master of Arts degree in National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, and then served as the Director of Policy and Strategic Planning in the Office of the Chief of Navy Chaplains in Washington, DC. In 2007 Chaplain Shimotsu served on USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), a tour that included deployment as an Individual Augmentee to the Middle East. In 2010 he reported to U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as the Deputy Fleet Chaplain.

From December 2011 to June 2014 Captain Shimotsu served as the Fleet Chaplain, U.S. Seventh Fleet, embarked in USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19) and then reported as the U.S. Pacific Fleet Chaplain in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In June 2016 he reported to his final assignment as the U.S. Pacific Command Chaplain.

Upon returning to the Diocese of Orange, Fr. John was in residence and then served as the interim parochial administrator at Christ our Savior Catholic Parish, Santa Ana until July 2020. He is grateful for his assignment as parochial vicar at St. Anne's Church in Seal Beach and will endeavor, with God's help, to faithfully support Msgr. Heher and the parish. Fr. John will begin his ministry on July 1st here at St. Anne. We are thankful to have you here Fr. John.



#### 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.

### RETURNING TO MASS



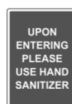
Face Masks are required for entry. Wear Face Masks while in church and on church property. Help slow the spread of Covid-19.



Physical distancing of 6 ft. apart at all times. Please follow floor signs.



Enter only at the front of the church. If church is full please use Room 4 to enter the parish hall. The side entrance is for handicapped use only.



Hand sanitizer will be given out prior to entrance to church or parish hall. All must comply.



Aerosolized virus can spread farther when one sings, so refrain from singing.



No hand shakes during the sign of peace.



Remove your mask before coming forward, please follow floor signs and when approaching please remain silent, bow and extend your hand to receive.

### 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 TBD. For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

For membership information, please go to the St. Anne website at [stannesealbeach.org](http://stannesealbeach.org). For more information, please call Jolinda Mailangi (714) 655-6348.

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## Dynamic Faith

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### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confession will be offered in Room 1, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 8:50 a.m. Please wait outside the door of Room 1 and follow the floor signs for physical distancing. You must wear a face mask and keep it on at all times. The room is set up for private or face to face reconciliation.

### NEW HOPE CRISIS HOTLINE

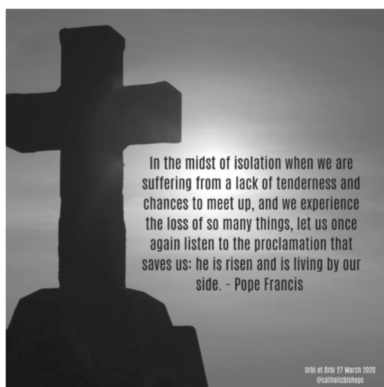
714-NEW HOPE (639-4673)

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.

### ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

#### LAUDATO SI'

With the warmer weather under way, consider drying your laundry on a clothesline. They save energy and your laundry will smell fantastic! Don't have one? Many umbrella styles are now available online, and some can even be stored in your garage or shed when not in use. Don't have a yard to put a clothesline? Reduce your carbon footprint by only running your dryer when it's full (every 2-3 wash loads).

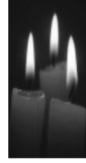


*"Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!"*

— St. Margaret Mary

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

6/15	✠Tom Ward
6/16	✠Fr. Tom Glynn
6/17	✠Jordan Buckner
6/18	✠Julia Ann Poirier
6/19	For the Parish
6/20	Fr. Michael Burbeck
	(✠Rest in God's love and peace)



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Lynette Rausch, Irene Bluth, Hal Noring, Sharon Casserly, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Michael Maloney, 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.

