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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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SUPERIOR?

Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. Abel was a shepherd and Cain a farmer. At a certain point, Cain brought fruits to offer to the Lord. Abel also brought an offering to the Lord, choice portions of the firstborn of his flock. Inscrutably, the Lord looked with favor on Abel's offering but was not so impressed with Cain's. And to no one's surprise, Cain resented this. When the Lord asked Cain why he was so upset, he gave no answer.

Not too long after that, Cain suggested that he and his brother go out to his field. Once they were there, Cain attacked his brother, killing him.

Later the Lord asked Cain about the whereabouts of his brother. Cain said that he didn't know, adding a little grumpily, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

At this point whose side are you on? The Lord treated Cain differently from Abel, reason enough to be upset. But, God being God, he had every right to do so. He even told Cain, "If you do well, you can hold up your head." Something was missing in Cain's offering though the text in Genesis does not explain why. Perhaps his fruit was not as choice as the Lord had expected.

But let's imagine Abel—after his brother had been sent away by God—feeling pretty good about himself and his flocks. "God has blessed me and continues to bless me. I am loved by God," he might have thought. "Too bad for Cain."

In biblical times, as in our own, people thought those who prosper must be blessed and those who do not prosper must be cursed. Just look how obvious the rich man is blessed. Why are those poor people starving? They must have done something wrong or else God would not have cursed them.

But Jesus reversed this logic when he said, "Blessed are you who are poor. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven." This is sometimes criticized as a promise of "pie in the sky." Put up with everything now; hold out for the lush gardens of paradise. But why shouldn't God help the poor right then in their suffer-

ings? Well, often enough, that is what he did, one time feeding five thousand, and often healing all the sick who were brought to him.

Even now, miracles sometimes do occur. People go to Fatima and Lourdes and some find healing there. But the usual pattern for most of us is this: if you need healing, go to your doctor. If you want to eat, get a job. God is not at our beck and call; it is the other way around. By Christ and the Holy Spirit, we have been empowered to do the praying for and visiting of the sick, the preaching the good news of compassion and forgiveness, serving the poor and fulfilling the other duties of a faithful Christian. And we shouldn't get smug about our efforts. Remember that Jesus told us, "when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Often virtue is found in our attitudes. At this point in our world, thousands and thousands have marched under the slogan, "Black Lives Matter." It touched a nerve in all 50 states and many countries across the globe.

In "States of Denial" Stanley Cohen wrote that many of us "know" and "not-know" the truth about oppression and suffering. He explains: "Denial may be neither a matter of telling the truth nor intentionally telling a lie. There seem to be states of mind, or even whole cultures, in which we know and don't know at the same time."

Whether we are aware of it or not, it is obvious we still have the unhealed wound of racism in our society, one of the ways we tend to hold ourselves superior to others.

In their pastoral letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the U.S. bishops have defined it this way: Racism arises when—either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP EXCERPT FROM DIOCESE OF ORANGE CONNECT



Editor's note: On June 14, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Diocese of Orange began the phased reopening of our churches. In a recently produced video, Bishop Vann discussed the reopening. Here is an excerpt.

"It won't be like it was before, at least initially. We have to bear in mind our God-given responsibility to our brothers and sisters. As I remember from my training in microbiology and epidemiology not to be bearers of an infection and make the virus even stronger.

With things like distancing and hand sanitizing we will be able to open our churches on a limited basis in the months ahead. And we'll see how that goes. There will be detailed instructions coming forth that we'll be publishing so that you can see that.

But we bless God at all times. We give thanks to God at all times...We're grateful to God for having brought us to this day, and we're grateful to God for all the people that have come together to be able to bring us to a different time where our houses of worship can be open a little bit, and we can come together to pray as the Body of Christ in a way that is safe, in a way that gives Glory to God and in a way that protects. That's a lot to bless God and to be thankful for.

WEARING OF FACE MASKS

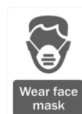
The Orange County Health Care Agency's previous order requiring most residents to wear cloth face masks was modified to a strong SHOULD instead of MUST. While this change was made so that Orange County complies with State of California Covid-19 standards, OC County Health Officers STRONGLY encourage the wearing of face masks to slow the spread of the COVID-19. As such, the Diocese of Orange for the common good of all people, will continue to encourage face masks be worn as part of our safety protocols. Please remember that infants should not wear a mask and some adults may have a medical reason for not wearing a mask. If you have any questions, please send them to Covid19@rcbo.org



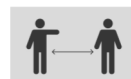
OUR MISSION:

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



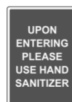
Face Masks are required for entry. Wear Face Masks while in church and on church property. Help slow the spread of Covid-19.



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 p.m. in the parish hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th. (Zoom or "Live" 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 stanneseallbeach.org. For more information, please call Jolinda Mailangi (714) 655-6348.

Dynamic Faith

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. Please hand sanitize before coming in. 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.

ENVIROMENTAL TIPS

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Do you ever get stuck at the drive-thru? Think about turning off your car while you wait. The amount of gas used to start your car is equivalent to approximately 30 seconds of idling.

KOC RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH FROM 1PM-7PM

Call Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454 to schedule your life-saving appointment.

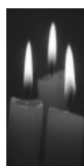
"It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else makes present in the history of humanity the powers of the Redemption."

— Pope St. John Paul II



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| 6/22 | ✠Patricia Fhurer |
| 6/23 | ✠Jackie Mc Cune |
| 6/24 | ✠Connie Orante Bersamira |
| 6/25 | ✠Albert Dinger |
| 6/26 | Stephanie Lyons |
| 6/27 | Angie Biscan |
| | (✠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, 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.

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.

