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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Saint Anne

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MASSES RESUME SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH AT 5PM—LIMITED CAPACITY SEATING

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RETREAT

This last week I should have been on retreat, as I have done every year since I have been ordained. It's always the first week of June. This year the coronavirus has changed that.

I always enjoyed our Priests' Retreat, no matter who was giving the talks. There was even a year when I gave the talks; I was so nervous the Bishop had to sit me down and tell me not to read so fast, to let my hearers savor the good things I had to say. Some of our speakers were fabulous; one year Raymond Brown, the noted scripture scholar, had us following his every word. Other years, the speakers were adequate to poor; the priest who was responsible for the retreat would take chairs out of room and spread out the rest so it looked like the room was still full. He didn't want the speaker to notice how many fewer attendees there were.

But it was being together as a presbyterate that we all enjoyed. It was considered good manners to sit at a different table—with different priests—at each meal. These retreats were surely not silent; while you got together with your friends during the year, the retreat gave you a chance to get to know the others, particularly the newly ordained which we had yet to know at all. The dining hall was filled with joyful conversation and the windows shook in the conference room when we sang, because we learned to sing out in the seminary and never got tired of it. Imagine 200+ men chanting *Veni Creator Spiritus* together at the start of our retreat. Some of us—not me—even knew all the verses by heart.

While our daily ministries were obviously active, the time of retreat was characterized by some as passive, but that was inaccurate. The example of silent brooding Mary, versus her sister Martha, the ever ready and efficient host, was given as an example of us on retreat. But, as Ron Hansen has said, "It would be wrong to interpret Luke's account [of Mary and Martha] as a vote in favor of passivity or retreat from the world—it's quite the opposite. The healthy

interiority that is the product of prayer helps us get in touch with our deepest desires, those still-secret needs of our psyches, and helps us explore new areas of learning, seek out wider and deeper friendships, and, most important, serve others as we are still able."

A retreat is therefore an encounter, both with God and those others making the retreat; when we pray, we are actively presenting ourselves to God and seeking God's grace not only for oneself but for all those making the retreat. When we pray, we also go silent, listening to whatever God might want to inspire in us, and particularly seeking a renewal of our zeal and dedication to minister to and with the people God puts in our path.

With the quarantine we have all been on a kind of retreat; staying at home, reading more, phoning to check on our family and friends, and cleaning out our closets and drawers that had never been adequately cleaned before. We usually go to bed early, unless there is somebody interesting on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert, and we can sleep late, getting more than our usual dosage of ZZZZs. (And I, for one, dream extraordinary dreams which I wake up from but can never remember in the morning.)

And the quarantine also has given us all more time for prayer. Some of it is out of fear ("Please, Lord, don't let me catch it). Some of it is solidarity (Please, Lord, protect my family, my neighbors, the first responders, and those who have no home to shelter in.") Some of it is intercessory (Please, Lord, inspire the doctors and researchers to come up with an effective vaccine quick.") But, when all the petitions have been made, we have the time to just sit there in God's presence, like old friends might do in the evening as the sun sets. When Saint Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here," he was thinking of building three tents—one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. But Matthew tells us that "While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'"

Around our Parish

REOPENING OF PUBLIC MASSES

The Diocese of Orange announced that public masses will begin again in Orange County on the solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 14th (including the Saturday Vigil Mass) with measures in place to safeguard public health. There will be a Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13th and 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14th. If you come and the capacity of the church and hall have been filled, please join us at one of the other Masses. Don't forget this also includes any daily Mass Mon–Sat at 9:00 a.m. We can't wait to see you!

HERE'S HOW IT WILL WORK

Please enter the church through the front door. The side entrance will be used for handicapped access only. Room 4 will be the only entrance for the parish hall. Please follow floor signs to keep safe distance.

Face masks are required, if you do not have one an usher or greeter will give you one. Hand sanitizer will be available before you enter the church or hall. Do not engage in any physical touch, such as by greeting one another or offering the sign of peace. Please keep your hands off the church buildings and furnishings as best you can. We will be sanitizing the church before and after each Mass.

Seating will be limited as you are asked to keep six feet away from others in the church. However, families can sit together. We will place additional seating in the hall with safe distancing and will have video of the Mass piped in, as we sometimes do on holidays. Pews will be marked Family (for family whole row seating), 2 Singles (one on each end of pew) or one Couple (please sit in the middle of the pew). Please do not remove ropes on pews, they are to remain empty to keep the recommended distance between each other.

Please do not sing during Mass, because aerosolized virus can spread farther when one sings.

We will be saying "The Body of Christ" together at the beginning of Holy Communion. Remove your mask before coming forward, please follow the floor signs and when approaching please bow and extend your hand to receive. We will not be offering the Precious Blood.



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.

DISPENSATION OF MASS

You don't have to attend Mass. Bishop Kevin has extended a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation until such time as it is deemed safe to have large gatherings at Mass.

Those who are over age 65 and/or who have serious health issues are encouraged to consider not returning to Mass just yet; similarly, anyone who has a household member who is sick or showing symptoms of sickness should not come to church. Mass will continue to be livestreamed at 10:00 AM on Sunday.

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 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6th. 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. For more information, please call Jolinda Mailangi at (714) 655-6348.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL THANK YOU

What a tremendous surprise it was to find another check from Saint Anne Parish in the mail this past week! We are so grateful for this additional help for our COVID Fund which is helping our school families in these uncertain times. We plan on opening our school on August 24th! Please continue to pray for our school children during the summer months and that the civic unrest in Santa Ana will cease. The last riots were only one mile from our school. God bless and thank you again from hearts full of gratitude! Sr. Teresa

Dynamic Faith

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MASS

We are looking for adult volunteers to help clean the church after each Mass. If you are willing, please contact the church office at 562-431-0721 or office@stannesealbeach.org.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE:

NAMI Warm Line at (877-910-9276)

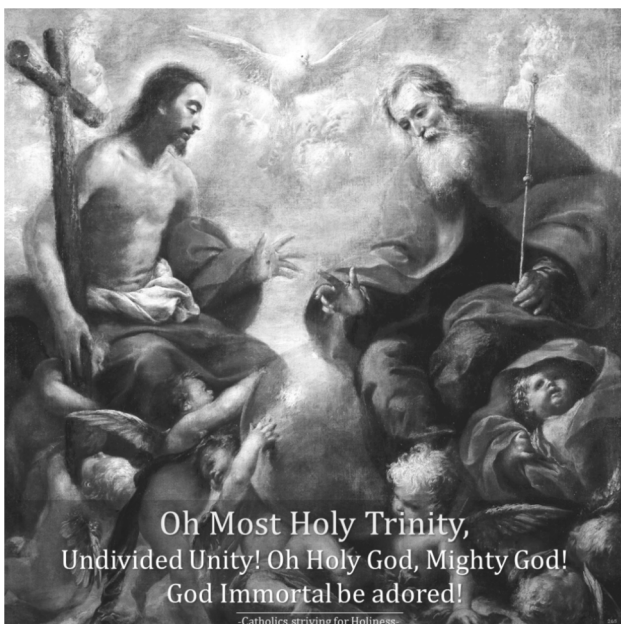
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<https://blog.chocchildrens.org/7-ways-to-help-kids-cope-with-coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety/>

NEW HOPE CRISIS HOTLINE

714-NEW HOPE (714-639-4673)

The New Hope Crisis Hotline provides telephone crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Orange County. Trained crisis workers 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.

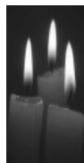


"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: 'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels.'"

— St. John Vianney

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

6/ 8	Brian Cave
6/ 9	✠Burke and Keating Families
6/10	Fr. Bob Vidal
6/11	✠Ollie Van Hook
6/12	✠Dennis Wallon
6/13	✠Anthony DiElsi
	(✠Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Irene Bluth, 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, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Ed Michaud, Michael Maloney, 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.

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.

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