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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

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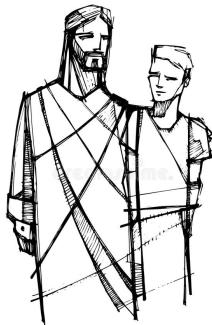
## PERCEPTION

There have been times over the years when I have been interviewed by newspaper reporters. In almost every case I have been misquoted, or quoted about things that were unrelated to the matter at hand. It was as if the reporter had already decided what kind of a story he or she was going to write and was just asking me enough questions to get something they had already planned to say. From this I have learned to give short, precise answers to questions and never give into the temptation to expand upon my responses. These experiences have made me a critical reader of newspapers. If I have been misunderstood by reporters, how sure can I be that what I am reading now in the newspaper is the straight scoop?

Recently I have noticed that all of us are like some reporters. Aquinas said, "Whatever is received is received according to the nature of the recipient." What does the receiver expect to see and hear? When I was working in the chancery office, I was sent out to a parish because the priests were at odds with one another about an incident they had had. I interviewed each of them individually. They all agreed that something did happen at a certain date and time. But their interpretations of that event were completely different.

Perception is everything. I loved going to the movies when we still could. In preparation for the matinee on my day off, I would search the Sunday papers for reviews of the upcoming fare. The guy in the LA Times would like the film but the guy in the New Yorker thought it was hokey. Often I couldn't tell what the guy in the NY Times felt. Thumbs up? Thumbs down? Who knew?

A stranger once told me that he did not believe in God. I suspected he wanted to shock a priest. I asked him to describe this God he did not believe in. When he had finished telling me at length, I responded, "Then I must be an atheist too because I don't believe in that god either." I was going to tell him to start reading the Bible but, since his mind was set, I



decided against it. If I know anything about the Bible, it is that there is a verse somewhere that can be used to support of any fool thing.

We would do well to question our own perceptions. The world is complex but, unconsciously or not, we try to make it simple, much simpler than it really is. The world is in living color but we can squint our eyes to observe it in black and white. A lot of the time we are simply not paying attention, like the guy who is talking animatedly on his cell phone and walks into a light post.

When I worked with Bishop Tod, he had the habit of showing up at my door late in the afternoon to ask my advice on some important matter. I tried to get out of answering because I knew my first thoughts on a subject are rarely my best. If I answered him then, he might, in fact, take my advice with possibly disastrous results. So I would say to him, "Let me sleep on it and I'll tell you what I think tomorrow." Often enough for me it takes time to sort out my perceptions to be sure I really understand.

We say of a certain kind of person, "He may not be right but he is never in doubt." I know, I know, our religion is all about faith. After all, Jesus asked, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" But I am more like the father of the boy suffering from what we now call epilepsy in Mark's gospel. In the middle of speaking with Jesus he cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When it comes to God and his ways, we can't be perfectly sure what is going on. When you read the gospels, you'll notice how often Jesus has to challenge the perceptions of his hearers. Madeline L'Engle puts it well: "Those who believe they believe in God but without passion in the heart, without anguish of mind, without uncertainty, without doubt, and even at times without despair, believe only in the idea of God, and not in God himself." Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### MASS DURING COVID

Due to the COVID-19 virus, our Church, along with all other places of worship in the County, is unable to have services inside. However, outdoor worship is authorized if physical distancing guidelines and other mandated precautions are observed.

Under normal conditions, shaking hands, sharing a pew, and singing are things we encourage. However, at this time, we need all who participate in the Masses to kindly observe the following:

- Self screen at home. Those with symptoms associated with COVID-19 must not participate.
- Wear a face covering (mask or shield). Exceptions include: under age 2, have trouble breathing, or a condition/disability that prevents the wear of a covering.
- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet between one or more persons who live together (and therefore may be seated together) and other persons. This means that an empty seat is not necessarily an available seat. If the seating area is full, please do not group together by the gate.
- Disinfect your hands when arriving.
- Refrain from singing.
- Refrain from shaking or holding hands with persons other than those with whom you reside.
- Remember we say, "The Body of Christ. Amen," together before the distribution of Holy Communion begins. Communicants should continue to silently receive in the hand.
- Maintain a distance of 6 feet while waiting in line and in the parking lot.
- Follow the direction of staff members and ushers.

To increase the number of Masses offered during the weekend, we need everyone at the Mass to follow the above guidance and more volunteers for the ministry of usher. We thank those who came to the recent Usher training, because you stepped forward we were able to add the Saturday 5PM Mass and the Sunday 4PM Mass to our weekend liturgies. We also added shade cover for those exposed to the sun in the breezeway next to the Church and an FM radio transmitter, station 90.5 FM for those who are in their cars in addition to our 10AM livestream. We welcome all who can attend and continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who are watching from home.



#### 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.

### JOIN US FOR MASS

For your convenience here is the QR code for the livestream. Open your camera on your phone and scan the code to open the livestream. If you are unable to view it (some phones may not be compatible) you can view the livestream on St. Anne's public Facebook page, stannesealbeach.org and YouTube. If you missed the livestream you can view it any time on the website under archived Masses.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER

We are blessed with beautiful weather here in Seal Beach but in case of inclement weather any Mass scheduled would be cancelled.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our council meetings. Our meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 14th (Zoom or Live TBD). For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

"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.

### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for Pre-K - 8th grade faith formation classes for September. We have great things in store for our students and families! Email us at [faithformation@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:faithformation@stannesealbeach.org) or call the faith formation office at 562-431-0721 x16 for a copy of the registration packet.

## Dynamic Faith



### 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>

### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

[WWW.MHANATIONAL.ORG/COVID-19](http://WWW.MHANATIONAL.ORG/COVID-19)

This page is a comprehensive overview of mental health and wellbeing resources focused on COVID-19, including mental health information for disease outbreaks, financial resources, tools and information on anxiety, resources for immediate responses, and information and supports for specific populations including parents, caregivers, and older adults.

### SERVE HOPE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Do you know anyone who is available to volunteer from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? Catholic Charities of Orange County is looking for help to stuff boxes and bags and pass out food to over 1000 families each day. Please contact [mdibb@ccoc.org](mailto:mdibb@ccoc.org) if you are able to volunteer.

*"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be, and becoming that person."*

– St. Therese of Lisieux

## 9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

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| 8/10 | †The Burke and Keating Families                   |
| 8/11 | †Bill McCoy                                       |
| 8/12 | †Elizabeth Clara Huynh                            |
| 8/13 | †Eduardo DeLeon                                   |
| 8/14 | †May McGlynn                                      |
| 8/15 | For the Parish<br>(†Rest in God's love and peace) |



## PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Jack Kimminau, Jeff Ballas, Lynette Rausch, Irene Bluth, Hal Noring, Sharon Casserly, Katia Bergstrom, Michael Maloney, Jackie 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 and Nick Williams.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism. Baptisms during Covid-19 are to be private and will be celebrated on Saturday's at 11:00 a.m. Baptism preparation classes for parents and Godparents are being done via Zoom. Please call the parish office for details and date availability.

**PreK-8 Faith Formation:** For information about Faith Formation programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 16 or email [faithformation@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:faithformation@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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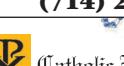
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