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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

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MASSES: SATURDAY 5:00 PM; SUNDAY 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM; DAILY 9:00 AM

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COME & SEE

When two disciples of John the Baptist heard him proclaim that Jesus was the Lamb of God, they left him and started following Jesus, who turned around, saw them and said "Come and see." It was late in the afternoon and so he invited them to join him. "They stayed with Jesus the rest of the day." They experienced a real encounter.

When Jesus called Philip, Philip went and found his friend Nathanael and asked him to "Come and see" which he did.

When Jesus stopped at a well he started discussing various matters religious and personal with a Samaritan woman. After that she left her water jar, went into town and invited the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" Because of what she said—the equivalent of "Come and see for yourselves"—the people came out of the town and made their way to him.

At Jesus' tomb, Mary Magdalene suddenly sees the risen Jesus in the garden. She is so overjoyed that she grasps his feet, perhaps fearful that he might disappear again. She sees his wounded hands and feet. She is amazed to see him.

The same day two disappointed disciples were walking home to their town of Emmaus, about two hours from Jerusalem. A stranger joins them and enters into a conversation about what had happened in the last few days in Jerusalem. But it wasn't until they were having a meal that their real encounter took place. They only recognized him after he broke the bread and gave it to them: "Then they saw who he was. They knew him." But just as suddenly "they could not see him anymore."

A religion is often defined by its beliefs and the devotion of its disciples. We recite creeds (Apostles and Nicene) and read catechisms that explain our faith and tell us what behaviors are acceptable (loving one's enemy) and what are not ("Thou shalt not kill.") We also celebrate Mass together because our Lord told us to "do this in memory of me."

But that's not the whole picture. It isn't enough to memorize the catechism answers and go out and do a little bit of good every once in a while. We are also invited to see, to

witness, to behold. And who do we see, witness and behold? God and our neighbor.

How about us many centuries later, how do we have that encounter? Saint Ignatius of Loyola suggests one way in talking about Jesus' birth: "It will be to see with the sight of the imagination the road from Nazareth to Bethlehem; considering the length and the breadth, and whether such road is level or through valleys or over hills; likewise looking at the place or cave of the Nativity, The place or cave of the Nativity is in the Saint's hand, correcting the inn, which is crossed out. [one decides] how large, how small, how low, how high, and how it was prepared." The imagination can be for us what the apostles knew as a memory and it can be just as vivid.

When the sun rises each day, we don't just see the sun appearing before our eyes. "After all, sunrise is not simply experiencing some new object—the orb of the sun—appearing in the sky before our eyes," the Czech theologian and priest, Tomáš Halík, explains, "but rather suddenly seeing everything differently than at night. Similarly when God enters our lives, he is not simply a quantity to be added to the 'things' that we have become aware of in some way; rather we suddenly see everything in a different light, and our understanding of the world is totally changed." Sometimes it comes during a retreat or during a quiet visit to the Blessed Sacrament in an empty church. We intuit that what is happening is sacred.

When it comes to our neighbor, Pope Francis reminds us that our duty is, "Not just to see but to look. Not just to hear but to listen. Not just to meet and pass by, but to stop. And don't just say 'what a shame, poor people,' but allow ourselves to be moved by pity."

The spiritual life is not like basketball with athletes running around almost all the time. It is more like baseball, a game when there are times where nothing seems to be happening. The team members remain vigilant because something will happen and they better be ready for it. As St. Gregory of Nyssa said: "One must always, by looking at what he can see, rekindle his desire to see more."

Around our Parish

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our 59 Confirmandi and their parents, sponsors and catechist who helped them throughout this process. Please keep these newly confirmed members in your prayers.



Jared Aimone
Joshua Badzey
Mary (Molly) Bancroft
Antonia Bareford
Curtis Bradt
Steven Bravata
J. Alessandro Briseno
Julia Brown
Jackson Cantlay
Dorothy Castanon
Olivia Castanon
Lauren Cottrell
Katherine "Kate" Curry
Talia Davies
Emma Davis
Samuel DeCarlo
Marin Deutsch
Lydia Dillon
Ryan Dwyer
Ian Adam Finch
Grace Finley
Jordan Freyre
Brady Hill
Jude Jackson
Cooper James
Annie Karich
Caroline Kelly
Olivia Kraemer
John Laphen
Andrew Leveque

Luke Lopez
Isabella (Bella) Martin
Alexandria Mathews
Meghan McGlinchey
Kaden Minter
Julia Muniz
Evan Osorio
Elaina Poole
Ciara Quillinan
Ava Rhodes
Hudson Rose
James Rozolis-Hill
Sydney Saldana
Abigail Saucedo
Gabriella Schaub
Kassidy Schoedl
Robert Schroeder
Kendall Scott
Parker Smith
Garrett Stark
Kylee Stockham
Jackson Tatalovich
Matthew Thomas
Ma. Isabela Torres
Dane Utley
John Wannemacher
Samira Wosk
Vincent Zavala
Amanda Zidonis



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.

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. Please kindly observe these guidelines. Self screen at home, if you have any symptoms stay home. Wear face coverings (mask or shield), except for those under the age of 2 or any conditions that prevent you from wearing them. Physical distance of 6' on church property. Hand sanitize, refrain from singing, shaking or holding hands if not in the same household.

JOIN US FOR MASS

For your convenience here is the QR code for the livestream at stannesealbeach.org. 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 also view the livestream on St. Anne's public Facebook page.



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.

Dynamic Faith

PRAYER NET

Need someone lifted up in prayer? Need prayers for yourself? We are here for you. Email Linda Morrow at mimi.m4286@gmail.com with your prayer intentions.

MASS CARDS

We are taking Mass Intentions over the phone if you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one. Please call 562-431-0721, if we are not in the office please leave a message with your contact information and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

LAUDATO SI

Have you ever examined what goes into your garbage or recycling? What are the items you dispose of most? Do a waste audit in your household and track your waste for the next week. Where can you make changes to reduce your impact?

MISSION COOP APPEAL

Usually in August a missionary comes to us and shares what being a missionary is like where he or she serves. In the past we've hosted missionaries from Africa, the Caribbean, South America and Papua New Guinea. This year that is not possible but we will still take up a second collection next Sunday to aid missionaries around the globe.

This year let our Holy Father make the pitch:



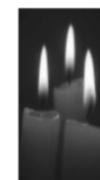
Even in the disorientation and fear provoked by the current international crisis, Pope Francis says the Lord continues to ask "Whom shall I send?" Even as we touch our frailty in the pain and death we are experiencing, we are also reminded "of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil". This is where the call to mission emerges as an "invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor" through "service and intercessory prayer", he said.

"Each of you knows that the foundation of our faith is charity. Without it, our religion would crumble. We will never be truly Catholic unless we conform our entire lives to the two commandments that are the essence of the Catholic faith: to love the Lord, our God, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."

— Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

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| 8/17 | Eefa Shanley |
| 8/18 | †Jerrie Brunet |
| 8/19 | †Juanita Kho |
| 8/20 | †Jack Senske |
| 8/21 | Larry Cave |
| 8/22 | †Anton Le Truong
(†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.

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.

