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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

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EMOTIONS

In the early councils of the church, much of the controversy was about the question of exactly how Jesus could be both human and divine. God is absolutely independent of any other being; experiencing pain or pleasure was thought impossible for the Divine. Yet the scriptures make clear that Jesus was a passionate person. He did experience pain and pleasure and many other emotions.

While Jesus is often referred to as “a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53), he was also one who knew joy. Jesus told his followers that if they keep his commandments, they would abide in his love. “These things I have spoken to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full” (JN 15).

All four gospels witness that Jesus got tired and withdrew from the crowds to refuel and re-energize through rest and communion with his Father (MT 14, MK 6, LK 5, JN 6). Once seeing a crowd coming and knowing they intended to make him king by force, Jesus withdrew alone to a mountain. At other times he brought his apostles with him. Because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (MK 6).

He often got ticked off. He had no trouble calling the Pharisees and the scribes, “You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?” (MT 23) He described the false prophets as those who come in sheep’s clothing “but inwardly they are ferocious wolves” (MT 7). He denounced the people of God as an “unbelieving and perverse generation.” His disciples were also objects of his anger. He had told them “if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move” but when they came and report that they weren’t able to heal others, Jesus asked them, “How long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you?”

Probably the most significant expression of his anger was, just before the Jewish Passover, when Jesus went into the temple courts and found people selling cattle,

sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. “So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, ‘Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!’” (MT 21, MK 11, LK 19, JN 2).

Yet Jesus also taught, “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (MT 5). Enemies could reconcile. Sinners could be forgiven. Even in his anger Jesus showed compassion. After protecting a woman who was going to be stoned for her adultery, Jesus asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin” (JN 7). When he encountered a widowed mother processing out to bury her son, “he had compassion for her and said...‘Do not weep’” (LK 7).

John tells us that “Jesus was tired by his journey” and asks a Samaritan woman to give him a drink from the well (JN 4) which leads to the remarkable exchange between the two of them.

Facing his upcoming passion, he said, “Now my soul is troubled and what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No. It was for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father glorify your name” (JN 12). In Gethsemane garden just before his arrest, “being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground” then he says, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done” (LK 22). Just before he died on the cross, he heartbreakingly asks, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (MT 27, Mk 15).

The gospels witness miracles, including raising the dead, and Jesus’ own resurrection, surely expressions of divine power. But I am taken as much about Jesus’ passions which show, as the Letter to the Hebrews attests, “We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses...” (HB 4). Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please feel free to call the church office at 562-431-0721 for information. To leave a message, please dial extension 10. You may also reach us at office@stannesealbeach.org.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce, registration has begun for Pre-K through 8th grade faith formation classes, which will start mid-September. We have great things in store for our students and families! Email us at faithformation@stannesealbeach.org or call the faith formation office at 562-431-0721 x16 for a copy of the registration packet.

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 will be New Officer Installations on Monday, July 13th (Zoom). For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

CAREER RENEWAL MEETINGS

Career Renewal virtual meetings are continuing every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Please join us if you are unemployed, underemployed or seeking a career change. You can dial in, or join by internet, on Thursdays using Free Conference Call. For log in information, please contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885/keller.math@gmail.com or Ted Rozolis at 714-330-5067.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY

On July 17th we will celebrate the first anniversary of the dedication of our cathedral in the Diocese of Orange.

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." — St. Francis of Assisi



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.

MISSION COOP

Many of you received July 19th donation envelopes for the Missionary Cooperative Plan which has been canceled in the traditional sense. With travel restrictions, state restrictions regarding COVID-19, and taking into account the challenges presented at the parish level, the MCP program will be pared down this summer. A second collection will take place on August 22-23, but it will be a general collection similar to the World Mission Sunday collection. The goal of Mission Co-op this season is to remain engaged in our missionary calling, while adapting to the current needs and situation. Please know that all the missionaries invited to participate in Mission Co-op this summer will not be negatively impacted as they will have a guaranteed spot to participate in MCP next year. Msgr. Mike has arranged for a special surprise for our parish masses on 8/22-23.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL

St. Anne's School in Santa Ana invites you to celebrate their 75th Anniversary! Due to Covid-19 they were unable to hold their April and May fundraisers to secure money for repaving their parking lot, which serves as a playground, sports area and parking lot for the parish and is in sad disrepair. Now they have arranged a Virtual Fundraiser at saintannefundraiser.com. Please visit the site and see how it works. You can purchase PARKING LOT RAFFLE TICKETS or make a donation. Your help is greatly appreciated!

CONFESSOR SCHEDULE

Confession will be offered in Room 1, Monday through Saturday 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. Saturday afternoon confessions are not offered at this time.

Dynamic Faith

SR. SAM CELEBRATES 50TH JUBILEE

Congratulations to Sister Samuel Marie Settar on her 50th Jubilee as a Religious Sister of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. A celebration to honor this special occasion at St. Anne had been scheduled on the Feast Day of St. Anne, July 26th. The Covid-19 pandemic brought a halt to gathering and the Jubilee event will be rescheduled for next summer.

Parishioners fondly remember Sister Sam, who captured the respect of so many over the years, serving this parish beginning in 1987 as Director of Religious Education and Ministry. Her education including a BA in Education at Catholic University in Washington D.C. and an MA in Religious Studies at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia, set a sound framework for Faith Formation at St. Anne. Over the next 26 years many would come to experience her generous giving and see how she lived her Franciscan heritage. She loved working with children, ministering to those homebound and in hospitals, and bringing Jesus in the Eucharist. Her boundless energy to serve others continues to be her hallmark.

In 2013 Sister Sam, responding to a need of her community, took on a new challenge in Kalaupapa, Hawaii, visiting the patients and giving tours around the peninsula. This is where St. Marianne Cope, an early superior of Sister Sam's community, had answered the call to have their Franciscan community help young girls with leprosy. Within a year, Sister Sam was needed to become the Regional Minister for the Sisters in Honolulu, New Mexico, and Texas. She graciously took on this assignment for three years.

Currently Sister Sam is recovering from back surgery at her religious community's senior center in Syracuse. She plans to return to Honolulu to minister to the elderly sisters and assist with administrative activities in her community. All parishioners are welcome to send Sister Sam a congratulatory message to her home at: Franciscan Villa, 6900 Buckley Road, Syracuse, New York, 13212-4042.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- 7/13 †Kevin Ryan
7/14 Alexandra Lyons
7/15 †Cody Roy
7/16 Jim & Lee Swearingen
7/17 Ralph Reyes & Family
7/18 Mario & Ali Borunda
(†Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Jeanette Moneau, 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.

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