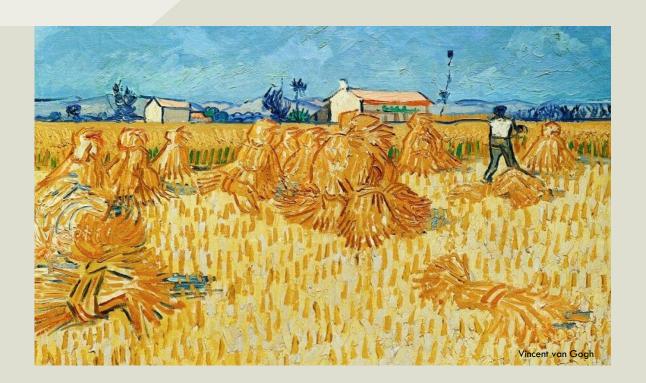
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





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BEAUTY

There is much in the Bible about what a person ought to believe and do. We are to believe in God and do his holy Will, whenever we can discern it. Goodness and truth are perennials.

But so is beauty. St. Thomas Aquinas defines beauty as "that which gives pleasure when seen." To find it we walk along the beach, hike in the mountains, go to museums, watch plays, visit parks, read astonishing books, look into the faces of our beloved and much more. If we are in a rut, contact with the beautiful can shake us out of it.

But I would go one step further than Aquinas. Beauty can also be that which gives pleasure when *heard*.

We hear it when we go to concerts, download symphonies, listen to the wind rushing through the leaves, hear church bells ringing or come upon a group of children laughing in the park.

Recently we lost the great composer who scored many movies, Ennio Morricone. I am especially taken by the theme he composed for *Cinema Paradiso*, a beautiful film

directed by Giuseppe Tornatore. I have listened to its wistful echo for years and it still never fails to move me.

Here's a little addition to an examination of conscience: Have I failed to take sufficient pleasure in the beauty available to me? I might fail by rushing around madly to accomplish the items on my "to do" list, none of them as important as appreciating the beauty that I see and hear. These days we find beauty mostly by looking out a window or putting on headphones to listen.

Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor, has highlighted how beauty can make our lives real and radiant.

"Unfortunately, the present time is marked, not only by negative elements in the social and economic sphere, but also by a weakening of hope, by a certain lack of confidence in human relationships, which gives rise to increasing signs of resignation, aggression and despair... What is capable of restoring enthusiasm and confidence, what can encourage the human spirit to rediscover its path, to raise its eyes to the horizon, to dream of a life worthy of its vocation – if not beauty?"

But we should not think of beauty as something only for the comfortable and tasteful. Sparks of beauty can be found in a mural painted on the wall of an abandoned building, in a tree that perseveres despite nobody watering it, in an open window when the voices

> of singers float down to the sidewalk. No one is denied beauty; God shares it with us all.

I have been thinking of beauty a lot lately because I am reading a book by my mentor, Fr. Gerald O'Collins SJ. It's called *The Beauty of Jesus Christ*. It's subtitle is *Filling out a Scheme of St*. Augustine because it is a 150

page meditation on the following quote from Saint Augustine:

For us believers the Bridegroom is beautiful wherever he meets [us.] Beautiful as God, as the Word who is with God ... he is beautiful in heaven, and beautiful on earth; beautiful in the womb, and beautiful in his parents' arms. He is beautiful in his miracles, and beautiful under the scourges; beautiful in inviting to life, and beautiful in not shrinking from death; beautiful is laying down his life and beautiful in taking it up again; beautiful on the cross, beautiful in the tomb, and beautiful in heaven.

Let us all meditate these days on the beauty of Jesus Christ.

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

OUTDOOR MASSES AND CONFESSION

Under the circumstances is a phrase we use a lot lately. Well, under our current circumstances this is our plan:

To stem the spread of the Covid-19 virus, the governor has forbidden places of worship from performing services inside. Therefore, get out your hats and sunscreen if you want to join us at St. Anne's on the two walkways that lead from the side door of the church toward the street and toward the parking lot. Daily Masses will begin at 9:00 AM. (Confessions will be heard in the backyard of the parish center at 8:30 AM.)

For now there will be only one weekend Mass: Sundays at 10:00 AM. You are able to sit in the chairs that we have placed socially distanced. Please know that the chairs may be dusty or rusty and you may want to bring a pad or towel of some sort to sit on. The blue benches in front are for families. Once chairs are full you may sit in your car in the parking lot and follow the Mass via livestream on our website. Then we'll bring Communion to you by the gate.

And of course you still have the option to stay home and watch the livestream from there.

The ushers will take up the collection using the long handled baskets for those within the gates. There will be a basket beside the communion minister in the parking lot and you can put your donation in the basket when you come up to communion.

When it comes to Holy Communion, remember we say *The Body of Christ.* Amen together before the distribution of communion begins. Communicants should continue to silently receive in the hand. The minister will come to you if you are seated inside the gates, i.e. stay where you are at your seat. Another minister will come out to the parking lot and stand by the white wall. If you're streaming in your car, exit the vehicle and walk up for communion. Please do not drive off until mass has ended so we can worship in

Be sure to wear your mask and keep at a safe distance from others while you are on the parish property. This is the protocol this weekend but in the future it may be modified as needed based on what we learn.

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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.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce, registration has begun for Pre-K through 8th grade faith formation classes for 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.

Each year of Faith Formation provides an enjoyable new learning experience:

Pre-K & Kinder

Learning About God and Jesus

Understanding who is God, who is Jesus and how much they love us.

1st Grade—God Loves Us

Understanding and learning basic prayers.

2nd Grade—Jesus Shares God's Life

Preparation for the Holy Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

3rd Grade—We Are the Church

Understanding the Apostle's Creed: history, theology, and day-to-day application.

4th Grade—God's Laws Guide Us

Understanding the Commandments and the Beatitudes. Our conscience is our guide, theology and day-to-day application.

5th Grade—We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments

Understanding the Seven Sacraments: what they are, why they were given to us, and how they work in our lives.

6th Grade—We Are God's People

Overview of the Bible: Old and New Testaments.

7th Grade—We Live Our Faith, Part 1

Understanding our behavior and our calling as disciples and as members of the Church.

8th Grade—We Live Our Faith, Part 2

Understanding our behavior and our calling as disciples and as members of the Church.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Feel free to call the church office at 562-431-0721 for information.

Dynamic Faith

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday Aug. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom or Live TBD). For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

"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.

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 <u>saintannefundraiser.com</u>. Please visit the site and see how it works. Your help is greatly appreciated!

ARE YOU A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL?

Join the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange Mental Health Referral Network. The Office of Pastoral Care is looking for more local clinicians who would like to support Catholic families and individuals seeking mental health care that aligns with and respects our Catholic beliefs and values. We are especially in need of therapists who can provide services in Spanish or Vietnamese. If you are interested in joining or for more information about this program, please contact Linda Ji, Director of Pastoral Care for Families in All Stages, at lji@rcbo.org or call 714-282-4203.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

7/20	TCatherine Freeman
7/21	†Patricia Lynne Middleton
7/22	†Connie Orante Bersamira
7/23	母Calacta Ortmann

7/25 Janet Lyons

(₱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 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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