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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Anne

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Today is the feast of St. Anne. She was the maternal grandmother of Jesus. You won't find her name in the Bible but devotion to her began very early in the life of the Church.

An early document (AD 145), the Protoevangelium was considered "the first glimmer of the gospel." It gives the following account: In Nazareth there lived a rich and pious couple, Joachim and Hannah (the Hebrew name is rendered either as Hannah, Anne or Ann in English). The couple were childless. When on a feast day Joachim presented himself to offer sacrifice in the temple, he was repulsed by a certain Ruben, under the pretext that men without offspring were unworthy to be admitted. Whereupon Joachim, bowed down with grief, did not return home, but went into the mountains to air his grievance to God in solitude. Hannah, having learned the reason of the prolonged absence of her husband, also cried to the Lord to take away from her the curse of sterility, promising to dedicate her child to the service of God.

Their prayers were heard; an angel came to Hannah and said: "Hannah, the Lord has looked upon your tears; you will conceive and give birth and the fruit of your womb will be blessed by all the world". The angel made the same promise to Joachim, who returned to his wife. Hannah gave birth to a daughter whom she called Miriam (Mary). Though unnamed, Anne appears in the Quran as a highly spiritual woman and as the mother of Mary: "Then, when she brought forth she said: My Lord! Look, I brought forth a female. And God is greater in knowledge of why God had given me a daughter (she had been hoping for a son). So her Lord received her with the very best acceptance. And her bringing forth caused the very best to

develop in her."

I understand why she is the patron of childless couples and grandparents but she is also the patron saint of children, equestrians, carpenters, homemakers/housewives, miners, seamstresses, stablemen and teachers. About the miners, I am told that since miners bring what is precious out of the mines, she is honored by them because from her womb the precious Virgin Mary was born. Folks also pray to her to reveal the whereabouts of lost articles.

She is also the patron saint of: Brittany (France), Chinandega (Nicaragua), the Mi'kmaq people of Canada, Castelbuono (Sicily), Quebec (Canada), Norwich (CN) Detroit (MI), Adjuntas (Puerto Rico), Santa Ana and Jucuarán (El Salvador), Berlin (NH), Santa Ana Pueblo, Seama, and Taos (NM), Chiclana de la Frontera, Marsaskala, Tudela and Fasnía (Spain), the Sta Ana Province of Pampanga, Hagonoy, Santa Ana, Taguig City, Saint Anne in Malicboy, Pagbilao, Quezon, and Malinao, Albay (Philippines), Santana (Brazil), Saint Anne (IL), Sainte Anne Island, Baie Santa Anne and Praslin Island (Seychelles), Bukit Mertajam and Port Klang (Malaysia), Kľúčové (Slovakia) and South Vietnam.

There is a shrine dedicated to Saint Anne in the Woods in Bristol (UK). Any visit to Jerusalem will include the Crusader church honoring Saint Anne (see photo above); it is known for its great acoustics. The parish church in the Vatican is Sant'Anna della Palafrenieri, located beside the Porta Sant'Anna, the boundary between the Vatican and Italy.

Last but certainly not least, there's a parish in Seal Beach dedicated to her. With all these others, let us delight in our patron on her feast.

Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### OUTDOOR MASS 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.)

As this goes to print, 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. 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 quiet.

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.



#### 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](mailto: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.

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# Dynamic Faith

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## 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"*

### BLOOD AND FOOD DRIVE REPORT

Thanks to all our giving parishioners and friends of St. Anne's Church for once again stepping up and donating a record 76 units of blood. This blood will help save the lives of approximately 228 Orange County residents. These 76 units of blood sets a new record for the KOC with the previous record being 70 units of blood donated in April. St. Anne's Knights of Columbus have raised a total of 146 units of blood donations in 11 weeks to potentially help 438 Orange County residents. In addition, St. Anne's parishioners generously donated 1,600 pounds of food and \$605 during this one day food drive to distribute to three local charities that help families who are having difficulty putting food on the table during these unprecedented times! Thank you once again to everyone who made the blood drive and food drive a great success!

## WOMEN'S GUILD

For membership information, please visit the St. Anne website, [stannesealbeach.org](http://stannesealbeach.org). For more information, please call Jolinda Mailangi at 714-655-6348.

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS NEED HELP

There will be an on-line fundraiser for St. Francis Home, an assisted living home for elderly women on Wednesday, July 29th. Since the coronavirus forced senior homes into lockdown, they had to cancel their Mexican Fiesta Dinner, which would renovate their chapel. Come to the aid of the Franciscan Sisters in Santa Ana by giving on-line July 29th! 24 hours of matching your donation dollar for dollar.

Go to: <http://www.st-francis-home.org> to the link for donating. Thank you.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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|------|---------------------------------|
| 7/27 | †Julie Knever                   |
| 7/28 | Sara Hulse                      |
| 7/29 | †Jennie M. Kovacevich           |
| 7/30 | Nancy Cave                      |
| 7/31 | †Thomas Clark, Sr.              |
| 8/1  | †Kyle Mitchell                  |
|      | (†Rest in God's love and peace) |



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, 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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