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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne SEAL BEACH



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

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THE CHURCH MILITANT

During a pandemic it is not unusual to be concerned primarily about the health and safety of one's self and one's kin. But we ought to see what is happening in the church elsewhere, far, far away. For example, the last time we heard anything about the African country of Zimbabwe, it was about the reign of terror brought about by Robert Mugabe who ruled the country from 1980 to 2017. In a pastoral letter read out at all Catholic churches Sunday, the bishops said Zimbabwe is in "a multi-layered crisis of the convergence of economic collapse, deepening poverty, food insecurity, corruption and human rights abuses." Critics accuse President Emmerson Mnangagwa of being more repressive than Mugabe, despite promising democracy when he took power in 2017 following a military coup. The economy is in a downward spiral, with inflation above 837%, the second-highest worldwide after Venezuela.

Mnangagwa's government quickly responded with information minister Monica Mutsvangwa accusing the bishops of being "evil" and trying to promote genocide. "With nefarious cynicism to history, Archbishop Robert Christopher Ndlovu is inching to lead the Zimbabwe Catholic congregation into the darkest dungeons of Rwanda-type genocide," Mutsvangwa said in the state-run Sunday Mail newspaper. Scores of government critics and ordinary people have been arrested in recent weeks, others allegedly abducted and tortured and many are in hiding following an anti-government protest thwarted by security agents in July. "Fear runs down the spines of many of our people today," said the bishops' statement. "The crackdown on dissent is unprecedented ... Our government automatically labels anyone thinking differently as an enemy of the country: that is an abuse."

The days of martyrdom are not over.

Clement Shahbaz Bhatti entered into the life of politics, and became the first Federal Minister for Minorities Affairs in Pakistan. He regularly spoke against the laws concerning Pakistan blasphemy, and was the only Christian to serve in the cabinet. He was labeled a blasphemer of Muhammad. In 2011, after leaving his mother's home, Clement's car was sprayed with a barrage of bullets. He was pronounced dead upon his arrival at the nearby hospital. Just this past March, the Church opened an investigation into the cause of Clem-

ent's canonization. He has since been declared a Servant of God.

After studying in Rome and being ordained, Father Ragheed Ganni requested to be sent back to Iraq to serve his country as a parish priest. Since he spoke four languages, he worked with "Asia News" as the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions Correspondent. One night, after celebrating Mass where his three cousins served as deacons, the four men left the Church. A man approached the group and told Father Ganni to shut down the Church, to which he responded "How can I close the house of God?" The four men were told to convert to Islam or die; they refused. They were shot, and their bodies placed in a car full of explosives so if anyone attempted to remove the bodies, they would be destroyed. Hours later, the police bomb squad disabled the bombs and the men were buried. The Vatican said of Father Ganni's death, "Ragheed's sacrifice will inspire in the hearts of all men and women of good will a renewed resolve to reject the ways of hatred and violence, to conquer evil with good and to cooperate in hastening the dawn of reconciliation, justice and peace in Iraq."

Jacques Hamel was ordained a priest at age 28, serving in various parishes. Along with being a parish priest, he also served on the interfaith committee with Mohammed Karabila, who was the president of France's regional council of Muslims. In 2016, Father Hamel's throat was slit in an attempted beheading. He was killed while saying morning Mass. His killers were two men who claimed allegiance to the Islamic State. Roberto Maroni, an Italian politician, asked Pope Francis to proclaim Father Hamel a saint immediately.

Italian Leonella Sgorbati entered the convent as a Consolata Missionary Sister when she was 24. She spent years ministering as a missionary sister in Kenya, and in 2002 moved to Somalia. There she worked to open a training center for Somalians who wished to become nurses at the only hospital in Somalia. On September 17, 2006, she was shot as she left the center from teaching nursing classes. Her last words were "I forgive, I forgive, I forgive."

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

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.

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.

COLLECTIONS FOR: HURRICANE LAURA RELIEF

The following is sent on behalf of Bishop Timothy Freyer and Monsignor Stephen Doktorczyk. Some pastors have inquired about the possibility and advisability of taking a second collection for hurricane relief. We suggest that you refer people desirous to help those in need due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Laura to the "Catholic Charities USA" website. www.catholiccharitiesusa.org



OFFERTORY REPORT

DATE	2020	2019	DIFFERENCE
7/20	\$6500	\$10,550	(\$4050)
7/27	\$4975	\$6675	(\$1700)
8/3	\$5095	\$9625	(\$4530)
8/10	\$7375	\$9070	(\$1695)
Jan-Aug	\$246,525	\$326,198	22% loss

Many thanks to all of you who have continued to support the parish by mailing in your Sunday contributions or for signing up for electronic giving.



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.

WE ARE BACK IN THE CHURCH...

Orange County has moved to tier 2 (red/substantial) in the Governor's Covid-19 scale.

The 9:00 AM Weekday and Saturday morning Mass will be in the church. Safe distancing precautions must be followed. Please remain in your place at the time of Holy Communion; the minister will come to you. If more than 65 come for these Masses, they will be directed to the patio to watch the Mass on the television. Some may feel more comfortable being outside. Holy Communion will be brought to them.

Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM, Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM will remain outdoors. We would like to add an additional outdoor Mass at 8:00 AM Sunday so more of you can attend but we can't do so until we have enough ushers. Let Father John know if you are willing to help. In the case of inclement weather, the outdoor Masses will be canceled. Confessions will be heard in the hall from 8:30 to 8:50 AM.

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

The Church will be available Monday through Friday from 9:45 AM until 1:30 PM for silent and private prayer by parishioners who observe the following precautions:

- Wear a mask
- Hand sanitize before entering church
- Maintain a minimum of six feet separation from persons with whom you do not reside
- Be silent. This includes not vocalizing prayers, not praying in tongues, not giving admonitions and not singing.
- Refrain from touching the statues
- Do not enter the areas where access is restricted
- Self-screen at home. Those with Covid-19 symptoms must not participate: fever or chills; cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

The Church will be closed at 1:30 PM for cleaning by the staff.

Dynamic Faith



Do you find yourself at home these days with free time on your hands? Why not help others? There are so many in our community that are in need. Since the Covid-19 outbreak, the requests for food that have gone out to Meals on Wheels has tripled! If you have a couple of hours a week to spare, please consider driving in your neighborhood. It's easy, it's safe, and is very much appreciated!

For more information please contact Lion Chad at (949) 584-2636 or pactenor@yahoo.com



NEW HOPE CRISIS HOTLINE

714-NEW HOPE (639-4673)

The New Hope Crisis Hotline provides telephone crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Orange County. Trained crisis workers at the Tower of Hope on the Christ Cathedral campus provide counseling to those who are struggling to cope with day-to-day life. Services are free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020

Please save the date and join us again this year for our Annual Fatima Rosary Procession around Mile Square Park. Please let others know so they may also share in these graces.

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HOW YOU CAN RESPOND

Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference. For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances



Rest in Peace

Pray for our relatives and friends who have died including, Madeline Smith, Mike Harvey and Mike Maloney.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

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| 9/14 | †Richard Baer |
| 9/15 | †Jeanne T. Honikel |
| 9/16 | †Connie Orante Bersamira |
| 9/17 | †Ron Clustka |
| 9/18 | †Jeanne T. Honikel |
| 9/19 | †William Johnson |

(†Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Phil Fisher, Margaret Bennett, Bob Ragland, Jack Kimminau, Jeff Ballas, Lynette Rausch, Irene Bluth, Hal Noring, Sharon Casserly, Katia Bergstrom, 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, 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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