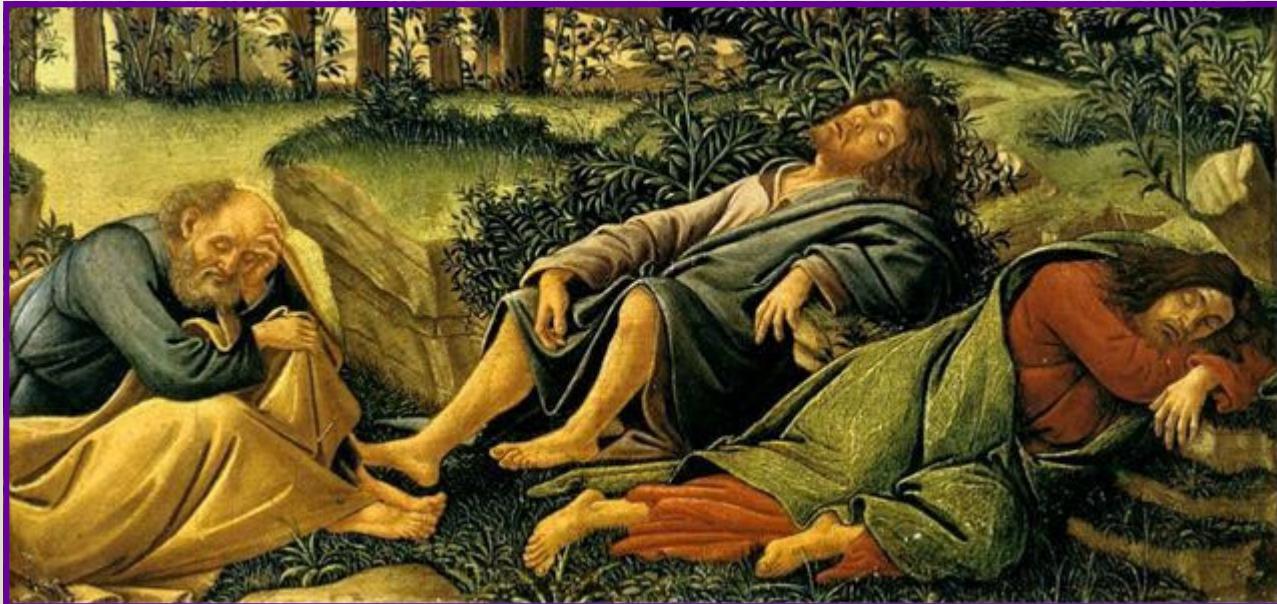


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29 November 2020
1st Sunday of Advent



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PROVIDENCE

My copy of the *Concise Dictionary of Theology* defines providence as "God's all-wise, all-loving, and all-encompassing guidance of nature, history and the course of individual lives."

Jesus used the birds to highlight his Father's providence: "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable

than nuns ... clasped hands and were drowned together, calling out loud and often 'O Christ, come quickly,'" he enshrined "the happy memory of five Franciscan nuns" in a poem he called *The Wreck of the Deutschland*. He wrote that they were "No not uncomfited: lovely-felicitous Providence / Finger of a tender of, O of feathery delicacy, the breast of the / Maiden could obey so...." He saw the



than they?" And later in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reiterated, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Christian doctrine regarding providence allows for both human freedom and the mysterious ways of God, who can, "write straight with crooked lines." Here's a challenging example:

The Times of London reported sixteen shipwrecks on Wednesday 8 December 1875 including the *Deutschland*, a transatlantic steamer that left Bremen on the 4th of December 1875. After the German Reich took control of Catholic education and excluded all Catholic religious orders, five Sisters of Saint Francis, Daughters of the Sacred Heart and Mary, left their convent in Salzkotten, Germany and boarded the *Deutschland* for nursing jobs at a Catholic hospital south of Saint Louis, Missouri. They never got to the states. The *Deutschland* ran aground off the east coast of England. It did not sink but the icy North Sea crashed over it. By the time the weather calmed more than sixty passengers and crew—including all of the nuns—had been snatched overboard or overcome with hypothermia or drowned in the flooded saloon below deck.

After Hopkins read an article in *The Times* that reported: "Five Ger-

nuns not as victims of a storm but "Five! The finding and sake/ And cipher of suffering Christ... And the word of it Sacrificed." Of Christ, in the poem, the nuns request, "Let him easter in us." While admitting that God is all-powerful, I suspect most of us are hoping that the Father's providence comes to us in a less deadly form. We'd prefer it allow us to win the lottery or come into a fortune after the death of a long-lost relative who left it all to us. I was grateful for it the day I was driving on the freeway and, glancing in my rearview mirror, saw a car swerve and slam into every car within sight; if I had been two seconds slower I would have been one of the injured.

The truth is we can only discern God's providence after the event. When the cancer is in remission. When the list of layoffs is published and your name is not on it. When the new neighbor turns out to be exactly what you need at this point in your life.

In the present, trusting in providence is a significant act of faith. We believe God is looking out for us. We move through our days convinced that God is with us. In the most extreme example, many a martyr went to his or her death confident that it was God's will. So did the five nuns.

Msgr. Mike

Our Parish



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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank all of you for your good-hearted response to the adjustments we have had to make in response to the CORONA-19 virus. As you know, we are back outside for services, following the Governor's order. As you also know, this time of year, it gets dark early. So there will be another change: the Saturday evening vigil Mass currently at 5:00 PM will move to 4:00 PM, beginning this weekend. That way, we can ensure everyone's safety. We'll have a vigil Mass after which all of us can get home before dark. We'll change back when we can get back into the church, whenever that might be. Let me add that if you attend the vigil Mass, be sure to dress warmly; remember, a breeze often comes up around sunset.

Whether at home or at church, let us continue to pray for one another, and for the infected and their care-givers.

Msgr. Mike
Your Pastor

STAY INFORMED

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

To become a member of St. Anne, register online at stannesealbeach.org or fill out a form at the parish center. As a member, you'll receive all mailings as well as envelopes (if requested) for weekly offerings. If you would like to donate online, select "Online Giving" on our website after you register.

CONSTANT CONTACT

The parish sends out E-blasts with important parish information. To subscribe, send your email address to office@stannesealbeach.org or call the parish office at 562-431-0721.

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 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 7th (Zoom). For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

The annual KOC Christmas Food Drive begins this weekend. Please help feed others in need during this glorious Christmas season. The Knights will be collecting Food, Cash and Checks at all Masses for the next 3 weekends. For more info please text/ call Brian Taylor @ 949-378-7454 or e-mail: brianltaylor@gmx.com"

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

Jesus is the Reason for the Season! The "Little Books" for Advent are in our Parish office. If you would like a copy of this special Advent reflection book, they are available in the parish office between the hours of 7 AM and 2 PM, Monday through Friday.

As a special incentive, we are offering free Women's Guild membership for the months of November and December if your annual dues are paid by the end of October. Dues are \$25 for the year of 2021 and can be sent to St. Anne's Church, 340 - 10th St., Seal Beach, CA 90740. Attention: Jolinda Mailangi, Women's Guild Membership. You may call Jolinda for more information at 714-655-6348.

OFFERTORY NEWS

For these gifts we are grateful:

Weekly Offertory:

November 22, 2020	November 24, 2019
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Calendar

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOV. 29TH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00—Mass

10:00—Mass

4:00—Mass

MONDAY, NOV. 30TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45—1:30—Private Prayer in the Church

4:00—Faith Formation, grs. 6-8

TUESDAY, DEC. 1ST

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45—1:30—Private Prayer in the Church

3:00—Faith Formation, grs. 1-5

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2ND

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45—1:30—Private Prayer in the Church

THURSDAY, DEC. 3RD

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45—1:30—Private Prayer in the Church

FRIDAY, DEC. 4TH

8:00—Holy Hour

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45-1:30—Adoration

7:00—Youth Ministry Adoration

SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

11:00—Baptism

5:00—Mass

PRAYER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

From Archbishop Gomez:
PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
FOR THE PROTECTION FROM
CORONAVIRUS

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels
and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as
you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and
deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and
fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another
and to be patient and kind.

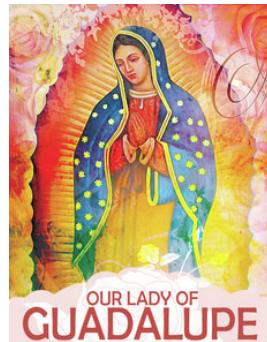
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and
to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate
mother,

health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.



EUCARISTIC EXPOSITION

"Exposition of the Holy Eucharist leads us to acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the sacrament and invites us to the spiritual union with him that culminates in sacramental communion" (Ceremonial, 1102).

Around our Diocese

HOPE AND HEALING

CRISIS HOTLINE - 714-639-4673

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.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID U.S.A.



Wednesday, Dec. 9
9 AM to 4:30 PM

Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8-hour training to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The evidence behind the program demonstrates that it helps trainees identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. If you are interested in this training please call or email Margery Arnold, Mental Health Ministry Coordinator, Office for Family Life, for more information at 657-206-4823/ Marnold@rcbo.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

11/29	8am	Laura Villacana & Family Special Intention
	10am	For the People of the Parish
	4pm	†Yolanda Fuentes Jutte
11/30	9am	†James Ryan
12/1	9am	Neva Senske, Spec. Int.
12/2	9am	Mary Rita Richcreek, Spec. Int.
12/3	9am	†Bill Johnson
12/4	9am	Seminarians
12/5	9am	†Gary Moates
	4pm	†Victor Chavez

(†Rest in God's love and peace)

Please call the office at 562-431-0721 if you would like to have a Mass intention scheduled.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Fr. Bob Vidal, Msgr. Jim Forsen, Elizabeth Sandman, Don Lewis, Greg Walgenbach, Katherine Anderson, Mike Dunn, Sherry Dunn, Phil Fisher, Margaret Bennett, Bob Ragland, Jack Kimminal, Jeff Ballas, Lynette Rausch, 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just for the end of life. It is the Sacrament for the healing of body and soul that is administered to the faithful who begin to fall into danger because of illness, wounds, or the vulnerabilities of age.

Please contact the parish via e-mail pv@stannesealbeach.org or phone (562) 431-0721 ext 13.

"He who wishes for anything but Christ, does not know what he wishes; he who asks for anything but Christ, does not know what he is asking; he who works, and not for Christ, does not know what he is doing."

— ST. PHILIP NERI

TENDING TO THE FLOCK

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.

Pastoral Care:

If you, or someone you know would like to have a pastoral visit or wish to have their name placed on our prayer net or in the bulletin please contact the Parish Office.

Confession:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered from 8:30 AM until 8:50 AM Monday-Saturday on the parish center patio. Those unable to go to Confession in the morning are welcome to schedule an appointment for another time, call 562-431-0721.

In addition to our regular Confession schedule on December 21st, 22nd and 23rd Confession will be offered in the afternoon from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM. We will have two priest available during this time.

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