

# Saint Anne

8 November 2020  
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Icon of The Parable of the Ten Virgins

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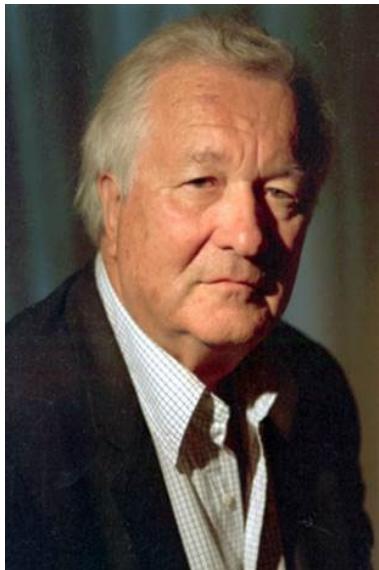
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## BOOKS, part two



Not long after I was ordained, the novelist William Styron published *Sophie's Choice*. The Sophie of the title was a Polish immigrant with a dark secret from her past who shares a boarding house in Brooklyn with her tempestuous lover, Nathan, and a young writer Stingo. My spiritual director had warned me to have a good book to read as "Your parishioners will need some

time to get to know you." Although it was later made into an excellent film starring Meryl Streep, the power of the story was even more forceful in the book.

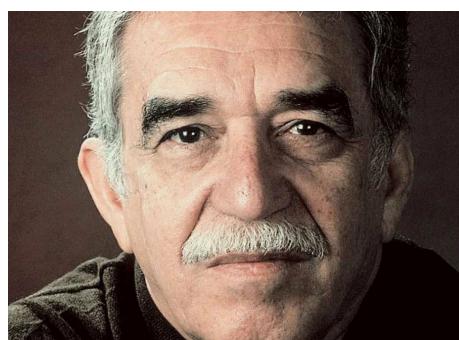
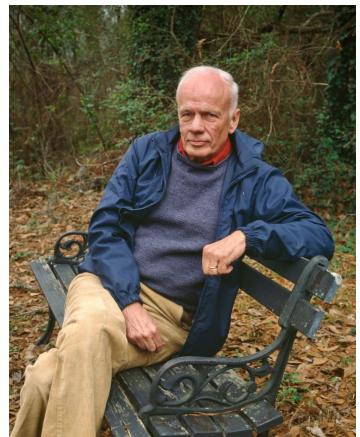
When I was studying in Rome, I found myself attracted to the writings of American Flannery O'Connor who wrote from a Southern point of view with a Catholic sensibility. By that I don't mean that she wrote about Catholics; I think there is one priest in only one of her stories and he is hilariously muddled. Her protagonists were more often men and women who felt or were given a prophetic call and did not know what to do with it. The best of her writing can be found in *The Complete Stories* especially her latter stories. She died at the age of 39 from lupus. Who knows what she could have written had she had more years? This is what she wrote to a friend, "I doubtless hate pious language more than you because I believe in the reality it hides. . . . I distrust pious phrases, particu-



larly when they issue from my mouth."

My appreciation of O'Connor lead me to another Southern Catholic writer, Walker Percy. His protagonists were often men in his native Louisiana who drank too much and were similarly trying to find their way in a world that did not care for belief much. My favorite is *Love in the Ruins*, subtitled *The Adventures of a Bad Catholic at a Time Near the End of the World*.

It follows its main character, Dr. Thomas More (namesake and descendant of St. Thomas More) a psychiatrist in a small town in Louisiana called Paradise.



I don't remember when I began reading Gabriel García Márquez. He started out his professional life as a journalist in Colombia then went on to write short-stories and

screenplays but it was as a novelist that he received acclaim. His *One Hundred Years of Solitude* hit me like a ton of bricks. It tells the multi-generational story of the Buendía family, whose patriarch, José Arcadio Buendía, founded the (fictitious) town of Macondo. Márquez is one of the founders of a literary movement that came to be known as magic realism. I often did not know which direction his story was going but I didn't care; it was a great story. He won the Novel Prize in Literature in 1982.

*More life changing books next week. 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.

## A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The financial report found on the last page of the bulletin covers the period from July 2019 to June 2020. Despite the rigors of the pandemic and the consequent limited ability to meet and have services, you can see we have still done well financially. Your generosity and continued faithful contributions are the primary reason for this and I can't thank you enough.

Thank you. Thank you very much. I am the luckiest pastor in the diocese.

We cut back on expenses where we were able and I applaud our staff for their patience with us during furlough periods, their perseverance in reopening (such as it is), and their efforts in maintaining programs at minimal cost.

Through the generosity of those who participated in the Diocesan PSA Campaign and several parishioners who made extraordinary contributions we were able to add over \$100,000 to our building and construction reserve funds. As we come out of the pandemic some of these funds will be used for painting and refurbishing the church, and for other projects necessary to continue our operations.

In the first letter of Saint Peter we read: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." Since God blesses us, we bless others. Again, thank you for doing so.

In the Lord,

*Mgr. Mike*

## 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.

### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

The Knights of Columbus are finishing up their Pennies from Heaven drive this weekend. Please help support the Diocese of Orange's efforts to save unborn babies and nurture newborns by donating coins, cash or checks. You may drop off your donation in an envelope or ziplock bag at the Parish Office through the mail slot in the front door. The Knights of Columbus will be at all Masses this weekend to accept them or you may also contact the KOC to schedule a safe home pick up at 949-378-7454.

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

### WOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERSHIP

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.

## PRAYER NET

Due to Covid-19, our ministry is unable to provide a receptacle for your prayer requests. However, our prayer warriors are still on the job! Please send your prayer requests to Linda Morrow by email at mimi.m4286@gmail.com, phone 714-846-4286, or text 714-803-8337.

# Calendar

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOV. 8TH

8:00—Mass

10:00—Mass

4:00—Mass

### MONDAY, NOV. 9TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

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

4:00—Faith Formation, grs. 6-8

### TUESDAY, NOV. 10TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

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

3:00—Faith Formation, grs. 1-5

7:00—Pastoral Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11TH

#### VETERAN'S DAY

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

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

7:00—Youth Night

### THURSDAY, NOV. 12TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

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

### FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH

8:00—Holy Hour

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

### SATURDAY, NOV. 14TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

2:00—Wedding

5:00—Mass

## NATIONAL NEEDS

This weekends 2nd Collection is for National Needs. This combines the collections for Catholic Campaign for Human Development; the Catholic Communication Campaign; Catholic Home Missions; and the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these wonderful Catholic organizations!

## 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).

Exposition is offered in the Church at 8 AM every Friday with Benediction at 8:50 AM. As required by health directives, since it is inside, singing by a leader is permitted but not by the congregation. Prayers may be recited by persons with masks.

## ALL SOULS



The plenary indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased is available throughout the entire month of November.

The All Souls Day indulgence for those who visit a church or oratory, praying the Our Father and the Creed is available all month.

The elderly and those not able to leave their homes may obtain the indulgence by praying for the dead in front of an image of Jesus or the Blessed Mother.

Note that the other conditions (sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) should be completed as soon as possible.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, “prays heartily that all priests equipped with the opportune faculties, may offer themselves with particular generosity to the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and administer Holy Communion to the sick.”

## 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.

### HOPE: LIFE BEYOND 2020



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Nov. 10 - Politics and Hope after the Election  
 Nov. 18 - Hope After the Pandemic: Building Solidarity, Resisting Throwaway Culture  
 Use this link to attend either of our Webinars:

[https://usc.zoom.us/webinar/register/  
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### VETERANS FOR PEACE

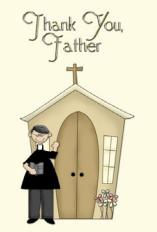


St. Anne will ring the church bells on Wednesday, November 11th, 11 times, with a moment of silence, to remember the many soldiers and civilians killed and injured by warfare, and to make our own commitment to work for peace, in our families, our church, our community, our nation, our world. Thank you to all our veterans and their families who serve to keep our country safe. God Bless You!

### WORLD PRIEST DAY

We missed it! The last weekend in October was World Priest Day!

World Priest Day focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests who are committed to their Vocation, Sacrament, and building of relationships between couples and priests. The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to Our Lord and Our Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for parishioners to thank, affirm, and share their love and support for priests they know and develop relationships with priests they don't know.



We ask that you send your word of encouragement and appreciation to Msgr. Mike Heher, Fr. Bob Vidal, Fr. John Shimotsu and Fr. Edward Jablonski. You may mail them to 340 10th Street, Seal Beach, CA 90740 or email to office@stannessealbeach.org and we will pass them on.

### ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability-and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you. Your ideas mature gradually-let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undo haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of your tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete. —Teilhard de Chardin

# Our Faith

## MASS INTENTIONS

11/8	8am	For All Souls
	10am	For All Souls
	4pm	For All Souls
11/9	9am	Bruce Lakin, Special Intention
11/10	9am	†Burke & Keating Families
11/11	9am	For Our Veterans
11/12	9am	†Mike Maloney
11/13	9am	†Daisy Toor
11/14	9am	†Truong Ancestors
	5pm	†Eleanor Rose Sirmans

(†Rest in God's love and peace)

We are now accepting Mass intentions for the Saturday 5PM Mass, Sunday 8AM and 4PM Mass. Please call the office at 562-431-0721 if you would like to have a Mass intention scheduled.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Fr. Bob Vidal, Don Lewis, Greg Walgenbach, Katherine Anderson, Mike Dunn, Sherry Dunn, Phil Fisher, Margaret Bennett, Bob Ragland, Jack Kimminau, 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](mailto:pv@stannesealbeach.org) or phone (562) 431-0721 ext 13.

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."

— ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

## 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](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.

### 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 through Saturday in room 4 in the parish hall.

## OFFERTORY NEWS

For these gifts we are grateful:

Weekly Offertory:

November 1, 2020  
\$8852

November 3, 2019  
\$9781

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

**ST. ANNE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (with prior year comparison)**

<u>OPERATING INCOME</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Regular Parish Collections	\$ 652,612	\$ 677,716
Apostolate and Faith Formation	63,369	66,768
Rentals and Other	60,934	50,846
Special Collections	<u>39,531</u>	<u>54,130</u>
 TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	 <u>\$ 816,446</u>	 <u>\$ 849,461</u>
 <u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries (excluding Music)	\$ (301,228)	\$ (336,546)
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	(102,297)	(106,603)
Art, Liturgy, Music (incl salaries)	(79,611)	(91,964)
Parish Programs	(3,035)	(5,295)
Office and Rectory Expense	(44,884)	(64,042)
Repairs and Maintenance	(57,270)	(37,873)
Taxes, Utilities, Insurance	(39,695)	(38,179)
Diocesan Parish Assessments	(85,973)	(88,395)
Youth Ministry Programs	(22,318)	(43,563)
Special collections	<u>(39,531)</u>	<u>(54,130)</u>
 TOTAL CASH EXPENSES	 <u>\$ (775,842)</u>	 <u>\$ (866,590)</u>
 <b>NET CASH EXCESS (DEFICIT)</b>	 <b><u>\$ 40,604</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ (17,129)</u></b>
Depreciation (non-cash expense)	<u>(24,192)</u>	<u>(24,192)</u>
 <b>NET OPERATING INCOME (DEFICIT)</b>	 <b><u>\$ 16,413</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ (41,321)</u></b>

<u>OTHER INCOME / RESERVE FUNDS:</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Building Reserve / Special Contributions	\$ 41,568	\$ 72,251
PSA Rebate	50,117	63,281
Building funds Interest income	12,026	10,781
 Project Expenditures	 <u>-</u>	 <u>(9,955)</u>
 Net Increase in Building and Designated Contributions Funds	 <u>\$ 103,711</u>	 <u>\$ 136,358</u>

RESERVE FUND BALANCES as of June 30, 2020:

For Christ Forever Campaign	\$ 413,296
Designated Donations / Building Fund	\$ 882,118

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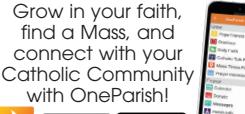
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