

13 December 2020  
3rd Sunday of Advent

# Saint Anne



The Preaching of John the Baptist. Pieter Bruegel the Elder

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## CHRISTMAS IN SHARP RELIEF



Call me a curmudgeon but I sometimes get exhausted with some of the ways we celebrate Christmas. People send out cards with sentiments created by a card company, generic enough to suit whoever buys and sends the cards. Not all cards, of course, but most of them do not convey the heart of the one signing the card. Saying "Happy Holidays!" offends no one but says nothing but hello.

Some think that the way to decorate the home for Christmas is to cover every possible tabletop, cornice, picture fame and heirloom with ivy, Christmas chains (preferably made of popcorn), or icicles (or maybe all three.)

Christmas music plays softly in the background, mostly to convey the right mood. Eggnog anyone?

Regardless of the exteriors, to celebrate Christmas deeply we need to be enveloped in mystery, like a child standing on tiptoes to see the Nativity diorama. It includes the shimmer of ornaments and icicles, yes, but as reflected in the eyes of this enchanted little disciple. There should be angels singing on high but they

should be singing the powerful Handel's Messiah, not "Here Comes Santa Claus." We need simplicity like the crib of a manger, within a shelter without heating. No, I take that back; the shepherds would certainly have lit and tended a fire.

We have plenty of room for presents and getting dressed up. Think of the Three Kings from the Orient; they brought presents and one would imagine they put on their finery for the newborn King of the Jews. I wonder where they parked their camels. Again maybe the lowly shepherds lent a hand; they would know where camels could graze.

Christmas will become too sentimental if we let it, when it starts to feel rosy soft, and out of focus, just like you feel when you have completed your Christmas feast and are stretched out in front of the fireplace. Let's listen to the gospel stories of the birth of Jesus and notice how crisp and engrossing they are: away from home Emmanuel getting used to human life on his first night with family, friends and strangers gathered around him. O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Amen.                           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.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS

We're in need of donated poinsettias of all sizes for our Christmas Masses. A 2' tall one is especially needed for in front of the altar.



Poinsettias can be dropped off at the parish center or when you come to Mass starting Wednesday 12/16. Info: [faithformation@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:faithformation@stannesealbeach.org)

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Mass schedule for this year is as follows:

**Thursday, December 24th  
Christmas Eve**

**3:00 PM**

**5:00 PM (Livestreamed)**

**Friday, December 25th**

**Christmas**

**8:00 AM**

**10:00 AM**

Please remember that there is limited seating and you may be turned away if we are full. Once seating capacity has been met those whose cars fit in the parking lot may tune into 90.5 FM to hear the Mass. Please come out by the garage side of the building at the time of Communion, keeping a 6' physical distance for safety. Please join us for another Mass time if we are full. The 5PM Mass will be livestreamed or you can see the archived version anytime after the 5PM Mass Christmas Eve.

## 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 January 4th (Zoom). For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Please support the annual KOC Christmas Food Drive by helping to feed others in need during this glorious Christmas season. The Knights will be collecting Food, Cash and Checks at all Masses until next weekend. For more info please text/ call Brian Taylor @ 949-378-7454 or e-mail: [brianltaylor@gmx.com](mailto:brianltaylor@gmx.com)"

*"Help Us Help Those In Need"*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

Next meeting is scheduled via zoom for Monday, January 25th at 6:30 PM. More information to come in future bulletins. Join us in 2021, dues are still being collected. You may mail them to the church office.

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

## OFFERTORY NEWS

No matter how you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch to online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. Online giving offers our parish a stable, sustainable future. For more information call the parish office at 562-431-0721. Thank you for your support!

*For these gifts we are grateful:*

*Weekly Offertory:*

*December 6, 2020  
\$6117*

*December 8, 2019  
\$7988*

# Calendar

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DEC. 13TH

#### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00—Mass  
10:00—Mass  
4:00—Mass  
5:00—C2 Class

### MONDAY, DEC. 14TH

8:30—Confessions  
9:00—Mass  
4:00—Faith Formation, grs. 6-8

### TUESDAY, DEC. 15TH

8:30—Confessions  
9:00—Mass  
3:00—Faith Formation, grs. 1-5

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16TH

8:30—Confessions  
9:00—Mass

### THURSDAY, DEC. 17TH

8:30—Confessions  
9:00—Mass

### FRIDAY, DEC. 18TH

8:00—Holy Hour  
8:30—Confessions  
9:00—Mass

### SATURDAY, DEC. 19TH

8:30—Confessions  
9:00—Mass  
4:00—Mass

## 2ND COLLECTION

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity.



Advent is a magical time of darkness with its promise of light. In the northern hemisphere, the days are short and the nights long.

It was during Advent several years ago that I joined the Pennsylvania Prison Society and met Tim, a troubled young man in solitary confinement. Our first meeting, in a glass-paneled room with an armed guard, was both stilted and awkward.

Over many visits, trust began to grow, and while I had no idea why Tim was incarcerated, we began our long journey of friendship. He shared details about his early life, his failed marriage and the deep pain he carried because his crime had broken his mother. More than anything, he yearned for a Christmas card from her to display in his prison cell. I asked how long it had been since they last spoke.

"Three long, lonely years," he said.

I agreed to call his mother. She was intrigued by my Irish accent and asked why I was bothering with her errant son. Peg was a broken woman, shamed by her son's vicious murder of an innocent man. However, she sent the card.

This first step toward healing was buoyed and inspired by Pope Francis' words that "the future does have a name, and its name is hope."

Over the course of many visits, I noted a change in Tim, and at the end of one visit, the warden asked to speak with me. Tim had become a model prisoner, and he believed the change could be attributed to my visits.

Tim will serve out another seven years for his crime, one he now readily agrees was a terrible act. He has finished his General Certificate of Education, is reconciled with his family and looks forward to the cards his mum sends regularly.

In this Advent season, I say thank you to Tim, in whom I saw the face of God.

*Deirdre Mullan is a Sister of Mercy from Ireland. Her present ministry is with UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, seeking ways to partner with religious communities.*

## 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

#### **THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF MENTAL HEALTH**

Supports research on anxiety disorders, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Autism Spectrum Disorders, Bipolar Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorders, Depression, Eating Disorders, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Panic Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Schizophrenia, Social Phobias, and Suicide Prevention. Information on mental health can be found at nimh.nih.gov.

### VETERANS

#### **LONG BEACH VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL**

Mental Health Treatment Center - Gateway for mental health treatment - contact triage nurse at 562-826-5737  
 Outpatient Psychiatry Program - 562-826-5603  
 Substance Abuse Treatment Center - 562-826-5610  
 The Program for Traumatic Stress - 562-826-8000 (x 5308)  
 Women's Mental Health Center - 562-826-8000 (x4919)

 **The Soldier's Project** - Connects post 9/11 combat veterans with mental health services - 818-761-7438

**STRENGTH IN SUPPORT** - Provides confidential mental health services to military and veterans. 949-505-5015 x 106/102, [www.StrengthinSupport.org](http://www.StrengthinSupport.org)

### ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY

#### **ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION**

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 Santa Ana, CA 92705-5466  
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S. Orange County Central Office  
 30011 Ivy Glenn Drive Ste. 104  
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### 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](mailto:mimi.m4286@gmail.com), phone 714-846-4286, or text 714-803-8337.

### YOU CAN HELP

The Life Center of Santa Ana is a non-profit pregnancy resource center that provides pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, medical referrals, diapers, gently-used children's clothing, pack-n-plays, strollers and car seats. Walking With Moms In Need, a mentor program for young women in crisis pregnancy, offers compassion and emotional support. For more information, email [respectlife@hforange.org](mailto:respectlife@hforange.org) or call 714-835-5433.

# Our Faith

## MASS INTENTIONS

12/13	8am	†Martha Barr
	10am	For the People of the Parish
	4pm	Karen DeLucca, Spec. Int.
12/14	9am	†Anthony McWeeney
12/15	9am	Sr. Samuel Settar, OFM Special Intention
12/16	9am	†Stephen Pryharski
12/17	9am	†Madalena Ty Bui
12/18	9am	†Peter Devlin
12/19	9am	†Constantino Cafaro
	4pm	†Faroque Karim

(†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, Joan Wolfelt, Julie Ford, Rosalie LePage, Cindy DeMeire, Elizabeth Sandman, Don Lewis, Greg Walgenbach, Katherine Anderson, Mike Dunn, Sherry Dunn, Phil Fisher, Margaret Bennett, 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-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.*

# Women's Guild Installation December 6, 2020



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