

Saint Anne

25 December 2020
Christmas



Madonna and Child, Sadao Watanabe

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MASSES: SATURDAY 4 PM; SUNDAY 8 AM, 10 AM & 4 PM; DAILY 9 AM

CONFESSIONS: 8:30 — 8:50 AM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM—2:00 PM, LIVESTREAM 10 AM SUNDAYS

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 562-431-0721, EXT 13, MESSAGES CHECKED DAILY

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

First there was the birth itself. Then came angels singing joyfully in the sky. Then there were the shepherds coming to see what the angels were so happy about. I have no doubt the baby was tired; he needed his rest.

In Charles Peguy's famous poem, *The Portal of the Mystery of Hope*, God announces: "Sleep is the friend of man. / Sleep is the friend of God. / Sleep may be my most beautiful creation. / And I too rested on the seventh day."

Growing up, Jesus would come to recognize what all of us have: that great work is often done while we're sleeping.

Sometimes Bishop Tod would stop by my office on his way out to ask me what I thought about a particular situation. Tired myself, I did not have the mental power to figure out what I should say. At the beginning I would blather out some clichés in reply but in my car on my way home I would think what I might have wanted to say about an hour earlier. So I learned to put him off by saying, "Let me sleep on it. I'll tell you what I think in the morning."

In the Bible, dreams were often the way God communicated with others. God came to Abimelek in a dream one night and said to him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman." In his dream, Jacob sees angels going up and down a ladder between heaven and earth. In Egypt, Joseph interpreted the dreams of two court officials. In

Babylon, Daniel was known to be able to interpret dreams and visions, including those of Nebuchadnezzar, the king.

In the gospels an angel appeared to Joseph to tell him not to divorce Mary because the child she is to bear is the savior. God tells the Magi not to return to Herod from Bethlehem. An angel tells Joseph to whisk the child to Egypt ahead of Herod's slaughter of male babies; the angel appears again to Joseph in Egypt, after Herod has died, to give him the "all clear" to return home.

Nothing that dramatic happens in my dreams, except when they are nightmares which often pitch me awake with fear. I prefer the silent night of Jesus in the manger, "Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace."

Msgr. Mike



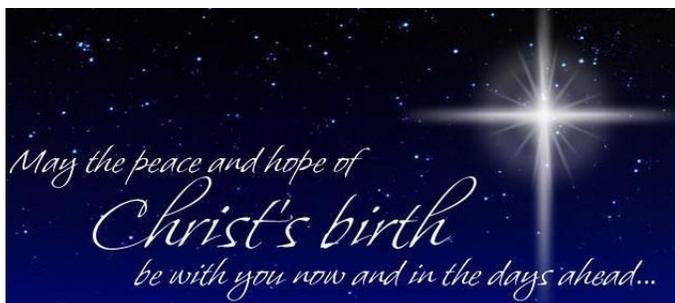
Our Parish



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



Usually we make a large effort to get together with family and friends at Christmas. But these aren't usual days. Many of us will be calling those loved ones instead. Or Skype or some such electronic way of reaching out. Or we'll express our greeting the old fashioned way, with cards or sending gifts through Amazon. Although the physical is what we prefer—nothing takes the place of hugs—we have our work arounds.

The same can be true of our welcome to Jesus the newborn King. A prayer of praise and welcome can be made from any place. The Christmas story can be read to family at home, perhaps around the table. We can give the gift of our patience with the pandemic as a gift to the one laying in the manger. They say that absence makes the heart grow fonder of the ones we're missing. So be it. And don't forget to go outdoors and really listen; you may hear angels singing from on high. Or maybe it's just your neighbor listening to KUSC. BLESSED CHRISTMAS. -Msgr. 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 January 4th (Zoom). For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your support of the annual KOC Christmas Food Drive. Your help will help put food on the table for families in our community during this glorious Christmas season.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

Our next meeting via Zoom is on Monday, January 25th at 6:30 PM. We hope that in the New Year there will be programs of interest and also Zoom gatherings with an opportunity for us to share and communicate with one another. More information coming soon.

Membership for 2021 is \$25 and can be sent to St. Anne's Church, 340 10th St., Seal Beach, CA 90740. Please send: Attention: Jolinda Mailangi, Women's Guild Membership. You may call Jolinda for more information 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!



Calendar

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC. 27TH

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8:00—Mass

10:00—Mass

4:00—Mass

MONDAY, DEC. 28TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

TUESDAY, DEC. 29TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

THURSDAY, DEC. 31ST

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 1ST

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:00—Holy Hour

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45–1:30-Adoration

SATURDAY, JAN. 2ND

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

4:00—Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The church offices will be closed Christmas Day, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

FROM THE CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The California Catholic Conference affirms that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable and commits to working closely with Catholic health care ministries and Catholic Charities to: Promote and encourage COVID-19 vaccinations in collaboration with state and local governments and other entities; Advocate on behalf of vulnerable populations to ensure that they have access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines; and, Provide regular and accurate information to parishioners and the community in support of morally acceptable, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

Life has changed this year in ways few of us could have imagined. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought loss of life and livelihood to every community, rich and poor. We mourn for those who have died and for their families, and we offer our prayers and assistance to those struggling with loss of businesses, unemployment, loneliness, anxiety and other traumas brought on by this calamity. Fortunately, two COVID-19 vaccine candidates will likely be granted emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) before the end of the year, and one or more vaccines will likely become widely available in 2021. While the vaccines are still under review, they have been extensively studied in rigorous clinical trials and early safety and effectiveness findings look promising. The chairs of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Committees on Doctrine and Pro-Life Activities, the Catholic Health Association and other respected moral theologians have found the early vaccine candidates to be morally acceptable. We welcome this news and look forward to the distribution of safe and effective vaccines with a sense of relief while recognizing the formidable logistical challenges that lay ahead for vaccine developers, health care providers, governments and others.

Around our Diocese

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.

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)



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

CASA TERESA

Founded in 1976 in Santa Ana Casa Teresa set out to provide pregnant women in crisis a loving home to begin their healing journey. Their vision is to break cycles, transform women and help families thrive through effective, caring residential programs. If you would like to be a part of helping to sustain Casa Teresa as a home with a healing heart through the gift of your time, treasure or talent, please call our main line at 714-538-4860 and ask for Lisa. Donations can be mailed to Casa Teresa, P.O. Box 429, Orange, CA 92856. Thank you for your generosity.

ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION

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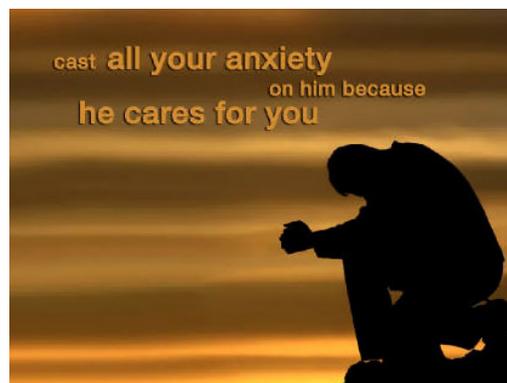
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 1526 Brookhollow Dr., Suite 75
 Santa Ana, CA 92705-5466
 714-556-4555

S. Orange County Central Office
 30011 Ivy Glenn Drive Ste. 104
 Laguna Niguel 92677
 949-582-2697

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.



Our Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

12/27	8am	✠Melvin Lavadia
	10am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
	4pm	Fiorenzo & Douwlene Bugnatto
		Special Intention
12/28	9am	Matt Reichman
		Special Intention
12/29	9am	✠Karina Ramirez
12/30	9am	✠Connie Orante Bersamira
12/31	9am	✠Pablito Dormido
1/1	9am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
1/2	9am	✠Jim Swearingen
	4pm	
		(✠Rest in God's love and peace)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Fr. Bob Vidal, Barbara Donnelly, John Donnelly, Kevin Donnelly, Kathryn Olney, Marianne Werton, Daryl Kurtz, 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 or phone (562) 431-0721 ext 13.

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

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. 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 outside room 1 & 3.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

EXCERPTS FROM VATICAN NEWS

With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.



Patris corde highlights “the creative courage” of St. Joseph, which “emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties.” “The carpenter of Nazareth,” explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence.” He had to deal with “the concrete problems” his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is “the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.” As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot “be other than the guardian of the Church,” of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. “Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is ‘the child’ whom Joseph continues to protect.” From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, “we must learn... to love the Church and the poor” (5).

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, “Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]” he has “recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.” This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph,” on account of its closing words: “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.”

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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