

# Saint Anne

10 January 2021  
The Baptism of the Lord  
The last day of the Christmas Season



Baptism of the Lord, Domenico Ghirlandaio

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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**  
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## Lent is Coming!

February 17 will be Ash Wednesday. It's not too early to be thinking about how you will spend Lent. Most of the year we walk around pretty pleased with ourselves. As well as pleased that other people are pleased with us. In such a state we don't notice how our lives have become hard, making us resentful or afraid. We have the choice in Lent to let our circumstances soften us, making us kinder and more open to even what scares us. Lent calls for an examination of conscience. Where have we been moping, shallow or mediocre?

Repentance begins with a naked knowledge of oneself. How can you repent if you think of yourself as doing just fine and don't see a thing to repent from? Describing the rite of baptism, St. John Chrysostom explained, "After the anointing, then, it remains to go into the bath of sacred waters. After stripping you of your robe, the priest himself leads you down into the flowing waters. But why naked? He reminds you of your former nakedness, when you were in Paradise and you were not ashamed. For Holy Writ says: 'Adam and Eve were naked and were not ashamed,' until they took up the garment of sin, a garment heavy with abundant shame." With a clearer sense of what ought to be changed, we are humbled. "My sacrifice, a contrite spirit; a humbled contrite spirit, you will not spurn" (Ps 51).

Of course it is also possible that you will discover your faults because someone will point them out for you. In a second century homily, the anonymous preacher suggested, "Let me say that when we are given a warning and corrected for doing something wrong, we should not be so foolish as to take offense or be angry. There are times when we are unconscious of the sins we commit because our heart is fickle, lacking in faith. Futile desires cloud the mind. We need to pull ourselves up, therefore, because our very salvation is at stake."

I worry that even though we may determine to swear off booze or chocolate, or say 80 rosaries or go to daily Mass or make the Stations of the Cross during all 40 days of Lent, or eat only every other day, we might do it in order to convince ourselves that we are really serious about our faith. This can lead us to being pleased with how devout we are, pride being the worst sin. "Smugness is the Great Catholic Sin, Flannery O'Connor wrote to a friend, "I find it in myself and don't dislike it any less."

Another way to approach Lent is by being receptive to what God says to us in silent prayer and in the Bible. But knowing ourselves as sinners can make us reticent to pray because we think, "Who am I to speak to God? Only when I get my act together should I dare to enter into God's presence." The Australian Trappist, Michael Casey, sees it the opposite: "The awareness of sin does not drive out prayer, but renders it imperative. By praying we give scope to love. To the extent that we are controlled by love, God reigns supreme and sin's tyranny is voided." Prayer can win us the graces we need to really repent. Casey echoes what we find in the Book of Hebrews: "Consider Jesus who endured such hostility against himself for sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood."

In the Byzantine church's vespers there is this prayer: Let us receive the announcement of Lent with joy! For if our forefather Adam has kept the fast, we would not have been deprived of paradise. O Lord, who took flesh from the Virgin in the fullness of time, call back and restore me to Eden. 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.

## 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!

<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	
\$641,807	\$526,910	(-114,897)

These totals reflect our online giving, weekend collections and Holy Day collections for the year.

## BLANKET PROJECT

Prior to Thanksgiving 1000 blankets and 2000 masks were distributed around Orange County to those in need. Leia Smith of Isaiah House said that she “so appreciated the blankets as they have been a constant request of those sleeping out in the elements this winter. Everyone was so, so thrilled to get them!” If you would like to contribute to this cause please call 562-509-8640.



## ST. ANNE SCHOOL

Learning continues at St. Anne’s School in Santa Ana despite many challenges. The enrollment is holding steady at 252 and teachers are employing creative strategies to keep students engaged.

The school is sponsoring a virtual fundraiser January 18th to help with unmet financial needs. To donate, text JOGATHON to 71777. All contributions are greatly appreciated. The students and staff are also most grateful for your prayers and support.  
-Sister Teresa, Principal

## 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 February 1st (Zoom). For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

**FOOD & BLOOD DRIVE**

The time to give blood is now! Our Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, January 28th. Safe a Life, Give Blood! Call Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454 for more information.

**TOUCHLESS DRIVE THRU DINNER FUNDRAISER**

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 13th from 4:45 PM to 6:30 PM for our Touchless Drive Thru Dinner Fundraiser. More information to follow.

*“Help Us Help Those In Need”*

## WOMEN’S GUILD

**MONTHLY MEETING**

All Parishioners are invited to the St. Anne Women’s Guild Zoom Meeting on January 25th, 6:30-8p. Sister Eileen McNerney, CSJ, and her sister, Maureen McNerney Habel, RN, will share “Trapped in Paradise”—their book based on the incredible adventure of four Catholic nuns from California who were caught behind enemy lines during World War II and were ultimately saved by the United States submarine Nautilus. They will share how they discovered the sisters’ journal, related writings, maps and original photographs which form the basis of their book.

**MEMBERSHIP**

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.

## REST IN PEACE



Catherine Olney  
Patricia McNerney

# Calendar

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JAN. 10TH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00—Mass

10:00—Mass

4:00—Mass

5:00—C1 Class

### MONDAY, JAN. 11TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45-1:30—Private Prayer in Church

4:00—Faith Formation, grs. 6-8

### TUESDAY, JAN. 12TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45-1:30—Private Prayer in Church

3:00—Faith Formation, grs. 1-5

4:00—First Reconciliation

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45-1:30—Private Prayer in Church

7:00—Youth Night

### THURSDAY, JAN. 14TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45-1:30—Private Prayer in Church

### FRIDAY, JAN. 15TH

8:00—Holy Hour

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

9:45-1:30—Private Prayer in Church

### SATURDAY, JAN. 16TH

8:30—Confessions

9:00—Mass

4:00—Mass

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## ADORATION



*Holy Hour from 8:00 AM–9:00 AM -Every Friday*

*Adoration from 9:45 AM–1:30 PM First Friday*

## STAY INFORMED



### DATABASE UPDATE

At the beginning of the pandemic we started to update our database with current information on each family. We also have added fields to the database such as birthdates, sacraments made, ethnicity, languages and ministries you are active in. If you have changed your phone number or email address within the past year we would like to update them in the system. Send any information you would like checked or updated to Vikki Lyons at [office@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:office@stannesealbeach.org).

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

To become a member of St. Anne, register online at [stannesealbeach.org](http://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](mailto:office@stannesealbeach.org) or call the parish office at 562-431-0721, ext. 10.

## Around our Diocese

### MENTAL HEALTH

#### COUNSELING CENTER

The Catholic Charities Counseling Center offers therapy for issues such as anxiety, depression, mood disorders, trauma, relationship challenges, grief and loss, court required individual therapy, problems at work, parenting challenges, anger management issues, and life transitions. Our treatment team includes a licensed clinical social worker, registered interns (Board of Behavioral Sciences), and interns completing their graduate education in psychology or social work. Catholic Charities' staff has experience serving a wide range of needs.

**Individual Therapy** Our counselors serve clients with a wide range of clinical needs including: anxiety, depression, mood disorders, post traumatic and court mandated individual therapy. We also serve clients with more common life adjustment challenges including: job transitions, retirement, divorce, relationship difficulties, and mid-life crises. Appointments are available from twice weekly to once a month.

**Therapy for Children & Adolescents** We work with children and adolescents to increase their self-esteem and confidence in order to decrease or better cope with psychological stressors. We work to improve their chances to have successful relationships at school, with peers, and with family members.

**Couples/Marriage Therapy** We emphasize a non-blaming therapy approach that facilitates each member of the couple to be the person they want to be in a relationship; to decrease conflict and increase positive communication; to get their needs met; and to adjust to the normal opportunities and challenges posed by long term relationships.

#### Hours of Operation:

Tuesday & Thursday – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fridays – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Counseling Center is located at:

1820 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street Santa Ana, CA 92701

To make an appointment please contact us at: (714) 347-9625

Email: [sstpierre@ccoc.org](mailto:sstpierre@ccoc.org)

### ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY

#### ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION

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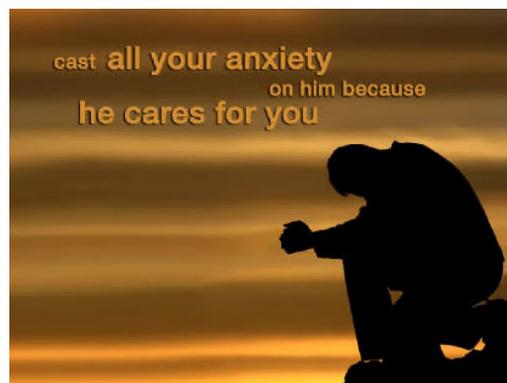
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### HOPE AND HEALING

#### 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

1/10	8am	✠Mary Colliard
	10am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
	4pm	✠Bernie Raab
1/11	9am	✠Brett McDonald
1/12	9am	✠Donnie & Neil McElrath
1/13	9am	✠Nelida Grotti
1/14	9am	✠The Burke & Keating Families
1/15	9am	The Conversion of Sinners
1/16	9am	Jim & Lee Swearingen, Special Intention
	4pm	A.J. Douglas, Special Intention

(✠*Rest in God's love and peace*)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Fr. Bob Vidal, Jim Donckels, Barbara Donnelly, John Donnelly, Kevin Donnelly, 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, 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 extension 13.

*"Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God."*

— POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

### 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. Those unable to go to Confession in the morning are welcome to schedule an appointment for another time, call 562-431-0721.

# CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FROM ST. ANNE'S





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