



Saint Anne

Catholic Church
Seal Beach, California

PASTORAL PLAN OVERVIEW

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of St. Anne Catholic Church, exist to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which leads us:

- to live, as Jesus did, a life of prayer, service and charity
- to be a welcoming parish for all
- to journey with one another on our pilgrimage to Heaven

VISION STATEMENT

We see a supportive community of disciples of the Lord, celebrating the Eucharist together, sharing the Gospel that transforms our daily lives, and through our prayers and action, saving our souls — and the souls of others — for the Kingdom of God.

PARISH PRIORITIES



Enhance Sunday Mass Engagement

All Sunday Masses, including the Saturday Vigil Mass, are our community's active celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life in Christ. This priority includes enhancing the quality and beauty of the liturgical celebration, which includes homilies, music, song, and hospitality at the Sunday Mass.



Promote Spiritual Growth and Faith Formation

Ongoing Catholic faith development is a cornerstone to a vibrant parish. St. Anne's will enable people to encounter and develop a personal relationship with Christ and His Church during Mass and through our targeted faith formation ministries and programs.



Become Missionary Disciples

Through Baptism we are called to follow Jesus, and by sharing our faith with family, friends and neighbors, we can help others and ourselves grow in relationship with Him. At St. Anne's this means forming people as Missionary Disciples, so that parishioners can have the knowledge and confidence to share their faith with others.



Provide a Positive Parish Experience

Parish Experience focuses specifically on welcoming new and existing parishioners with the intention of nurturing a sense of belonging at St. Anne's Church. This would include hospitality to help people feel connected, and fellowship to encourage social engagement with the parish community.

GREAT COMMISSION

"Then Jesus approached the eleven disciples and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'"

[Matthew 28:18-20]

WHAT IS A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE?

We are to grow and help others grow from being mere spectators, to being disciples who know and follow Jesus, and finally to be missionary disciples. A Missionary Disciple is one who, having been transformed by a personal experience of the love and presence of God, has chosen to say yes to God's will for their life and accompany others on their journey. We share Jesus, whom we love. The life of a disciple is never perfect and never finished. Like the first followers of Christ, on-going conversion continually opens the soul to redemption, hope and peace. This is how the disciple becomes a missionary: living life in Christ as a member of His Mystical Body by what we profess, and how we worship, pray, serve, give, learn, fellowship, and make choices.

OUR ENDURING VALUES AND BELIEFS

KNOWING OUR FAITH

We are a people seeking to know the truth of Jesus Christ and to understand our Catholic Faith.

We live this value by:

- **trusting** in the Lord with all our hearts
- **studying Scripture** and learning the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church
- **continuing to grow in faith** through ongoing formation, strengthening our community of believers and deepening our relationship with Christ

PRAYER

Every day, each of us is called to spend personal time with Jesus, who loves us.

We live this value when we:

- **embrace** and **encourage** a deep relationship with our Lord through daily prayer
- are **intentional** about praying with our family during the week
- **accept our responsibility** to educate others and provide them opportunities to participate in and cultivate a more fruitful prayer life

SHARING OUR FAITH

We are a people of faith who help others follow Jesus through shared spiritual growth and living according to His Word.

We live this value when we:

- **take the initiative** to make prayer and worship accessible to all age groups
- **encourage others** to participate and share in the Sacramental life
- **share** our personal faith journey with others

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

We believe in supporting and enriching the lives of one another through our Catholic faith, which is the firm foundation of our community.

We live this value when we:

- are a **welcoming community** that strives to support one another both spiritually and socially
- **promote appealing parish-wide events** to expand the participation of all, especially young families
- **invite and encourage** all to become involved at St. Anne's in serving our local community