

28 January 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Mon. - Sat. 8:30AM; Sat. 4:00-4:45 PM

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“WE ARE ONE”



Last weekend we kicked off the Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA), the annual appeal of the Orange Catholic Foundation that raises funds to provide financial support for selected diocesan pastoral ministries and services. (That is, I sent you a letter if you are registered; if you did not get a letter from me, check with our parish office to make sure we have your correct name, address, etc.) Giving to the appeal will enliven our Gospel values in concrete ways. If you haven't done so already, please consider making a gift. It will reach people who benefit daily from these ministries and services:

- Catholic Education and Formation
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Formation of Priests and Deacons
- Assistance to Parishes and Catholic Centers.

Both as a seminarian and a priest I have served in nine different parishes. All provide Mass and the sacraments for their parishioners and develop a sense of community, like every other parish, but each in its own way. I was at St. Joachim's at a time when the Mesa part of Costa Mesa had a fast-growing Spanish-speaking population. Most of the parishes provided Mass in two different languages, some in three.

At Saint Irenaeus Mass was celebrated in English, Spanish and Vietnamese and it was a steep learning curve for me to learn the dynamics of each community. Each month I celebrated one Sunday Mass in Spanish with very mixed results; if I could keep my confidence up, I'd be fine but a few mistakes in pronunciation at the start would shake my confidence and I made more mistakes. I also served on the diocesan level as Director of Family Life, Vicar for Priests and Vicar General. In other words, I've seen a lot of the vitality and struggles of Catholics in Orange County.



As people of the Diocese of Orange, we are one family, proud to be Catholic. We joyfully proclaim

our faith, speaking clearly and tenderly about our values and living with a loving and giving heart. Catholics are ready to demonstrate the transformational power of our faith as we meet Christ every day in the workplace and our neighborhoods, in our parishes, schools and homes.

Besides Bishop Kevin Vann works harder than all of us; Where he finds the energy? The least we can do is give him our prayers and support. Msgr. Mike



One of the places I served was the other Saint Anne, in Santa Ana. Those attending the 8:00 or the 10:00 Masses this Sunday will hear their children's choir singing and the principal, Sr. Teresa, giving us a taste for the vital ministry of their school. Thanks for your support for the second collection for St. Anne School.



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562-936-0164 or Bob Hannan at 562-594-4762.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Spend an evening with the Women's Guild on February 26th when Fran Ragland will share her journey on the Camino with parishioners as we journey together during Lent at this special presentation.

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the Parish Hall. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Joanne Groustra at 562-296-8705 or Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

We hope you were at mass last weekend to experience the Kick Off of our 2018 PSA campaign! Our project for this year is very important to the mission of our parish. Our priests and staff have made a sincere, personal commitment to provide a safe and secure environment for faith formation, our ministries, guests and liturgical celebrations through improvements to our current systems, structures, and methods of insuring safety. Our PSA participation goal is to have 200 families pledge. So far only 17 families have contributed. Remember no gift is too big or too small. Our monetary goal is to raise \$120,000—\$61,000 for our diocesan share and \$59,000 for our project. Our sincere gratitude to those who have already prayerfully considered and pledged.

PSA information envelopes are available in the vestibule of our church. Pledges can be made by mail or you can drop your pledge in the collection basket during Mass.



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.

ADORATION

Join us for a night of adoration, prayer, and worship on Friday, February 2nd from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome!



PARISH PAY TAX STATEMENTS

We have been promised to receive the 2017 tax information for our parishioners using online giving by February 1st. We will immediately mail them out. The transition from Parish Pay to We Share has not been as smooth as we had hoped. They assure us parishioners will be able to access their information for 2018. If you have questions, please call the parish office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Ministry to the Sick will hold their next meeting on Monday, February 5th at 9:45 a.m. in the hall. This ministry is open to all men and women who want to help the sick and homebound of our Parish by providing visits and meals. All are welcome.

LIFE, PEACE & JUSTICE

The Life, Peace and Justice Ministry will be sponsoring a toiletry drive for the homeless during the month of February. Items specifically needed include liquid and dry shampoo, deodorant, hand wipes, small soaps, travel kleenex (purse, pocket size), mouthwash, and disposable razors. There will be a bin by the side door of the church to collect your donations. If anyone has small bags to donate that we can use to assemble our toiletries in care packages, they would be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity in reaching out to those in need.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Please join us for mass on Saturday, February 3rd, the feast day of Saint Blaise, for the Blessing of the Throats. Saint Blaise was a bishop in Armenia during the 4th century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the 8th century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

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THE ORANGE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

ADVANCING THE MISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

1/29 †Jan Francis
 1/30 †Dennis Cunningham
 1/31 †George Spore
 2/1 †Frederick Jones
 2/2 Seminarians
 2/3 †Richard Olivas
 († Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Msgr. MacCarthy, Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mike Maloney, Merrill Butler, Steven Lang, Kay Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Greg Rousselo, Sylvia Bartolomucci, Bob Rattray, Joel Rivera

Around Our Diocese

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE DUCKS

Catholic Night at the Honda Center is February 9th. We will watch the Ducks take on the Edmonton Oilers starting at 7:00 p.m. This year, the Mater Dei choir will sing the national anthem prior to the game and our Trinity League Catholic Hockey teams will play an exhibition set. Discounted tickets are available using the code: occatholic.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

OPEN HOUSES—JANUARY 28th

Our local Catholic Schools will be holding Open Houses on Sunday. Families are invited to visit the schools and experience the academic excellence provided in their faith-filled environments. Dedicated faculties offer many special programs enhancing the schools academic and religious goals.

Our Lady of Refuge, TK—8th grade

Stearns & Los Coyotes Diagonal in East Long Beach

Open House: 10:30 AM to Noon

Prospective parent meeting from 12:45 to 1:15 PM

St. Bonaventure, TK—8th grade

Springdale Street in Huntington Beach

Open House: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

St. Hedwig, TK—8th grade

Los Alamitos Blvd. & Orangewood in Los Alamitos

Open house: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM