

17 September 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM; 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM
CONFESSIONS: MON-SAT: 8:30 AM; SAT: 4:00-4:45 PM

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OUR CUPOLA

Our construction committee has had three roofing contractors out to look at the church over the past eighteen months in our ongoing effort to stop water from leaking into the church. We have tried this patch and that repair to stop the problem; each helped but never completely. We got enough wind and rain last winter to determine it was the top of the tower itself which was built in 1937. The existing copper cupola is about fifty-five years old and has deteriorated and needs to be replaced. That work will start next week with scaffolding on the outside of the church for about three weeks. Please be cautious around the scaffolding. Fingers crossed; that work should stop the leaks.

Our cupola is entirely ornamental but, to my mind, it is a beautiful decoration. It gives a certain majesty to a simple straight-forward church building. A manufacturing website proclaims, "Installing a copper cupola to your new or existing building is a great way to add interest and character to your roof top. Adding this architectural detail will provide valuable curb appeal that will certainly make your building stand out in your neighborhood." (Historical note: the cupola itself was a late arrival to our church; a four-sided pyramid-shaped structure had been up there when the church was

first built.)

When you see the new one, it will initially be color of the copper itself but in time it will become the color of the one we have now. Keep coming to Mass each weekend to gauge the change.



A cupola is a small, most often dome-like structure at the top of a building. Often used to provide a look-out or to admit light and air, it usually crowns a larger roof or dome.

The history of cupolas goes back to eighth century Islamic architecture. They often topped minarets. Some of them were open so the muezzin could proclaim the call to prayer. The Moors brought their technology with them when they conquered Spain in 711 AD. From there it spread to all of Europe. Vienna is particularly rich with cupolas. They are onion shaped in Russia. St. Peter's has a beautiful cupola on the top of the dome.

All this is a long way from our small church and its tower in beautiful Seal Beach. Let's hope we can get this project done before the upcoming rainy season.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

SINGERS NEEDED

Come join the St. Anne's Adult Choir and praise the Lord through song! Rehearsals are on most Wednesday evenings from 7:30—9:00 p.m. and we sing at the 10:00 a.m. mass. It is a great opportunity for fellowship and service—no previous choir experience is necessary. If time commitment is an issue, consider joining us for a liturgical season—Advent, Christmas, Easter, Lent. If interested, please contact John Glaudini at 714-883-9041 or email jungledini@me.com, or see John upstairs in the choir loft after mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 24th following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses for our world

famous homemade buttermilk pancakes along with eggs and sausage. The suggested donation is \$6 per person or \$20 per family. All donations help support local charities. For more information, contact Steve at 714-418-7041.



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 Tuesday, October 2, 2017. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

SALAD SUPPER

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Guild annual Salad Supper on Monday, Sept. 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All salad and toppings will be provided! You may bring dessert or drinks if desired. Sign-ups will be accepted after all masses this weekend.

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 Lorraine Fiori at 562-296-5163.

ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, September 18th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Healing Mass. All are welcome! For more information, please call Janice Herlihy at 562-537-4526.



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.

BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

On September 23, 2017 an America priest whom Pope Francis formally recognized as a martyr in 2016 will be beatified.

Fr. Stanley, born March 27, 1935, was from Okarche, Oklahoma where the parish, school and farm were the pillars of community life. Surrounded by good priests and a vibrant parish life, Stanley felt God calling him to the priesthood from a young age. But despite a strong calling, Stanley struggled in the seminary, failing several classes and even out of one seminary before graduating from Mount St. Mary's seminary in Maryland.

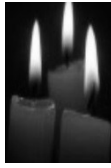
While Stanley was still in seminary, St. John XXIII asked the Churches of North America to send assistance and establish missions in Central America. Soon after, the dioceses of Oklahoma City and Tulsa established a mission in Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala, a poor rural community comprised mostly of indigenous Tz'utujil Mayan Indians. Fr. Stanley was ordained on May 25, 1963. A few years later, he accepted an invitation to join the mission team, where he would spend the next 13 years of his life.

As a mission priest, in addition to celebrating Mass, he built a farmers' co-op, a school, a hospital, and the first Catholic radio station, which was used for catechesis to the even more remote villages. He was also known for his joy, kindness, selflessness and attentive presence among his parishioners. Over the years, the violence of the Guatemalan civil war crept closer to the village. Disappearances, killings and danger became a part of daily life, but Fr. Stanley remained steadfast and supportive of his people. In 1980-1981, the violence escalated. In a letter to Oklahoma Catholics at Christmas, he wrote about the dangers his mission parish faced daily. In January 1981, in immediate danger and with his name on a death list, Fr. Stanley returned to Oklahoma for a few months. As Easter approached, he made a point of returning to his Guatemala parish in time to celebrate Holy Week with his parishioners.

The morning of July 28, 1981, three Ladinos, non-indigenous men who had been fighting the native people and rural poor of Guatemala, broke into the rectory. They wanted to vanish him, but he refused. Not wanting to endanger others at the parish mission, he struggled but did not call for help. Fifteen minutes and two gunshots later, Fr. Stanley was dead and the men fled the mission grounds. He was killed because he insisted on respect for the dignity and rights of the indigenous poor people whom he served, at a time when government forces were intent on oppressing them. His life is a great example of ordinary people being called to do extraordinary things for God.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

9/18 Fr. Ed Broom
 9/19 † Gary Alvena
 9/20 † Grace Grotano
 9/21 Rudy Jingco
 9/22 † Rudy Flores
 9/23 † Ruth Van Hook
 († Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Ed Palacol, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Jean Ramirez, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Msgr. Mike, Roy Roudine, Rosemary Hirsch

Around Our Diocese

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK

National and local Councils and Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their 10th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk. The Walk enables community members from all walks of life to participate in a simultaneous event that raises awareness of the challenges faced by the nation's less fortunate and to raise money for use in direct service to those living locally who are in need. The event will be held at Huntington State Beach, 21601 PCH on Saturday, September 23rd at 8:00 a.m. Register to become a walker or to donate at www.fopwalk.org. For more information, call 714-542-0488.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

If you are grieving the loss of your marriage through death, divorce or separation, come to the Pro Sanctity Center in Fullerton, October 13-15. A trained team leads participants through a healing and growth program. If you are ready to move through your feelings of grief, into the light of a new beginning and hope, this weekend may be for you. Contact Kim at 714-336-3221 for more information.

BISHOPS' CLASSIC GOLF

The 19th annual Bishops' Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club. Reservations are now being accepted for the 12:00 p.m. tee-off and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event benefit the Children at Risk Program. For more information, contact Alba at 714-347-9668.

