

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE: *(subject to change)*

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS: 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. &
12:00 NOON (LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS)

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY: 8:00 A.M.

HOLY DAYS: 5:30 P.M. ON EVE OF HOLY DAY;
8:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. ON HOLY DAY
7:00 P.M. LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 3:00-4:30 P.M.
AT OTHER TIMES UPON REQUEST

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS: THURSDAYS -7:30 P.M.

ADORATION HOURS:

THURSDAYS: 2:45 TO 7:30 P.M.
FIRST FRIDAYS: 24-HOUR ADORATION

BAPTISMS: THIRD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 1:30 P.M.
BAPTISM CLASSES REQUIRED. THESE ARE HELD THE
SATURDAY BEFORE THE BAPTISMS AT 9:00 A.M.
CALL THE RECTORY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

MARRIAGES: ARRANGEMENTS BY APPOINTMENT
AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE MARRIAGE.

QUINCEAÑERAS: THREE MONTHS PRIOR

C.C.D. CLASSES: SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

R.C.I.A CLASSES: SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL –
MONDAY EVENINGS. FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M. IN THE
FAMILY ROOM.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Parish Ministries

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Adoration & Devotion - The Lieblang Family
Altar Guild - Susan Hawley
Altar Servers - Sean Lieblang
Bereavement Committee - Nina Merlino
Extraordinary Ministers - Steve Byars
Knights of Columbus - Al Lee
Lectors - Steve Byars
Legion of Mary - Joanne Peters
Liturgical Music - Olga Artemova
Ministry to the Sick - Deacon Glenn Erwin
Director of Religious Education - Linda Gilbert
Retreats - Ann Erwin
Stewardship Committee - Steve Byars
St. Vincent de Paul Society - Felipa Chadwick
Ushers - Derrick Peront
Wedding/Quinceañeras Coordinator - Ginny Aragon



Pastor's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our own baptism. Each one of us has been baptized in Christ, and we are called to be His messengers of the Gospel in the world. At our Baptism, we were given a candle, and the priest said we should keep this light alive in us until we go and meet the Lord. Jesus' baptism is a wonderful example for all of us to roll up our sleeves and begin to get involved in the Church's ministry. We are called to bring His message of love and peace into the world. In our work places, schools and neighborhoods, let us make His Name known to all. In doing so, we are living out our baptismal promises and will be rewarded in the life to come.

The theme of this Sunday's Gospel is "**we are all created in the image of God.**"

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

In general, Bible scholars believe the suffering servant represents Israel and its role as the people of the alliance. While some think the servant is Moses, and others consider it to be Isaiah himself, there are those who think he is a messianic figure from the future. The early Christian community believed Isaiah was prophesying about the Messiah and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:34-38

The story of Cornelius was very important to the early Church, since he was a Gentile. His conversion opened the door to a mission towards gentiles and the incorporation and integration of the gentiles into the Church. After intense discussion and discernment, Peter affirmed that God does not make exceptions of people and does not exclude anyone.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Baptism consists of being submerged in water and emerging renewed. The Essenes in the desert were baptized during certain celebrations indicating their desire to attain a pure life for the arrival of the Savior. Here the Gospel compares John with Jesus and John's baptism with the Christian baptism. John baptizes with water those who desired to reform their life. Jesus did not need conversion or baptism, but entered into it out of solidarity with the gesture, confirming His commitment to fulfill the mission His Father had given him.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us of a profound and important truth. Through creation, we were all made in the image of God, and an image of God can never be something despicable. In what way do we look like God? Since God is spirit, it is certainly not in the physical aspects, but instead in our ability to love and communicate. Furthermore, today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, where the voice of God was heard to say, "This is my beloved Son. I am pleased with him." And if we are the children of God, we possess the greatest dignity to which we could have ever

aspired. If princes and the heirs to great fortunes are treated with the utmost respect and reverence, should we be considered any less, being the children of God?

Your humble servant in Jesus Christ,

Rev. Joseph Luan Nguyen

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea**Sunday, January 10:**

***Registration for Adult Confirmation**

Classes after each Mass

***Knights of Columbus Membership**

Drive after each Mass

5:00 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, January 11:

12:00 pm Altar Guild meeting in Fam. Rm.

7:00 pm RCIA class in Fam. Rm.

Tuesday, January 12:

3:30 pm CCD - Level 1 & 3

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers meeting

Wednesday, January 13:

9:15 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

3:30 pm CCD - Level 2

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal in Church

7:00 pm Liturgy Committee meeting

Thursday, January 14:

2:45-7:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30 pm CCD - Level 4/5 & Level 6

7:30 pm Benediction

Friday, January 15:

9:00 am Cenacles of Life prayer group in the Church

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal in Church

6:00 pm Adult Confirmation class in Fam. Rm.

6:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Saturday, January 16:

9:00 am Baptism Preparation class in Conf. Rm.

10:00 am Wedding (*Fr. Engh*)

1:30 pm Wedding (*Fr. Joseph*)

3:00-4:30 pm Confession

Sunday, January 17:

1:30 pm Baptisms in the Church

5:00 pm NO Confirmation Class (*Martin L. King Day on 1/18/10*)

Registration for Adult Confirmation Class

We will be accepting registrations for our Adult Confirmation Class this **Sunday, January 10th**, after all the Masses. The classes will meet every **Friday** here at St. Mary's from **6:00-7:00 p.m.**, beginning on **Jan. 15th** and ending on May 21, 2010. The Sacrament of Confirmation will then be conferred by Bishop Tod D. Brown at Holy Family Cathedral in Orange, Ca.

These classes are for adults only (*18 years and older*) who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation. A copy of your Baptism and First Communion certificate will be required at the first class.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please call the office at 714-536-6913.



Knights of Columbus

The 2010 Kick-off for our Knights of Columbus St. Mary's by the Sea Council 14699 **membership drive** will be this **Saturday, Jan. 9th** and **Sunday, Jan. 10th**, after all the Masses. Our knights will be recruiting all Catholic men who are eighteen years of age or older as new members. We invite you to drop by our table to find out how you can serve your parish, community, family, youth and council.

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PHOTOS!

The *last time* to get your picture taken for our new, 2010 **Parish Directory** will be **Saturday, January 23rd** between **11:00 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.** Appointments can be made by calling Olan Mills at (800) 866-2263, or just stop on by... they will be happy to fit you in. Let's all try to participate. We want to get to know each other!

Christmas Poinsettias - Free!

If anyone would like to take home some of the Poinsettias that so beautifully decorated our Church during Christmas, please feel free to help yourself. They are in an open area just past the Family Room and before you reach the restrooms.



In Remembrance

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of **Thomas Chandlee**. May he rest in peace †. Our parish family will continue to pray for him.

Mission Statement

Jesus comes "to serve, not to be served"

(Mt. 20, 28)

St. Mary's by the Sea is a Catholic/Christian community of faith, hope, and love, journeying together in the spirit of hospitality, stewardship, respect, unity and charity, welcoming and serving all brothers and sisters in Christ, under the mantle of Our Lady.

Jest Kidding

There were two men shipwrecked on an island. The minute they got on to the island, one of them started screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!" The second man propped himself up against a palm tree and acted so calmly it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand?!? We're going to die!!!" The second man replied, "Relax. You don't have to worry. I make \$100,000 a week....we'll get found soon." The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?!? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to DIE!!!" The second man answered, "You just don't get it, do you: I make \$100,000 a week, and I tithe ten percent of that to my church, which means I donate \$10,000 each week to my church." The first man, still dumbfounded said, "So!! What does that have to do with us being stranded on this island?" The second man then said: "Listen, I said to relax, I TITHE \$10,000 a week to my church. BELIEVE ME, my Pastor will find me!"

Thank You For Your Generosity!

(The Parish's regular expenses are \$5,000 to \$6,000 per week.)

December 25, 2009

Altar Guild.....\$55.00
 St. Vincent de Paul.....\$162.00
 Christmas Collection.....\$7969.00

December 27, 2009

Altar Guild.....\$35.00
 St. Vincent de Paul.....\$211.00
 Christmas Collection.....\$420.00
 Retirement for the Religious.....\$100.00
 Regular Collection.....\$4337.99

January 3, 2010

Altar Guild.....\$1735.00
 St. Vincent de Paul.....\$480.00
 Specials.....\$900.00
 Regular Collection.....\$7837.00

(Please remember to use your envelopes.)