

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

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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.

Parish Ministries

Adoration & Devotion – The Lieblang Family

Altar Guild – Susan Hawley

Altar Servers – Sean Lieblang

Bereavement Committee – Nina Merlino

Extraordinary Ministers – Steve Byars

Knights of Columbus – George Wall

Lectors – Steve Byars

Legion of Mary – Joanne Peters

Ministry to the Sick – Deacon Glenn Erwin

Pro-Life – Jacky Roza

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

† STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:30 P.M.

REMINDER . . .

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE:

EVERYONE 14 YEARS OR OLDER IS SERIOUSLY BOUND
TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT.

Pastor's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. It is a wonderful season for all of us. I hope all of you will use these forty days wisely for spiritual renewal in order to refocus on Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Jesus came to us over two thousand years ago because of God's love for all of us, to save us from our human bondage and to bring us into the marvelous light. Again, have a wonderful Lent!

The theme for this first Sunday of Lent is **that temptations are not always obvious.**

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This story is full of references to wisdom. The place, the East, is considered a place of illumination, because the sun rises there. In the midst of the garden there was the tree of life. The two stories of creation are united into one, in which both paradise and sin are together in the same story. The act of sin is disobedience. The other allusion to wisdom is the serpent, which must not be mistaken with the demon, which appears much later in Biblical tradition. The serpent is used here to indicate how vulnerable humans are to temptation. The serpent misleads the woman but, in fact, it does not lie to her when it says they will not die, their eyes will be opened, and they will see the difference between good and evil.

Romans 5:12-19

St. Paul uses a diatribe, a form of debate of the Greek Stoics. The idea is to contrast two opposite things, and here St. Paul makes the comparison between the effects of sin and death and those of the power of forgiveness and life. He does it by contrasting Adam and Christ. In fact, he is also comparing two eras: the era of Adam was one of sin and death, while the era of Christ is that of the restoration of life. When speaking about Adam, St. Paul seems to refer to the entire humanity: men and women.

Matthew 4:1-11

Thanks to elements borrowed from the Old Testament, the story responds to certain messianic expectations common in the time of Jesus. The idea is to underscore the mission of Jesus and his way of carrying it, not based on power, prestige, or fast solutions, but on the salvific nature of the Suffering Servant. In reading this gospel, we need to ask some questions: **What are my most frequent temptations? Do I find justification for my actions, when deep down I know they are not good?.** In short, Jesus Christ gives us the hope and encouragement we need to affirm the image of God in ourselves and in others, our dignity and the dignity and life of others.

Your humble servant in Christ Jesus our Savior,

Rev. Joseph Luan Nguyen

Stations of the Cross

We will be having Stations of the Cross every **Friday** during Lent at **3:30 p.m.**

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

Sunday, March 13 – "Daylight Savings"

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & Tridentine Mass at 12 pm
 12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
 4:30 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, March 14

8:00 am Daily Mass
 3:30-4:30 pm CCD - Level 1
 7:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 am Daily Mass
 3:30-4:50 pm CCD - Level 3
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

March 16

8:00 am Daily Mass
 9:15 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
 3:30-4:50 pm CCD - Level 2 & Level 4/5
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council meeting

Thursday, March 17 – "St. Patrick's Day"

8:00 am Daily Mass
 2:45-7:30 pm Adoration
 3:30-4:50 pm CCD - Level 6
 7:30-8:00 pm Benediction

Friday, March 18

8:00 am Daily Mass
 9:00 am Cenacles of Life prayer group (Church)
 3:30 pm Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors

Saturday, March 19

8:00 am Daily Mass
 9:00 am Baptism Preparation class
 3:00-4:30 pm Confession
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 20

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & Tridentine Mass at 12 pm
 12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
 1:30 pm Baptisms in the Church
 4:30 pm Confirmation Class

Operation Rice Bowl

As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' "Operation Rice Bowl," which supports agriculture programs in Haiti and around the world that teach farmers effective and ecologically sensitive growing methods which allow them to get the most out of their land while preserving it for future generations.

As Jesus' disciples, we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in all nations. Throughout Lent we will participate in Operation Rice Bowl as we pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our global family. The children enrolled in our Religious Education classes will all be given a Rice Bowl packet. They will use these to save their loose change in and return them back to us by Palm Sunday. **For the rest of the Parish, you may participate by leaving your donations in the Operation Rice Bowl containers located at the back of the Church.** Please give generously!

Lenten Penance Mission

"But I say to you..." Christ our Light Calls us to Conversion. St. Mary's by the Sea will be having a **Lenten Penance Mission on April 4, 5 & 6.** It will be given by Fr. Joseph Donovan, M.M. of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Fr. Donovan will be saying Mass and giving talks in both the morning and evening. Further information will be posted in a flyer.

Retreat Corner – Save the Dates

Saturday, May 7, 2011: Breath of Spring Luncheon and raffle at St. Joseph Center, just west of the retreat house. \$45 per person. What a wonderful way to treat your mother or grandmother, the day before Mother's Day. More details will follow in the parish bulletin.

Weekend of September 16-18, 2011: Annual Women's Retreat. For more information, call Ann at (714) 856-0997 or Mary (714) 552-7164. Retreat theme: "For greater things were you born!" (Mother Luisita)

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.

Accepting the Heart of Lent

In thousands of ways we are bound and determined to make God into our own image, intentionally or unintentionally.

Remember these words of Our Lord before He died: "The man who has no love for me lets my sayings pass him by." (John 14:24.)

How greedily do we hang on to our independent ideas, our own desires, our own ungodly opinions, refusing to merge with God so that He can't make His home in our hearts!

Yet our primary purpose here on earth is to imitate Christ. To love as He did, both friends and enemies; to avoid sin as He did, even if it leads us to Calvary; to follow the will and words of God, even when people laugh at us; to rejoice in seeing the world hate us if it means that Christ loves us.

In short, to let God mold and form us into HIS IMAGE!


-Fr. Stephen Gibbons, O.S.M.

Jest Kidding

A CCD teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill!"

<u>PSA Update</u>	Goal \$34,000	Paid \$25,600
2011 Goal = \$34,000		
# of Pledges Made: 89		
Total Amount Paid: \$25,600		

Thank You For Your Generosity!

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

March 6, 2011

Altar Guild.....	\$75.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$103.00
Specials.....	\$465.00
Regular Collection.....	\$6,868.00

(Please remember to use your envelopes.)