

# 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,

First, I would like to invite all of you to our Lenten Mission on April 4-6 lead by Father Joseph Donovan, a Maryknoll priest. This is a golden opportunity for us to renew our faith and commitment in the Lord. Lent will soon be over, and I hope all of us make the extra effort to come out for the mission. Second, our parish Lenten Penance service will be on Monday, April 11 at 7pm. There will be a short scripture service followed by individual confessions.

The theme for this Third Sunday of Lent is **only Jesus knows our profound thirst.**

**Exodus 17:3-7**

Water and food, the two essential elements for life, should be provided by the mother, according to the Middle Eastern culture. Here it is God himself who, in his maternal role, provides food. It is the authority of Moses that is under attack. People complain against him for taking them out of Egypt and leading them into the desert. But, in fact, they are really rebelling against God.

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

The legal language goes to a secondary place and one much more ethical begins. Here, love is positioned before justice. The teaching of St. Paul on justification, although it is complex and difficult to understand, is very clear here. He tells the Romans that they have not been justified by their own actions or merits. The word diaio is relational. It is based on the justice of God; the justice that gives life, security and wellbeing. Human beings are just, when they respect the life and wellbeing granted by God.

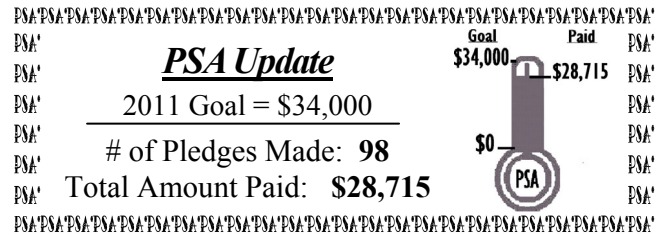
**John 4:5-42**

According to the date of the Old Testament, the Samaritan people had been formed from five tribes that repopulated Samaria after having been conquered by Assyria. The Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water to drink. Jesus answers her by saying, "whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." In reading this Gospel, we need to ask some questions: **What would I like other people to know about me? Who can satisfy my spiritual thirst? In which ways do I feel known by God?**

Jesus knows of our deep thirst to be recognized, loved, accepted and embraced with His love. Jesus also offers us the water that liberates us from everything that ties us down: the things that make us go and seek water when no one is around, like the Samaritan. The water of our Baptism, again and again, take us out of death and bring us back to life.

Your humble servant in Jesus Christ,

Rev. Joseph Luan Nguyen



**This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea**

**Sunday, March 27**

**\*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for "Catholic Home Missions"\***  
 Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & Tridentine Mass at 12 pm

- 9:00 am Mass** RCIA – "The 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny"
- 12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
- 4:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Monday, March 28**

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

**Tuesday, March 29**

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 3:30-4:50 pm CCD - Level 3

**Wednesday, March 30**

- 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

**Thursday, March 31**

- 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, April 1**

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 8:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 24-hr. Adoration** (runs until the 8am Mass begins on Saturday, 4/2)
- 9:00 am Cenacles of Life prayer group (Church)
- 3:30 pm Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, April 2**

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul packing food**
- 3:00-4:30 pm Confession
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 3**

- Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & Tridentine Mass at 12 pm
- 9:00 am Mass** RCIA – "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny"
- 12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
- 4:30 pm Confirmation Class

***Catholic Home Missions Appeal***

There are many dioceses right here in the United States whose parishes struggle to keep their doors open. These dioceses are classified as home missions and cannot maintain pastoral programs like catechesis, youth ministry, and seminary formation on their own. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including aid to vulnerable parishes. Please be generous in this Appeal and help strengthen the Church at home.

***First Friday Adoration  
Lenten Prayer***

As Lent continues, why not spend one hour with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? St. Mary's is blessed to have **24-hour Adoration** this **Friday, April 1**, between 8 am on Friday and 8 am on Saturday. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this possible. If you do not remember your hour, please check the poster in the vestibule. Thank you again.



***April Showers  
Baby Bottle Campaign***

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be the start of our *April Showers Baby Bottle Campaign* for Pro-Life. Parishioners can take home a baby bottle provided by us, fill it with all of their spare change and return the bottle by May 1<sup>st</sup>. All your donations will go towards helping women who have chosen life for their babies.

***Thank You Ron Bastien!***

We would like to express our sadness that Ron Bastien, our very first handyman, is leaving us. He is moving from Huntington Beach to Irvine. Unknown to most parishioners, Ron has been fixing minor repairs around the Church for quite a while. All we can say is, *"Thank you, Ron, for everything you have done for us. You will be missed. May God bless you always."*

***Penance Services at Nearby Churches***

St. Joachim	3/30	7 pm
St. Mary's by the Sea	4/11	7 pm
St. Bonaventure	4/12	7:15 pm
St. John the Baptist	4/14	7 pm
Sts. Simon & Jude	4/15	7 pm
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**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.*

**Operation Rice Bowl**

Please don't forget to leave your donations for our "Operation Rice Bowl" collection. This program supports agriculture programs in Haiti and around the world. **You may participate by leaving your donations in the Operation Rice Bowl containers located at the back of the Church.** Please give generously!

**Fr. Joseph Donovan, M.M.**

Fr. Joseph Donovan, M.M. will be speaking at all the Masses on **April 2-3** on behalf of **Maryknoll – the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.**

In addition, Fr. Donovan will be giving our **Lenten Penance Mission** on **April 4-6**. He will be saying Mass and giving talks in both the morning and evening. Please see the flyer for further information.

**Save the Dates!**

**APRIL 9 – Sew Baby Blankets for Pro-Life**  
*(after the 8:00 am Mass in the Family Room)*

**MAY 7 – Parish Mother's Day Dinner**  
*(sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)*

**Jest Kidding**

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted it on the apple tray: *"Take only ONE. God is watching."*

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, *"Take all you want. God is watching the apples."*

**Weekly Donations**

*Donations for the week of March 20, 2011 will be posted in next week's bulletin.*