

Reflections of the Week

God's Call to Serve.

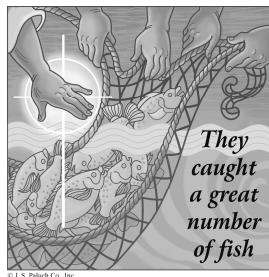
For a humble guy, St. Paul really tells it like it is. It seems some of the Corinthians did not believe that Christ rose from the dead, or that resurrection was a spiritual symbol of forgiveness of sins. So Paul lists those witnesses who actually saw the risen Jesus, last and least of these being Paul himself. Now we are used to thinking of Paul as one of the greatest apostles, even though we know he once persecuted Christians. So you might think he is being overly humble, like someone fishing for a compliment. No, Paul is only interested in making sure the Corinthians understand just how much God has done.

Besides being "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), that is, coming to follow Christ in such an unusual way, he felt unworthy because of the many Christians he hurt before his conversion. Yet he turns that unworthiness into an example of how much God has done through him, so he can say that he worked harder than any other apostles because of God's grace, not Paul's strength. The same grace that turned a former enemy into a friend also gave him the strength to spread the Gospel farther than anyone else at that time.

In today's Gospel, Peter has a similar experience. He was a fisherman who knew his business and knew that some days, the fish just aren't there. So when Jesus tells him to go out one more time, try one more cast of the nets, Peter probably thought he'd show Jesus that it was no use. Then when they caught enough fish to fill both boats, he realized that his pride was sinful. He was unworthy to receive such bounty from the Lord. And yet Jesus tells him that "you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10).

How many of us are like Peter and Paul, thinking we know just what our place in the world is, relying on our own strengths to do our jobs? Surely that's all God expects of us, right? They found Jesus calling them to a much more challenging life. Do we have the courage to listen to God's call to serve?

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Anointing of the Sick

Monday, Feb. 11th - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Fr. Quang will offer the **Anointing of the Sick** to those who would like to receive it **after the 8:00 am Mass**.

The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength to one during an illness. It is a rite that is performed to convey God's grace to the recipient, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Treasures From Our Tradition

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the Church, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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Behavior Toward the Old

The test of a people is how it behaves toward the old.

It is easy to love children. Even tyrants and dictators make it a point of being fond of children.

But the affection and care for the old, the incurable, and the helpless are true gold mines of a culture.

-Abraham Lincoln.



Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition

St. Mary's by the Sea opens the Church for Eucharistic Adoration every Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. On Thursdays, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00pm and we will have Eucharistic Exposition (where the Blessed Sacrament is displayed outside the tabernacle in the monstrance for adoration by the faithful) from 3:00 to 7:30 pm, closing with Benediction (praying the rosary and receiving a blessing with the Host) at 7:30 pm.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor?

There may come a time when you are asked to be the godparent for a child who will be baptized in the Catholic faith, or you may be asked to serve as a sponsor for a confirmation candidate. In both of these instances, the church where the sacrament will be received usually will request a letter from your parish stating that you are a registered parishioner in good standing. What this means is that you are a practicing Catholic at least 16 years old who has already received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion; you regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments; and you live a life of faith which is fitting for the role of godparent or sponsor. In short, you must be someone who takes their Catholic faith seriously enough that you may serve as a mentor for the person who is going to be baptized or receive confirmation. It does not suffice that you are simply a family member or close friend of the parents whose child will be baptized or the person who is going to be confirmed.

Now let's say you do fulfill all the criteria needed and now only have to provide a letter of good standing issued from your parish. How do you go about getting this? Well obviously if you are on a first name basis with the pastor at your church who knows your level of commitment and that you are a practicing Catholic, this would not be an issue. But what if you've never gotten to know the pastor of your church personally? How would he be able to decide if you were someone who would be a suitable godparent or sponsor? Well one way to definitely ensure that you are regularly attending Mass would be to use the weekly donation envelopes mailed to every parishioner who has registered with the church, even if it only has \$1 in it. This way, when the Office checks your contribution history, they can tell the pastor that according to their records, you do attend Mass on a regular basis. Another way to show that you are a practicing Catholic would be if you know someone from the church personally whom the pastor trusts and could vouch for you to him. Finally, the last way would be to speak with the pastor directly. Hopefully he will remember seeing you each week when you shake his hand and greet him after every Sunday Mass. So make sure if nothing, you at least do this and are not a completely unknown entity who has suddenly appeared out of nowhere requesting a letter from the parish.



2018 Tax Donation Letters

If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2018 tax return, please contact the Parish Office at (714-536-6913, ext. 112) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast Saturday, Feb. 16th - 9:30am-12:30pm

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast welcomes Bishop David G. O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. Join him for this inspiring testimony which reveals Bishop O'Connell's tremendous zeal for souls and great love for God's people.

It will be held at the Embassy Suites Anaheim—South, 11767 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove.

Registration by mail postmarked by Feb. 11: \$28 per person. Registration at the door: \$33 per person.

For more information, please contact Anne at (714) 420-5482 or visit www.magnificat-ministry.net.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Aurora Aragón	Rusty Hawley	Gloria Pagenkopp
Natlie Arellano	Paul Hayes	Joanne Peters
Bette Barilla	Anita Hepp	Ben Phillips
Bonnie Barilla	Diane Hoxsie	Jackie Pinault
Cary Benoit	Cathe Hutchinson	Debbie Ransom
Kathi Britton	Karina Eunice Jarlego	Susan Rocio
Hugh Cahil	Shelly Jones	Amy Rosenberg
Colleen Campbell	Roger Kunsaitis	Kevin Ryan
Earline Campbell	Angie Lewis	Bill Sammon
Peggy Carrasco	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Valerie Sandoval
Rodrigo Castro	Lisa Marks	Nate Sheffield
Samuel Chavez	Doris McDonald	Elfriede Shipman
George Christa	Patricia McKenzie	Flora Simpson
Rosemarie Clouse	Nina Merlino	Tony Sotelo
Dan Dericg	Lucy Mira	Linda Sparks
Helen Donnelly	Brooks Morris	Bob Spellmire
Glen Evans	Cheryl Murphy	Dan Stenglein
Al Griego	Albert Myrter	Linda Stickles
Nathan Hamby	Steven Myrter	Mary Trout
David Harris	Marilyn Novak	Andrea Wall

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

Join us.....
after Sunday Mass

Weekly Offering



Thank You For Your Generosity!

Operating Expenses are \$5,500 - \$6,500 per week

February 3, 2019

Altar Guild.....	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$576.00
Building Fund.....	\$30.00
Specials.....	\$2,720.00
Regular.....	\$7,139.71

Please remember to use your envelopes.

--- CHRIST FOREVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ---

Donors = (90)
Paid = \$145,170.17

Pledged = \$221,346
Rebates = \$42,407

321 10th Street, Huntington Beach, Ca

Preciousness of Time

TIME is unconquerable.

It cannot be expanded, accumulated, bought, mortgaged, hastened, or delayed. It is one thing completely beyond man's control.

Use it well - it will never return, and **soon - too soon**, it will stop arriving!



LOYAL STEWARDS:

What a GREAT PARTY! 50 people attended our first event of 2019 last Sunday, at our **PARISH SUPER BOWL PARTY**. **Thank you** to those who helped setup, and clean up afterwards! Special appreciation for Althea and Joe R. for organizing it!!

➤ Save the date for **MARCH 3rd** for our **MARDI GRAS** themed **MINISTRY FAIR BREAKFAST** after all the **AM Masses**. Setup/decorate (the day before on **Mar. 2nd**); then on **Mar. 3rd** we need food servers, and Cavalry Clean-Up. **Several volunteers needed!** AND.... Anyone interested in "manning" our **STEWARDSHIP TABLE** to represent our amazing committee during the **MINISTRY FAIR** between Masses, **please let Rene know**.

➤ **ST. PATRICK and LENTEN DINNER committees** are forming, now. Want more info or to sign-up for these event volunteering opportunities, contact **Rene ASAP** at **(714) 330-3765**. We don't take for granted previous years assignments unless you let us know you're interested.... **Please** ☺

➤ Our next **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** is scheduled for **Friday, Feb. 15th**:

6:00-6:30pm: Potluck

6:30-7:00pm: Spiritual Intentions/Stewards in Action

7:00-7:45pm: Event Business

7:45-8:00pm: Finish up / New business

With this kept schedule, you can choose to attend whatever pleases you! And...**NEW MEMBER ARE WELCOME, too!!**

God has graced us with our unique talents to share, and may He keep us in His love and guide us through the Holy Spirit. Amen ☺

What is a Christian steward?

"One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

(American Bishops Pastoral Letter).

Stewardship Corner

February 10, 2019

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Mass for the soul of Alex Yaslik (RIP)

Sunday, February 10

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Nathan Mora (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for the People of the Parish Living & Deceased

10:30 am Mass for Fr. Quang's Personal Intention

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the soul of Patricia

Valentine O'Connor (RIP)

12:30 pm Legion of Mary weekly meeting

Monday, February 11

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Ernest Landell (RIP)

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

Tuesday, February 12

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Nusi Torma (RIP)

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

Wednesday, February 13

8:00 am Mass for Rebecca Richter (L)

9:15 am Legion of Mary weekly meeting

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

6:30 pm Lectionary Scripture Study Group in Hall

Thursday, February 14

8:00 am Mass for Rudy Friendt (L)

1:00 pm Weekly Adoration

3:00 pm Adoration in the Church (til 7:30)

7:00 pm Re-Lit Program/Evangelization - Week 4

7:30 pm Benediction

Friday, February 15

8:00 am Mass for Johnny Chavez (L)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

6:00 pm Stewardship Committee Potluck & Meeting

Saturday, February 16

8:00 am Mass for Rev. Quang Chu (L)

9:00 am Re-Lit Program/Evangelization - Week 4

10:30 am Funeral

3:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass for MaryRose Skylan (L)

Sunday, February 17

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Janie Nagel (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for Joette Ceballos (L)

10:30 am Mass for the People of the Parish Living & Deceased

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the soul of Jenny Rogers (RIP)

12:30 pm Legion of Mary weekly meeting