



ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



321 10th Street ♦ Huntington Beach, Ca 92648 ♦ (714) 536-6913

THE LEGACY PROJECT

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to thank those of you who are supporting our Legacy Project, both prayerfully and financially. This parish is blessed with so many generous hearts! Because of you, we were able to construct our magnificent retablo in the Church with the tabernacle now placed in the center. I thank God for every one of you; for the gifts you bring to ministry and for all you offer to St. Mary's by the Sea Church. May God bless you and your families, in your homes, at work, in your service to the community and your lives in the parish. May you continue to find great joy in the Gospel and in your Catholic faith!

<u># of Pledges</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
(130)	\$558,516	\$522,495
+ money on hand:	+450,000	+450,000
Total Amount =	\$1,008,516	\$972,495

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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

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

ADORATION HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

THURSDAYS: 3:00 TO 7:30 P.M. (BLESSED SACRAMENT
IS EXPOSED & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITED AT 3 P.M.)

FIRST FRIDAYS: 12-HOUR ADORATION

BAPTISMS: THIRD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 1:30 P.M.

BAPTISM CLASSES REQUIRED.

CALL THE RECTORY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

MARRIAGES: ARRANGEMENTS BY APPOINTMENT

AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE MARRIAGE.

R.C.I.A CLASSES: SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL –

MONDAY EVENINGS. FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M. IN
FR. JOHNSON HALL

C.C.D. CLASSES: SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 3:00-4:30 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 A.M.-12 P.M. / 1-5 P.M.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ADORATION & DEVOTION – THE LIEBLANG FAMILY
www.StMarysAdoration.blogspot.com

ALTAR GUILD

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – NINA MERLINO

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – MIKE BANNER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – JIM RAHM

LECTORS – MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY – JOANNE PETERS

PRO-LIFE – JACKY ROZA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LINDA GILBERT (DIRECTOR)

RETREATS – DIANE MILLER

SAFETY MINISTRY - TOM AND SUSAN SIZLO

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – MARY BANNER, IRENE CLAYPOOL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – FELIPA CHADWICK

USHERS - JOE MUNGARI

WEDDING COORDINATOR – GINNY ARAGÓN

WELCOME MINISTRY – AL GRIEGO, SHARON TRAN

Vision & Mission Statement

Our Vision: Be my Disciples. If not you, then who...

Our Mission: St. Mary's by the Sea, a Catholic community of faith, hope, and love, journeying together in the spirit of stewardship, unity, and charity, embracing all in Christ under the mantle of "Our Lady."

Reflections of the Week

The Prophet's Profit

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist, who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament, suffered in the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, they had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, and they believed that the people must obey God's commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God's promises would always be kept.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

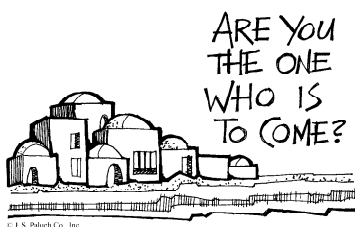
The third gift of the prophets was hope. Hope that by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience, and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God's promises will be kept and God will give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear God's word (Isaiah 35:5), and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Isaiah 35:10).

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Third Sunday of Advent

Incline Thine ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and make bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.



Flowers & Decorating for the Church



➤ If you would like to **donate Poinsettias** for the Church, please bring them to the office by **Friday, Dec. 20th**.

➤ If you would like to help us **decorate the Church & set up our trees and Nativity**, we will begin on **Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 2:00 p.m.** and continue after the **8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, Dec. 23rd**. We will need your help, particularly from men who are able to do semi-heavy lifting, etc.

PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm

(5) Priests for Individual Confessions

✠ **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE** ✠

What are you hiding behind in your life? Perhaps it is an inordinate pride that keeps you hiding from God or an unwillingness to depend on God in all things. Perhaps it is a failure to pray as you should, to think before you speak or to leave unsaid those words that hurt more than physical blows. To aid your reflection in this regard, you should think of yourself not necessarily as a biblical scarlet sinner, but as a daily, dusty pink one who is afraid, for whatever reason, to reach out and love the people you should have, but didn't. There's a whole litany of these dust particles:

- ◆ The words of love you didn't say
- ◆ The comfort suppressed
- ◆ The friendship left to wither
- ◆ Relationships unattended
- ◆ Children neglected as you pursued the better life... for them, of course
- ◆ The little white lies, the face-saving untruths
- ◆ The suppression of revealing your hunger for God

If any of these pertain to you, perhaps you should attend our **Penance Service on December 16th**. Prepare for the birth of Jesus and start anew.

**(Please Note: There will be NO Confessions on Saturday, Dec. 28 or Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020.)*


**Christmas
Schedule...**

**ST. MARY'S BY
THE SEA**

2019

***Penance Service**

Monday, Dec. 16th - Penance Service: 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Vigil - December 24th

Family Vigil Mass: 6:00 p.m.

Christmas - December 25th

Midnight Mass: 12:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. am - English

12:00 noon - Latin Tridentine Mass

The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020.)

January 1, 2020: 8:00 a.m. - English

12:00 p.m. - Latin Tridentine Mass

** (There will be NO Confessions on Saturday,
Dec. 28th or Saturday, January 4, 2020.)*

**Christmas Concert in the Church
& Parish Party**

Tonight, December 15th at 5:00 pm

All parishioners and family are invited to
our **greatest Christmas Concert** ever with our



very own professional singer, our
Cantor - Alyssa Wills and her associates, as they
sing stunning Christmas Carols for you!



➤Afterwards, everyone is invited to the **Parish
Christmas Party** in Fr. Johnson Hall. We'll have Baked
Ham, authentic Tamales, baked Lasagna, and homemade
Egg Rolls. Also, these side dishes: Baked Beans, Rosemary
Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Rice, Salad and
Desserts. These are all provided by some of our ministries.

If you'd like to help with your Parish Christmas
Dinner, please contact **Althea Santucci** at **(714) 658-9705**
for last minute needed dishes or appetizers **please!**

➤If you are providing a dish, we ask that it be **brought
ready to serve (heated or chilled)** in a medium size
aluminum tray to use in our chafing dishes at **4:00 pm**.
You can bring it to the Hall. **Thank you!**

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Pay Asjar	Al Griego	Mary Peduzzi
Sarah Asjar	Nathan Hamby	Diane Pham
Bette Barilla	David Harris	Derek Pham
Bonnie Barilla	Paul Hayes	Debbie Ransom
Carlos Botana	Larry B. Henry	James Resurreccion
Hugh Cahill	Diane Hoxsie	Irene Rinehimer
Colleen Campbell	Marilyn Kefalas	Susan Rocio
Earline Campbell	Roger Kunsaitis	Christine Schiering
Peggy Carrasco	Nam Le	Hilda Shipman
George Christa	Larry Lewis	Flora Simpson
Rosemarie Clouse	Tanya Lodics	Barry Robert Snyder
Ann Costello	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Bob Spellmire
Johnny Costello	Doris McDonald	Dan Stenglein
Dan Derieg	Nina Merlino	Mary Teaze
Helen Donnelly	Rose Palmer	Andrea Wall
Lorraine Dunn	Esperanza Pantoja	

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

Poinsettias for Sale



The Knights of Columbus will be
selling Poinsettias again this year **after all
the Masses** this weekend, **Dec. 14th & 15th**.
Each Poinsettia is beautifully wrapped in foil
and is only **\$10**. Plants can be taken home or
donated to the Church to decorate the Altar and dedicated
"in loving memory of" or "in honor of" if you so desire.



Advent Penance Service Schedule

***Monday, Dec. 16 at 7pm: St. Mary's by the Sea**
Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7pm: Sts. Simon and Jude
Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7pm: St. Joachim
Monday, Dec. 23 at 7pm: St. John the Baptist

Christmas Crib

All through the month of December, we will be
accepting baby gifts for our local crisis pregnancy center.
Please consider a Christmas gift for these precious babies.
Items will be used in various programs to help young
mothers who have chosen life for their babies. A crib will
be in Fr. Johnson Hall during the month of December for
this collection. If you prefer, a monetary donation in an
envelope marked "Christmas Crib" would also be helpful.

2019 PSA Update

of Pledges: 90 / Pledged: \$70,331 / Paid: \$68,302

Weekly Collections
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**Thank You For
Your Generosity!**

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

December 8, 2019

Altar Guild	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$237.00
Building Fund	\$75.00
Specials	\$20.00
Retired Religious.....	\$2,094.25
Regular	\$9,739.56

Please remember to use your envelopes.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent
“Gaudete Sunday”

Many of you may have noticed how we light four candles during Advent - one each Sunday. Three of them in particular are purple to symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken during this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, *Gaudete Sunday*, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.



Stewardship Corner

LOYAL STEWARDS:

Tonight's the Night!! Our best **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** to date, is expected tonight, with several professional singers at **5:00pm!!** We Stewards are then hosting the joint ministry free **DINNER**, for the entire parish family, immediately following this concert around **6:00 pm**. A **HUGE DINNER** with lots of food, and **your help would be appreciated today** at **2:00pm** to set up any and all last minute things, in the Hall and outside on our Patio. We Stewards, are supplying side dishes (to be brought in med size aluminum pans) **ready to serve heated or cooled at 4:00 pm, please**. If you want to help us with this event, call **Althea** at **(714) 658-9705**, for last minute needed dishes or appetizers **please!!** WE STEWARDS will be serving this wonderful meal (and then cleaning it up afterwards at **7:45pm**), so **if you can do either, let Althea know that too!!** We expect more people tonight than ever before. **THANK YOU LOYAL STEWARDS...** you always come though to make every event successful!!

➤ Hope to see everyone at our next monthly **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING Dec. 20th** at **7:00 pm** preceded by an optional stewardship **POTLUCK** at **6:00pm**. New ideas for **NEW YEAR 2020 - come share yours!!**

GOD has truly blessed us... EVERYONE 🍀 🙏

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).

December 15, 2019

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm *Mass for the soul of Victor Angelo Fazzi (RIP)*

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15

7:30 am *Mass for the souls of Maria Lieu & Peter Truong Tran (RIP)*

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

10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Jennie Kanos (RIP)*

12:00pm *Latin Mass for Elaine Hirayama (L)*

12:30 pm Legion of Mary weekly meeting

1:30 pm Baptism

**5:00 pm Christmas Concert in Church & Parish
Christmas Party afterwards**

Monday, December 16

8:00 am *Mass for Julie Pham (L)*

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

7:00 pm Penance Services

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 am *Mass for Robert Sotelo & Family (L)*

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Rosa Thudung Hoang (RIP)*

9:30 am Legion of Mary weekly meeting

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

Thursday, December 19

8:00 am *Mass for the Souls in Purgatory*

1:00pm Weekly Adoration

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

6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

7:30 pm Benediction

Friday, December 20

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Betty Eva Ponce (RIP)*

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

Saturday, December 21

8:00 am *Mass for Edward Gould (L)*

3:00 pm Confessions (til 4:30 pm)

5:00 pm *Mass for Gabriel Pham (L)*

4th Sunday of Advent, December 22

7:30 am *Mass for the Enders Family (L)*

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

10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Patrick Higgins (RIP)*

12:00pm *Latin Mass for the soul of Skip Shutt (RIP)*

12:30 pm Legion of Mary weekly meeting

2:00 pm Decorate outside of Church