

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

R O M A N C A T H O L I C C H U R C H



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*The Office is open from Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm.*

## SCHEDULE

**DAILY MASS** (Mon.-Sat.): 8:00 am

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**  
5:00 pm

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

7:30, 9:00 am & 10:30 am English  
12:00 pm Latin High Mass



### **ADORATION & BENEDICTION:**

Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

### **PERSONAL PRAYER**

Mon.-Thurs. 1:30-4:30 pm

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 pm



## 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**

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: *“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”* When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God’s love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

*A Different Life*

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today’s passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus’ disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel’s oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*A “Large” Faith*

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today’s passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one’s faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a “large” faith is to move from apathy toward others’ sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

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**RCIA Program for Adults**

St. Mary’s by the Sea will offer classes for adults who would like to become a practicing Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. This program is also for Catholics who have not completed their Confirmation. You can come and prepare to receive this Sacrament in one year. And of course, all Catholics are also welcome to join us as a refresher course. Classes are held on **Mondays**, from **7:00-8:15 pm**, beginning the last week of September through Easter.

To register online, go to [www.StMarysByTheSea.net](http://www.StMarysByTheSea.net) (scroll down and on the right side of the page, click the link “RCIA Registration for 2021-22”)

**Parts of the Mass**

**THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The book of Psalms in the Bible is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs – poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy – in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the Responsorial Psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.



**Electronic Donations**

**Did you know you can make both one-time and recurring donations to whatever funds you list and by whatever payment method you choose to offer?** Just go to our website [www.StMarysByTheSea.net](http://www.StMarysByTheSea.net) and click the “Donate” button. This will take you to a secure page. From there, you can make a one-time donation or weekly recurring donations. This method can be used in place of your weekly contribution envelopes to save you from writing a check. **Come visit our website and take a look!**

**Office of Faith Formation Corner**

**SHOULD I INDULGE MYSELF?**

The answer is yes and no. Yes, indulge yourself with everything that brings you *lasting* joy and fulfillment. No, *avoid* self-centered indulgence that robs you of peace, both internal and external. Our society tends to be in consuming mode, and we often choose the most convenient and expedient ways to get what we want whether it be obtaining the latest tech or devouring the foods we crave. Today’s reading challenges us to *wait* a little for the rewards of *eternity*. Jesus says “**Deny... Take...Follow...**” What he seriously proposes is obviously against the current of this world and undoubtedly entails uneasiness and difficulties—but what is *essential* is essentially that which is necessary and lifesaving. Didn’t Christ come to save us? The shortcut is none other than the cross, the emblem of love par excellence (not dreadfulness)—that’s it! It’s in the middle of our Church: the cross. If God took the path, how can we not? And we never have to do this alone.

**“What really hurts is not so much suffering as the fear of suffering. If welcomed trustingly and peacefully, suffering makes us grow. It matures and trains us, purifies us, teaches us to love unselfishly, makes us poor in heart, humble, gentle, and compassionate toward our neighbor. Fear of suffering, on the other hand, hardens us in self-protective, defensive attitudes, and often leads us to make irrational choices with disastrous consequences.”**

— Fr. Jacques Philippe, p. 47

In line with the theme indulgence, the Church invites us to take advantage of the three remaining months to obtain a *plenary indulgence* for souls during this Year of St. Joseph. Details are available at this link <https://yearofstjoseph.org/indulgences>.

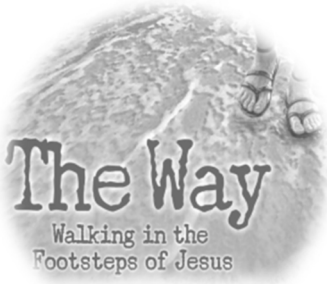
**PREPARING FOR A YEAR OF FAITH FORMATION**

The staff and catechists of our faith family here at St. Mary’s by the Sea are joyfully awaiting and welcoming many children and two adult members to our program this year. We invite our family to continue to join us in prayer. The *office* of evangelization and faith formation is a God-given command to each baptized Christian: we *get* to take on for Jesus and for the spreading of His message to all parts of the earth! What a great honor and responsibly. Nonetheless, we have the Spirit as *our refuge and His faithfulness our shield* as we venture on in faith.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

- First Communion – Monday, 3:30pm-4:30pm, Year 1
- Post-Communion – Tuesday, 5:00-6:00pm
- Confirmation – Monday 5:15pm-6:30pm, Year 1 & 2
- RCIA & Adult Confirmation- Monday 7-8:15pm

Please contact [emailsisterc@yahoo.com](mailto:emailsisterc@yahoo.com)



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)**

WWME is a weekend for married Christian couples who desire a richer, fuller life together. The emphasis is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life to concentrate on each other.

Orange County WWME is hosting two upcoming in-person experiences at **St. Thomas More** in **Irvine** on **Sept. 18 & 19** and **Nov. 6 & 7**.

To register, please visit [OCWWME.org](http://OCWWME.org) or contact **John and Maggie Lee** at (714) 873-5136.

**Resiliency of the Spirit**

It is not through strength alone that trees survive. It is not in never bending but in never failing to spring erect again, after the gale has passed, that victory is achieved.

Resiliency is also an important factor in triumphant living. The winds of life will bend us, but if we have resiliency-of-the-spirit, they cannot break us. To courageously straighten again, after our heads have been bowed by defeat, disappointment, and suffering, is the supreme test of character.

-Catholic Quote. Vol. 84, No. 9

**Let Us Pray for the Sick...**

Pay Asjar	Beck Fearnley	Thomas Nester
Sarah Asjar	Juanita Gillen	Maria H. Nguyen
Mike Banner	James Gould	Rosalie Ocanas
Bette Barilla	Al Griego	Mary Peduzzi
Bonnie Barilla	Marilyn Gulino	Diane Pham
Angela Bennett	Chin Ha	Derek Pham
Teresa Braga	Nathan Hamby	Pat Quintana
Lynn Briggs	Chloe Hammarstrom	Debbie Ransom
Colleen Campbell	David Harris	Irene Rinehimer
Earline Campbell	Virginia Harris	Susan Rocio
Peggy Carrasco	Paul Hayes	Colleen Rowe
George Christa	Larry B. Henry	Julie Sanchez
Rosemarie Clouse	Diane Hoxsie	Mark Scally
Stacey Coburn	Paula Keating	Hilda Shipman
Ann Costello	Marilyn Kefalas	Barry Robert Snyder
Johnny Costello	Jake Kemeny	Bob Spellmire
Linda Coyne	Roger Kunsaitis	Mary Teaze
Dan Derieg	Ernest Landell	Bernadette Vanderhorst
Vicky Derieg	Nam Le	Leann Vanderhorst
Bryan Donnelly	Larry Lewis	Andrea Wall
Helen Donnelly	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Nancy Yaslik
Ann Erwin	Nina Merlino	Maria Zelaya

**Those in the Armed Forces**

Jonathan Caico, Jean Pendergrass



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

**September 5, 2021**

<b>St. Vincent de Paul.....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$1,025.00</b>
<b>Specials .....</b>	<b>\$410.00</b>
<b>Regular Collection .....</b>	<b>\$9,760.61</b>

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!

***St. Joseph Virtual Summit***

**Free 3-Day Pass!**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

Develop a greater devotion to Saint Joseph, and learn how to protect yourself, your marriage and your family against evil by registering for a **3-day virtual summit** in the Year of Saint Joseph. It will feature more than 40 renowned Catholic speakers—including Bishop Kevin Vann, Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen and Bishop Timothy Freyer—as well as a worldwide audience of Catholic brothers and sisters. All will discover the fruits of an intimate friendship with the guardian of the Holy Family and protector of the Universal Church: Saint Joseph!

For more information and to register for the free 3-day pass, go to: [www.spiritfillevents.com](http://www.spiritfillevents.com).



**LOYAL STEWARDS,**

we have no monthly meeting this month, but will restart them again on **October 13<sup>th</sup>**, and **every second Wed.** of the month at **6:00 pm** in **Fr. Johnson Hall**. *Is anyone interested in restarting potlucks?* (If we are able?) Let me know, and I'll run it past Fr. Chu. **Anyone who would like to join our ministry is welcome to do so.** Several have signed up at different venues but haven't attended our meeting yet. We hope you can join us in October!

➤ We are also adding new members to our **PRAYER WARRIORS**, which was started during the Covid lockdown with just a few members and has now grown to many. The outcome of our prayers has been so amazing and is proof that God hears us! Fr. Chu has stated several times that he is very happy and proud of this Stewardship ministry's commitment to helping others in any way possible and with our prayers especially. Thank you Angels of SMBTS!

➤ Remember we are scheduled as a committee to fill in at **ADORATION** every week, on **Thursday** from **1:00-2:00pm**.....And, every **FIRST Friday**, same time. ***Please help us do that!*** We have 70 members and only 2-3 people show up. We can do better in spending one hour per week with our Lord together.

May God bless us, and keep us safe and healthy to serve others in HIS name, especially Fr. Chu, Fr. Pascal, and Fr. Jim. 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**

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

5:00 pm *Mass for the People of the Parish -  
Living and Deceased*

**Sunday, September 12**

7:30 am *Mass for the souls of Maria & Joseph  
Vang Pham (RIP)*

9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Gerald D. Clark  
(RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for Peace in the World*

12:00 pm *Latin Mass for Richard Nelson (L)*

**Monday, September 13**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Frank Gillen (RIP)*

6:30 pm **Confirmation Team meeting**

**Tuesday, September 14**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of David Gill (RIP)*

**Wednesday, September 15**

8:00 am *Mass for Sister Katherine Rose (L)*

9:30 am **Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**

**Thursday, September 16**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Frances King Luk  
Choi Wen (RIP)*

9am-3pm **Adoration & Benediction**

6:30 pm **Finance Council Meeting**

**Friday, September 17**

8:00 am *Mass for Michelle Ponce (L)*

9:00 am *Cenacles of Life*

**Saturday, September 18**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Nancy Montanelli  
(RIP)*

3:00 pm **Confessions (only until 4:00 pm)**

5:00 pm *Mass for Rebecca Richter (L)*

**Sunday, September 19**

7:30 am *Mass for the soul of Kathryn Kremer  
(RIP)*

9:00 am *Mass for the People of the Parish -  
Living and Deceased*

10:30 am *Mass for the Knights of Columbus  
Families (L)*

12:00 pm *Latin Mass for the Osborne Family (L)*

12:00 pm **Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**

1:30 pm **Baptisms**