

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



2016 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

*"PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC...
KNOW. LOVE. SERVE"*

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2016 PSA last year for their donations. St. Mary's by the Sea Parish is truly blessed to have such faithful parishioners who not only met our Diocesan goal of \$34,000, but greatly exceeded it. Our final end of the year report is as follows:

# of Registered Families	# of Pledges Received	Total Pledges	Total Paid
543	87	\$69,250	\$68,850

As you can see, we doubled the goal given to us by the Diocese, which resulted in **rebates back to our Church of: \$35,250!** May God abundantly bless you all!

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Rev. Quang Vinh Chu, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Concitis



Deacon Glenn Erwin (retired)

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 PM

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

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.

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 – SUSAN HAWLEY

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – NINA MERLINO

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – MIKE BANNER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – HANS ANTER

LECTORS – MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY – JOANNE PETERS

MINISTRY TO THE SICK – DEACON GLENN ERWIN

PRO-LIFE – JACKY ROZA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LINDA GILBERT (DIRECTOR)

RETREATS – ANN ERWIN, DALE SCHIERING

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – MARY BANNER, IRENE CLAYPOOL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – FELIPA CHADWICK

USHERS – DERRICK PERONT

WEDDING COORDINATOR – GINNY ARAGÓN

WELCOME MINISTRY – AL GRIEGO

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, tradition 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.

Reflections of the Week

Behold the Lamb of God

You may wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. Did they associate that name with the paschal lamb whose blood protected the Israelites from the Angel of Death? After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus, yet he trusts God's revelation that Jesus would "baptize with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:33). We also may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally John baptized others as sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be. What looks like failure to us can be success in God's eyes.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. While that sounds obvious to us, it took courage to say that to people who would have thought it blasphemy. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it, and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others. As we point out the Lamb of God to those who don't know him, we get to know him better ourselves.

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**Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast**



Today, January 15th

8:30 am to noon

Come join fellow parishioners this Sunday after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses for a Pancake Breakfast served in Fr. Johnson Hall.

The price is \$7 for adults / \$4 for children & \$20 for a family (up to 5 members)

☆We'll see you there!☆

"[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others."

-Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, www.goo.gl/uwk5e4
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Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Msgr. Peter Tien Nguyen	Ann Erwin Deacon Glenn Erwin	Jane Moran Judy Overton
Victor Alonzo	Frank Gillet	Debbie Ransom
Aurora Aragón	Al Griego	Arthur Richter
Humberto Aragón	Jane Hilton	Susan Rocio
Bette Barilla	Diane Hoxsie	Lisa Rodish
Peggy Carrasco	Shelly Jones	Toni Sharp
Frank Cartwright	Roger Kunsaitis	Elfriede Shipman
Rodrigo Castro	Baby Hendrix Kunze	Dan Stenglein
George Christa	Cathy Lipsky	Andrea Wall
Mary Crosby	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Nancy Yaslik
Bryan Donnelly	Jean Markham	George Zin
Helen Donnelly	Patricia McKenzie	
Charlie Erpenbeck	Nathan Mora	

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

Jack Robe †	Daniel Tierney: 2LT - US Army
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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 pm** 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**.

In addition, we always have **24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every **First Friday of the month** beginning after the 8am Mass and ending before the 8am Mass begins on Saturday.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



2016 Tax Donation Letters

If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2016 tax return, please contact the Parish Office (714-536-6913, ext. 112) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.

Character

You can fool the hapless public,
 You can be a subtle fraud,
 You can hide your little meanness,
 But you can't fool God!
 You can advertise your virtues,
 You can self-achievement laud,
 You can load yourself with riches,
 But you can't fool God!
 You can criticize the Bible,
 You can be a selfish clod,
 You can lie, swear, cheat, drink, and steal,
 But you can't fool God!
 You can magnify your talent,
 You can hear the world applaud,
 You can boast yourself as somebody,
 But you can't fool God!

Hello Loyal Stewards:

BRAVO.... For coming out to our first monthly meeting Friday night with such enthusiasm! This will be our finest year yet, as they get better and we jell as experienced event hosts, all the while evangelizing.

➤Our upcoming event **SUPERBOWL PARTY** will be **Feb. 5th**.... Further news will be included in our emailed minutes, as well as any other new business and volunteering opportunities very soon.

➤Thank you for reading Stewardship Corner for news.... And please pray for our fellow Stewards who are battling illnesses or a lost loved one.



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

Some Truths Adults Have Learned

- Raising teenagers is alot like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- There is always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles on my face don't hurt.
- The best way to keep kids at home is to make it a pleasant atmosphere (and let the air out of their tires).
- Car sickness is the feeling you get when the monthly car payments are due.
- Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Laughing helps. It's like jogging on the inside.
- My mind not only wanders; sometimes it just leaves completely and I don't know where it is hiding.
- If you are able to remain calm while everyone else is rushing around, you just don't have all the facts.
- You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

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 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!**

Weekly Offering

Thank You For Your Generosity!



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

January 8, 2017

Altar Guild	\$40.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$660.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
EFT & Credit Card.....	\$1,140.00
Regular	\$5,646.64

Please remember to use your envelopes.

-- **CHRIST FOREVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** --

Donors = (90)	Pledged = \$221,346
Paid = \$145,170.17	Rebates = \$43,438

Sanctity or Quality of Life?

In the late 1980's, a 17 year old Italian girl name Chiara began experiencing an incredible amount of pain throughout her body. After she visited medical professionals and underwent a series of tests, it was discovered that she had terminal bone cancer. Ultimately, this painful condition rendered her essentially paralyzed. Unable to play tennis, dance or run (some of her favorite activities), Chiara was confined to her hospital bed for the next two years. When friends or family members would come to visit her in order to cheer her up, the way she attended to them left them realizing that they were the ones who were being encouraged and strengthened! Chiara refused to accept pain-killers because she said that they made it too difficult to concentrate. She said, "there's only one thing I can do now: to offer my suffering to Jesus because I want to share as much as possible in his sufferings on the cross." In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Chiara.

Blessed Chiara had a vision of life that revealed a "Sanctity of Life" ethic. She knew that there is a God who gives all our lives (even painful and difficult lives) meaning and purpose. The alternative vision that the culture around us presents is called a "Quality of Life" ethic. This alternative and painfully shallow vision of life indicates that life is only "worth it" if a person is young, healthy, pain-free, and surrounded by loved ones. This "Quality of Life" ethic is utterly bankrupt. It cannot make sense of any life that doesn't match up to a 21st-century American vision of health, strength and prosperity. It doesn't know what to do with individuals who are suffering. It doesn't know what to do with human beings who are developmentally disabled or incapacitated or those who lives are considered to be non-productive. But do we truly want to create a world where other human beings who are considered to be inconvenient are treated as though they are disposable?

What story, what "vision" has each of us been adopting? Have we unknowingly adopted a "Quality of Life" perception over a "Sanctity of Life" understanding? Have we ever found ourselves saying (or thinking) something along the lines of, "If I didn't have my sight, my legs, my consciousness, my _____, my life would not be worth living"?

By our prayers, our actions, and the way we treat other people, we help to shape the world in which we live. Will it be a world where the "Quality of Life" ethic reigns and no one's permanent value is recognized, or one in which the "Sanctity of Life" ethic prevails and everyone is treated according to their incalculable worth, which nothing can take away?

-Excerpt from Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"
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January 15, 2017

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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

Sunday January 15

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

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

9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Andrew Paul Pompura
(RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*

12:00 pm *Mass for the soul of Jim D'Addario (RIP)*

12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

8:00 am *Mass for the souls of John & Pat Sullivan
(RIP)*

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Tuesday, January 17

8:00 am *Mass for Damien Erwin (L)*

10:30 am Staff meeting

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Skip Shutt (RIP)*

9:15 am Legion of Mary weekly meeting

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

6:30 pm Scripture Reflection

Thursday, January 19

8:00 am *Mass for the souls of Jon & Helen Truty
(RIP)*

1:00 pm Weekly Adoration

3:00-7:30 pm Blessed Sacrament Exposed

7:30 pm Benediction

Friday, January 20

8:00 am *Mass for Sean Lopez (L)*

9:00 am Cenacles of Life (in the Church)

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Saturday, January 21

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Richard Hawley (RIP)*

10:00 am Pastoral Council Meeting

11:00 am Funeral for John Street

3:00-4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm *Mass for soul of James Craig (RIP)*

Sunday January 22

7:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*

9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Brigid Lucia (RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for a Healthy Delivery of the Close
Twins (L)*

12:00 pm *Mass for the souls of Bert & Dennis Rojas
(RIP)*

12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting