

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Parish Ministries

ADORATION & DEVOTION - THE LIEBLANG FAMILY  
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BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE - SUSAN SIZLO

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RETREATS - DIANE MILLER

SAFETY MINISTRY - TOM & SUSAN SIZLO

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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 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

Both Isaiah and John the Baptist were blessed with the eyes of faith, the wisdom to understand what they were seeing, and the will to proclaim it. Despite years in exile in Babylon, Isaiah saw the day when God's salvation would come to the whole world. John saw something like a dove descend upon Jesus and realized that this was the Holy Spirit. Baptized with the same Holy Spirit, we too are able to see with the eyes of faith: to recognize the Lord in the word of God just proclaimed, in the Eucharist we are about to share, and in each other and in our world. Do we recognize the Lord as Isaiah and John did?

"If you see something, say something" tells us to report something out of place or suspicious. John the Baptist followed this directive in a different way, however, when he saw Jesus coming toward him. He said something all right, but he said it to publicly testify that this was the Son of God, who came to take away our sins. With our eyes of faith we have seen the Lord as well—in the Eucharist, in this community gathered together in his name, and in the stranger in need. We are also called to testify to the presence of Christ where we see him.

Seven times in the first chapter of his Gospel John uses a form of the word testify to describe what John the Baptist has come to do. The word suggests a witness in a courtroom. Much later, when Jesus is called before Pilate to testify, he tells Pilate that he has come into the world "to testify to the truth" (John 18:37). John's Gospel itself is his testimony of the Lamb of God, willingly led to slaughter to take away the sin of the world. To be a Christian is to be called to testify to the truth we know in the Lord.

### Question of the Week

How can I be a better witness to the truth, to what I see with eyes of faith?

-GIA Publications



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Church in Africa, Latin America & Eastern Europe

This weekend, there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Church in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. These countries have a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers presenting many obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to this collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. Please be as generous as possible!

### Facing Suffering

Good health is one of the blessings anyone can enjoy. But when health falls apart, how is the Christian to face decline and suffering?

He may become bitter, feeling that life has been unfair to him and that his suffering is undeserved punishment for sins he did not commit. Or he may become a whiner, wallowing in self pity and going from one dark valley of despair to another.

Or.... he may summon both courage and faith, and resolve to rise above his impaired health, remembering that the spirit of a man is always more important than his body.

If this is the ill person's resolution, he has some wonderful examples as how to conquer.

Robert Louis Stevenson was tubercular, but even from his bed he wrote poetry which delighted children and inspired adults.

Father Damian continued to serve lepers in their colony at Molokai, Hawaii, long after he became a victim of the terrible disease.

The Apostle Paul did not allow his "thorn in the flesh" to curtail his extensive missionary journeys nor his great task of planting new churches.

And Father Daniel Johnson, the former pastor of 25+ years here, who spent most of his last days in pain and suffering from cancer and Bell's Palsy, did not let that stop him. In fact, he wrote this excerpt about suffering in one of our bulletins titled "Original Sin":

*"One of the real consequences of that first sin is the fact that instinctively we recoil from suffering. The flesh objects and the spirit can easily follow. Consequently, the secular world has no real answer to suffering. Our beautiful Catholic Faith underlines the importance, and yes, the beauty of suffering. The Divine Babe of Bethlehem grew up to suffer and to die on the cross for each one of us. True love is expressed by the degree that we are willing to endure on behalf of our beloved. This applies to our attempt to return our love to our sovereign God and to others such as family members and friends along with even strangers and enemies.*

*Such is the story of all of the Saints, starting with the Mother of Sorrows. It will always be so. No cross, no crown. My present affliction is little in comparison to so many others. May these reflections help me with my own warfare between flesh and spirit with the hope that spirit will prevail. May these reflections bring meaning and consolation to others who might not have yet appreciated that their cross is actually "a shadow of His hand outstretched caressingly."* (From the Pastor's Desk, by Rev. Daniel Johnson, Article #1)

These men of faith capitalized on their calamities and changed them from liabilities into assets by their courage and fortitude.

***Our challenge is to follow them!***

- Catholic Quote. Vol. 74, No. 1 (Adapted)

**Marriage Resources**

The Catholic Church cares about your marriage. Every marriage witnesses to God's faithful, fruitful, and lasting love for His people. Marriage confers a myriad of benefits on a husband and wife, and on any children that they are blessed with.

Like all vocations, those called to marriage benefit from ongoing education and formation. The Diocese of Orange offers many resources for married couples to help strengthen the spouses' love for each other. Please visit [www.rcbo.org/marriage](http://www.rcbo.org/marriage) to see what is available to help enrich and strengthen your marriage.



**2022 Tax Donation Letters**

If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2022 tax return, please contact the Parish Office (714-536-6913, ext. 112) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.

**Special Intentions of Pope Francis  
For January 2023**

**For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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

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| Mike Banner        | Lorraine Griffin | Ken Mattocks           |
| Bette Barilla      | Marilyn Gulino   | Gregory Mueller        |
| Ted Beresford      | Chin Ha          | Bill & Carolyn Myrter  |
| Connie Bowles      | Nathan Hamby     | Steve W. Myrter        |
| Lynn Briggs        | David Harris     | Thomas Nester          |
| Joe Caico          | Paul Hayes       | Rosalie Ocanas         |
| Colleen Campbell   | Dave Hedlund     | Joanne Peters          |
| Peggy Carrasco     | Jody Hedlund     | Diane Pham             |
| LaNell Ceballos    | Larry B. Henry   | Derek Pham             |
| Lindsay Ceballos   | Ken Hernandez    | Tricia Pusateri        |
| Miguelito Ceballos | Terri Sue Hill   | Debbie Ransom          |
| George Christa     | Diane Hoxsie     | Susan Rocio            |
| Rosie Clouse       | Keri Johnson     | Colleen Rowe           |
| Ann Costello       | Paula Keating    | Hilda Shipman          |
| Johnny Costello    | Marilyn Kefalas  | Barrett Slavens        |
| Rose Delmer        | Maurice Kramer   | Barry Robert Snyder    |
| Vicky Dering       | Roger Kunsaitis  | Bob Spellmire          |
| Bryan Donnelly     | Ernest Landell   | Mary Teaze             |
| Helen Donnelly     | Nam Le           | Bernadette Vanderhorst |
| Mary Dunthorne     | Julie Lee        | Andrea Wall            |
| Ann Erwin          | Arturo Loya      | Joe Yadrick            |
| Sandy Gee          | Fr. Eamon Mackin | Nancy Yaslik           |
| Breanna Greene     | Dorothy Marshall | Sam Zappia             |
| Al Griego          | Adam Mattocks    | Maria Zelaya           |

**For Those in the Armed Forces**

J. Caico, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, S. Miller, T. Pace, J. Pendergrass, Capt. D. Tierney

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

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Dan Stenglein (RIP)  
\*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

**Sunday, January 15**

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

7:30 am Mass for the souls of Maria Lieu & Peter Truong Tran (RIP)  
9:00 am Mass for the soul of Robert Reilly (RIP)  
10:30 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
12:00 pm Latin Mass for the souls of Leonard & Anita Whitney (RIP)  
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.  
1:30 pm Baptism

**Monday, January 16**

\*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed\*

8:00 am Mass for Dean Lohuis (L)

**Tuesday, January 17**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Pura Nepomuceno (RIP)  
10:30 am Staff meeting  
5:15 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class - Year 2 & Post Communion class (til 6:15pm)

**Wednesday, January 18**

8:00 am Mass for Rev. Tuan Pham (L)  
9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.  
6:30 pm Historical Committee meeting in Hall

**Thursday, January 19**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Phero Ricky Tran (RIP)  
9am-3pm Adoration and Benediction  
6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

**Friday, January 20**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Elizabeth Samson (RIP)  
9:00 am Cenacles of Life

**Saturday, January 21**

8:00 am Mass for James Lieblang (L)  
10:30 am Pastoral Council meeting  
3:00 pm Confessions (til 4:00 pm)  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of James Craig (RIP)

**Sunday, January 22**

7:30 am Mass for Elizabeth Bramblett (L)  
9:00 am Mass for the soul of Nina Merlino (RIP)  
10:30 am Mass for the soul of Miriam Rodriguez (RIP)  
12:00 pm Latin Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Office of Faith Formation

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



John the Baptist describes God's manifestation in Jesus as follows:  
"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

How magnificent is John's testimony! The Scripture is the living word of God speaking directly to our hearts. Many hearts are being transformed by the ongoing communication of the Holy Spirit to those who seek to know God's will. Our parish family would be so delighted to hear how the wonder of God's word transformed the hearts and minds of parishioners here at St. Mary's by the Sea. Do you have a testimony to share?

God is within us as he promised and he is walking beside us in these weeks of Ordinary Time. The Church invites us to continually gaze upon Christ and have a closer and deeper encounter with him through his years of ministry. You are invited to invest time in prayer and seek to know Jesus more and more each day.



Stewardship Corner



Stewardship  
Committee

**HELLO STEWARDS!**

**Happy Sunday!** As we begin the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hope you are preparing for an extraordinary year filled with many opportunities and blessings. The Stewardship Committee is blessed and grateful to have so many generous hearts and helping hands among us. We want to thank all of you who shared your time by helping to take down Christmas decorations inside and outside the parish this past week. We would also like to **invite all of you** to attend our **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** on **January 26** at **6:00 pm** to learn about more volunteer opportunities within the parish this year. Our meeting will be a planning meeting with an overview of this year's events. **We hope to see you there!**

Once again, we invite you to join us for **ADORATION** every **Thursday** at **12pm** and/or on **FIRST FRIDAYS** at **1pm** or whenever your schedule allows. This is a great opportunity for prayer and reflection while offering your private petitions to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. As always, please continue to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are facing health, financial, and other personal challenges. Your prayers are powerful and needed! Please remember that you are appreciated and loved! 🙏

**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).

*Divine Purpose. Christ has put you here for a purpose according to His will, known only to Him. He has some work, for you to discover and do. Therefore, seek and do it!*



Conquering Self

Jesus Christ alone is the true friend of our hearts. They are made for Him alone, and so can find neither repose, joy nor consolation but in Him.

Let us then love Him with all our strength, suffering everything in silence for His love, which sweetens all the bitterness of life, and which is our strength in the battle, that battle which we must constantly fight with our enemies, the most powerful and difficult to conquer - **being ourselves!**

*-Catholic Quote. Vol. 85, No. 1*