

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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>
(129)	\$522,116	\$416,224
+ money on hand:	+450,000	+450,000
Total Amount =	\$972,116	\$866,224

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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., 12:10 P.M. & 5:30 P.M. &
7:00 P.M. LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS ON HOLY DAY



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

ADORATION HOURS:

THURSDAYS: 3:00 TO 7:30 P.M. (BLESSED SACRAMENT IS EXPOSED & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITED AT 3 PM)
FIRST FRIDAYS: 12-HOUR ADORATION (9 A.M.-9 P.M.)

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

BAPTISM CLASSES REQUIRED. THESE ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7-9 P.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

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – NINA MERLINO

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – MIKE BANNER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – HANS ANTER

LECTORS – MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY – JOANNE PETERS

PRO-LIFE – JACKY ROZA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LINDA GILBERT (DIRECTOR)

RETREATS – DIANE MILLER

SAFETY MINISTRY – TOM & 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

God's Reward is the Kingdom.

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are raised from the dead, as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

Today's Gospel from Luke is the Sermon on the Plain with the Beatitudes, what we usually think of as the Sermon on the Mount. It seems as though Jesus is congratulating those who would have been considered unfortunate, doesn't it? The Beatitude statements overturn the concept of fortunate in Jesus' time, naming those who are poor, hungry, mourning, or marginalized as those who should rejoice. Jesus continues with prophetic and startling "Woe to you!" statements, directed to those usually thought of as blessed. Heavenly reward is not a privilege of the rich and comfortable, but a blessing for all who trust in God, whose reward will be great in heaven.

The first reading and the psalm take a somewhat different focus: trust in God, not people or things of this world. One who trusts in God is fortunate, like a plant that produces good fruit, sustained by living waters and currents of grace. Not so the wicked, who wither and vanish, blowing away like the illusions of their self-absorption.

Paul, in the second reading, confronts members of the early Christian community of Corinth who were doubting, or devaluing, belief in Jesus' resurrection and the general resurrection of the dead. Depending on the material world in their spiritual pride, they believed that their righteousness was something they had achieved on their own. They felt self-sufficient, rich, and not in need of the ongoing saving power of Christ's resurrection that completes the sacrifice of Good Friday through Easter, which is our true blessing. *So, congratulations!* Acknowledging our need for God, we are rich in the Kingdom love of our Father. Our hunger is satisfied by the sustaining nourishment of the Spirit. Our weeping is turned into dancing knowing that Jesus is with us in our sorrows, in fact knew them when he walked upon earth. Reasons enough for us to rejoice, always, even when people treat us badly. God's reward to us is the Kingdom, now and always.

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Update of our Relit Program

We just would like to thank those of you who have been attending our Relit Program. The response to it has been overwhelmingly positive. Over 40 parishioners are participating in the program. Unfortunately, we cannot add any more people to this session, but will have a new session begin after Easter.

2019 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)
"We Are One"

One of the most exceptional parts of belonging to St. Mary's by the Sea is knowing that we are part of something much greater than any one person. Our Church connects us all - as neighbors, as a community, as children of God and followers of Christ. From faith formation to outreach in the community, to social and community activities, our parish is alive in the spirit.

This week, all registered parishioners will be receiving information by mail on the **2019 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)**. The PSA helps to support the ministries of our Diocesan Church in all of our parishes and centers, and helps to strengthen the bonds of communion and family in our local parish, as well. It also gives us the opportunity to raise funds for the parish by earning rebates over our own individual diocesan goal. We are only asked once a year to make this special pledge. The Parish Finance Council has recommended, and our Pastor has approved, a 2019 parish goal of \$85,000 with pledges from 674 of our families. Once our diocesan goal of \$38,000 is paid, all additional gifts will be returned to the parish in the form of a rebate to complete our parish projects. This includes two new ADA compliant restrooms. We would like to achieve this goal by December 31, 2019.

It is important you listen to your heart and prayerfully discern how God wants you to use the gifts He has entrusted to your care. You may make your pledge by using the special envelope you receive, or you may go online at www.oc-foundation.org. There are also extra pledge envelopes in the pew racks. Your pledge may be paid all at one time, quarterly or spread out over a ten month period. Any gift you can give will be appreciated. Every pledge is important and no monthly pledge is too small.

Together, we can reach this extraordinary goal!

Safety Information

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for Safety and Security procedures while at St. Mary's by the Sea. It also contains a Church Evacuation Plan, which will be practiced with a drill after all the Masses next weekend.

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**.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Faith Formation

WHY GO TO MASS ON SUNDAY?

There are many people today who will be quick to tell you that they are Catholic, but how many of them are actually attending Mass on Sunday? Some may wonder, "Why should I go to Mass at all?"

First of all, we go to Mass because we are spiritually hungry and to receive the help we need to live a Christian life. We hear God's word and are nourished by the Lord's body and blood in the Eucharist. We need God's help to keep going in life and deal with any problems we may have. Active participation at the Eucharist is rewarded by God's grace and help.

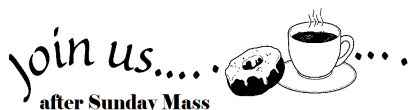
Secondly, the 3rd Commandment says to "Keep holy the Sabbath Day." Since earliest times, Christians have observed Sunday as a day of worship and rest in order to honor the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The Church teaches that Catholics have a serious obligation to participate in Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation. Willfully disobeying this precept is seriously sinful, whereas reverent obedience can bring about wonderful blessings in our lives.

Thirdly, by participating in Sunday Eucharist, we become a part of the Christian community where we live or where we happen to be. We are called to enter into relationships with others on our Christian journey through this life to the Father. Active involvement in a broad range of parish activities, beginning with Mass, give great meaning to our lives and provides opportunities for deep, sustaining friendships.

Being in the habit of regular Mass attendance brings with it a spiritual discipline that helps an individual throughout the rest of the week. It is a strong sign of our Catholicity, an anchor to hold on to so that our spiritual values will not be overcome by the materialistic ones.

In the long run, active participation in Sunday Eucharist is the bare minimum for being a good Catholic. Much more is needed if we are to allow our faith to be an intimate part of our lives. However, a Catholic who doesn't participate in Mass every Sunday is a Catholic whose spiritual hunger is not being fed.

-Adapted from "Why Be a Catholic" - Our Sunday Visitor.



Thank You!

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's by the Sea for their monetary contributions during this past holiday season. With your help, they were able to assist 175 families and individuals at Christmas with food and gift cards. Also, thank you for all the peanut butter when they requested it.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of **Nicolaus Kayde Buehring** who was baptized here on **February 9, 2019.**



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.



Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Natie 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 Derieg	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
Rusty Hawley	Gloria Pagenkopp	

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

Aurora Aragón †

Weekly Offering

Thank You For Your Generosity!

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

February 10, 2019

Altar Guild	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$186.00
Building Fund	\$22.00
Specials	\$20.00
Regular	\$6,371.00

Please remember to use your envelopes.

- - - CHRIST FOREVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - - -

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

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



LOYAL STEWARDS:

Friday night's **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** was a wonderful and productive one! *Thank you all for your enthusiasm and new ideas!* If you missed the meeting, you can still sign-up for any volunteering opportunities with Mary or Rene, anytime, and **watch for emails** about them since we will have **4 events** in the next two months, and **NO STEWARDSHIP MEETING** in March or April due to our Holiday schedule.

➤ Sooooo... Most importantly and **coming up SOON, March 3rd**, is our **MINISTRY FAIR**. Help is needed for serving hot and cold finger foods **after the AM Masses**. Come by and help after your Mass, and if you'd like to share your personal experience as a Steward with fellow parishioners at our place at the **MINISTRY FAIR, we'd love to have you!!**

HERE ARE THE NEXT EVENT DATES FOR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

➤ **March 15 & 16: PARISH MISSION** (Fr. Chu will give us further instructions and volunteering opportunities to help him with this.) Watch for emails.

➤ **ALSO, March 16th** in the **PM: ST. PATRICK DINNER** (Set-up and decorate after the AM Mass on **Mar. 15th** at **8:45am** with official approval anticipated.) **Cooks and servers are needed for the dinner**, and **clean-up after** the dinner around **7:00 pm on March 16th**. Colleen will have a meeting soon to organize this. If you haven't signed up or given your email address to be on her committee, **please let her or Mary B. know** so you will get more information, please.

➤ Then **TWO LENTEN MEALS (Mar. 29 & Apr. 12)** to plan and sign up with Mary or Rene and attend upcoming meeting soon

Everyone who actively participated in our events by sharing their T, T, and T are enriched by this experience, and are growing our faith community here at St. Mary's by the Sea... **thank you all** and may God continue to bless us in these efforts of love and joy together in His Name. 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).

February 17, 2019

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Mass for MaryRose Skoylan (L)

Sunday, February 17

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

9:00 am Mass for Joetie 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

Monday, February 18

President's Day - The Office is Closed

8:00 am Mass for Dolores Garcia (L)

Tuesday, February 19

8:00 am Mass for Gail Hirayama (L)

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall

Wednesday, February 20

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

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 21

8:00 am Mass for the soul of William Feeney (RIP)

1:00 pm Weekly Adoration

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

6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

7:00 pm Re-Lit Program/Evangelization - Week 5

7:30 pm Benediction

Friday, February 22

8:00 am Mass for Rachel B. Espino-Nottke (L)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

1:00-4:30pm Weekly Adoration

4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, February 23

8:00 am Mass for the souls of Stanley & Josephine Grosso (RIP)

9:00 am Re-Lit Program/Evangelization - Week 5

10:00 am Pastoral Council meeting

1:30 pm Wedding

3:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass for the souls of the Filippe & Lage Families (RIP)

Sunday, February 24

PSA Kick-Off

7:30 am Mass for Erin Griffith (L)

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Nathan Mora (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for Mateo Aragón (L)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the People of the Parish living and deceased

12:30 pm Legion of Mary weekly meeting