

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PREPARE YOURSELF FOR LENT... A TIME OF JOY

Lent is just around the corner. It will begin on March 1st with Ash Wednesday. It is a time of sacrifice and discipline, but it should not be a time of sadness. Instead it should be a season of great joy. The first Preface for the Mass in Lent clearly reminds us of this:

For by your gracious gift each year
your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts
with the joy of minds made pure.

As Christians, we are stirring up our faith and love for God and each other so that, on Easter, we are ready to meet the risen Lord refreshed and restored.

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

Become "Perfect" as the Father is Perfect

How many people heard today's Gospel and said, "You expect me to do that?" Aren't we supposed to resist evil? Yes, we are; but Jesus makes an important distinction between evil acts and the person who commits them. Why? Because God does just that. As Jesus says, God sends sunshine and rain on both good and bad people. So how do we resist evil? We do as Jesus did--we conquer it with love.

When Jesus died on the cross, this was the victory over sin and death because he gave his life for us out of love. This love was for everyone, especially those sinners who need it. You might say he loves sinners most of all. Why? Because they need his love the most. All he asks of us is to show love to everyone, even our enemies.

Now when we read the examples in the Gospel (Matthew 5:39-42), we may be tempted to say that they just encourage people to be bad, that the way to stop evil is to make people suffer for doing evil. But Jesus didn't say to let people run over you. Instead of a weak passivism, we actively offer the other cheek, hand over the cloak, or go the extra mile. And that's just for the ones who occasionally annoy us. Later in the same Gospel, Jesus tells us to love and pray for our enemies--those who hate us and continually try to harm us.

But notice what he doesn't say. He never promises that we will change these people, that our actions will eventually cause them to repent or become our friends. No, he only asks his disciples to change, to become "perfect" as the Father is perfect. Of course, we can never be infinitely good, all-knowing, and all-powerful like God. But Jesus calls us not to perfectionism but to holiness. That kind of holiness comes only from God, just as changing evil-doers or enemies is up to God. God can work through us to change the hearts of others, but God always respects their freedom. Perhaps the love we show to our enemies will at least open their hearts to the possibility of receiving the love of God, who can help them to become holy, too.

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2nd Collection for the Church in Latin America & Eastern Europe

This weekend, there will be a 2nd Collection for the Churches in Latin America & Eastern Europe. Many unique challenges face the Churches in those regions. A lack of priests and trained lay ministers, high emigration rates, and the alarming pace at which parishioners are leaving the faith make it difficult for them to provide for the faithful. It is more important than ever that we keep faith with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be as generous as possible!



**Get
Involved!**

Ministry Fair

Sunday, February 26th
After all the morning Masses

*Light breakfast including
traditional King Cake
will be served*

Save the date for our "Ministry Fair" at St. Mary's by the Sea. The purpose of this Fair is to provide the opportunity for more participation from parishioners in serving the Lord by serving His people. In other words - Stewardship. Stewardship is our response to God's generosity. A steward is someone who takes care of what belongs to someone else, like an administrator or trustee - not an owner. Christian stewards recognize that everything really belongs to God and that God will hold us accountable for how we use the many gifts He has entrusted to our care. If we truly believe this, we can't help but respond with profound gratitude. Please consider the gift that God gave you, and make it a point to stop by our Ministry Fair.

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.

Loyal Stewards:

➤ With all the upcoming events, **please look for emails for updates or last minute schedule changes.** But... Here's the most **urgent volunteering opportunities** and contact number of **Rene** for signing up for any help you can give: **(714) 330-3765.**

➤ **FIRST**... ✿

MINISTRY FAIR: Feb. 26th

We need **2 people** to assist at our Stewardship Ministry table after the AM Masses. **Help is needed by JACKY** to decorate this Mardi Gras themed event on **SAT. Feb. 25 (10 am?)**. She needs help to serve a light buffet breakfast **after AM Masses** and then our wonderful CAVALRY to help **clean-up and take down** all the decorations at **noon SUN. 2/26!!**

➤ **NEXT**... ☺

COMMITMENT WEEKEND: Mar. 4 & 5

(You may be asked to help pass out the Stewardship Commitment cards during your Mass... *easy!*)

➤ **THEN**... 🐟

LENTEN MEAL #1: March 10th

We need help with several positions that still have not been filled. TO HELP with **set-up, cashiers, cooks, servers,** and CAVALRY **clean-up, contact Rene** at number above, **ASAP!!**

➤ **AND**... ✿

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER: March 18th

COLLEEN says **much help is still needed,** with **cooking, raffle donations, set-up** (time and date to follow) and CAVALRY **clean-up.**

➤ **LOYAL STEWARDS:** We don't assume that if anyone who participated last year in any event is joining in again, so if you are, it's important to **call, text, or talk to Rene or the event chairperson ASAP, please!**

THERE'S MORE, but that's most urgent! *Thank you for as much or as little of your valuable time you can share, all is appreciated !*

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS US IN ALL WE DO 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).

2017 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

All registered parishioners should have received information in the mail this past week about this year's Pastoral Services Appeal. It contained a letter from Fr. Quang, a diocesan brochure with details about the appeal and a pledge envelope. The PSA supports different ministries and services that benefit our own parish as well as people throughout Orange County. The Parish Finance Council has recommended, and Fr. Quang has approved, a 2017 parish goal of \$95,000 with pledges from 645 of our families. Once our diocesan goal of \$35,000 is paid, all additional gifts will be returned to us in the form of a rebate to complete our parish projects. You may make your pledge by using the special envelope which you received or were given to by an Usher, or online at **www.oc-foundation.org**. Your pledge may be paid all at one time, quarterly or spread out over ten months.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Msgr. Peter Tien	Frank Gillet	Joanne Peters
Nguyen	Al Griego	Debbie Ransom
Aurora Aragón	Jane Hilton	Arthur Richter
Humberto Aragón	Diane Hoxsie	Susan Rocio
Bette Barilla	Shelly Jones	Lisa Rodish
Peggy Carrasco	Paula Keating	Jack Seibert
Frank Cartwright	Roger Kunsaitis	John Senoski, Sr.
Rodrigo Castro	Baby Hendrix Kunze	Helen Sharp
George Christa	Michael Lee	Toni Sharp
Mary Crosby	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Julie Shepherd
Jim Crowley	Jean Markham	Elfriede Shipman
Bryan Donnelly	Patricia McKenzie	Dan Stenglein
Helen Donnelly	Lucy Mira	Andrea Wall
Charlie Erpenbeck	Nathan Mora	Nancy Yaslik
Ann Erwin	Jane Moran	George Zin
Deacon Glenn Erwin	Judy Overton	

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

Daniel Tierney: 2LT - US Army

Weekly Offering *Thank You For Your Generosity!*



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

February 12, 2017

Altar Guild	\$40.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$150.00
Building Fund	\$485.00
Specials	\$65.00
EFT & Credit Card	\$265.00
Regular	\$7,044.00

Please remember to use your envelopes.

— — **CHRIST FOREVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** — —

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

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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.




St. Patrick Day Dinner

***SAVE THE DATE: Sat. March 18th
5:00-7:30pm***

Come dine with us and celebrate St. Patrick's Day (since St. Patrick's Day is on Friday during Lent, we'll do it on Saturday so we can have the corned beef, with an Authentic Irish Meal!) So, bring the family for raffle prizes, Irish music, food and desserts, too.

Lectionary Scripture Study Group **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm in Fr. Johnson Hall**

Just a reminder that St. Mary's by the Sea has a **Scriptural Reflection Study Group** that meets every **Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.**  Deacon Thomas Concitis facilitates the class on the upcoming Sunday Lectionary readings. There is **no cost to attend**, and **everyone is welcome**. Bring your bible, preferably the New American translation as it is used for the readings at Mass and/or get on the email list for weekly distribution of the basic materials.

Thoughts to Live By...

- I'm thankful for all the people who came into my life, and stayed.
- Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care.
- Ignoring your partner's needs and expecting a happy relationship is like ignoring that your plants need water, but you still expect a beautiful garden.
- There is no form of deeper and purer love than when someone prays for you without you knowing.
- Sometimes I just want someone to hug me and say, "I know it's hard. You're going to be okay. Here's a chocolate... and 5 million dollars!"

February 19, 2017

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm *Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*
Church in Latin America & Eastern Europe Collection

Sunday, February 19

Church in Latin America & Eastern Europe Collection

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

9:00 am *Mass for Mateo Aragón (L)*

10:30 am *Mass for Dolores Garcia (L)*

12:00 pm *Mass for the soul of Jack Robe (RIP)*

12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting

Monday, February 20 - Presidents' Day

*** Office Closed ***

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

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 am *Mass for Kathleen Jeffery (L)*

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 am *Mass for Barry Clark (L)*

9:15 am Legion of Mary weekly meeting

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

6:30 pm Lectionary Scripture Study Group

Thursday, February 23

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Joe Barilla (RIP)*

1:00 pm Weekly Adoration

3:00-7:30 pm Blessed Sacrament Exposed

6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

7:30 pm Benediction

Friday, February 24

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Carolyn Houle (RIP)*

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

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Saturday, February 25

8:00 am *Mass for Gail Hirayama (L)*

3:00-4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm *Mass for Erin Griffith (L)*

Sunday, February 26

***MINISTRY FAIR (after all A.M. Masses)**

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

9:00 am *Mass for the soul of George Henry
Spellmire IV (RIP)*

-Rite of Sending (RCIA)

10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Olga Trevino (RIP)*

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

12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting