

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

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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

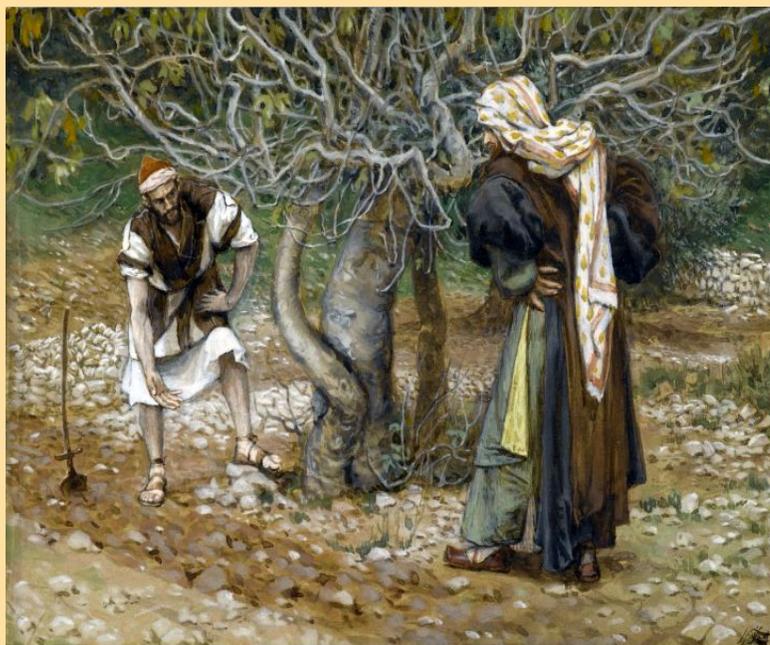
SUNDAY MASSES
7:30, 9:00 am & 10:30 am English
12:00 pm Latin Mass



ADORATION & BENEDICTION:
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &
Every 1st 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."

Third Sunday of Lent

Reflections of the Week

Throughout history, the Lord has been revealed to us in numerous ways. Moses saw the Lord in a burning bush, on fire but not consumed, arousing his curiosity to see how the laws of nature could be contradicted. If God could free fire from fuel, maybe God really could free people from captivity. A God who could control fire could also control the sea. Over the centuries that followed, a tradition was handed down that the miraculous rock that produced water traveled with them through the desert. Paul identifies that rock with Christ, providing spiritual drink to sustain the Chosen People, as his Body and Blood nourishes us still. Even a barren fig tree can reveal the divine, witnessing to the hope we maintain for repentance and renewal.

In today's Gospel, Jesus points out that most of those in his audience believed that those who died tragically in unexpected ways must have been especially sinful. This is not so, he insists, but it is a reminder to all of us to repent and live holy lives right now, for you never know when you might perish. His parable of the fruitless fig tree illustrates this urgency. The three years it bore no fruit may symbolize a person's failure to perform any of the three actions Jesus calls us to do. May we bear fruit by fasting, praying, and giving alms, now and in the years to come, justifying the Gardener's patience with us.

The First Day of Spring

At first blush, Lent would seem to be a season more suited for winter than spring. It's a penitential season, a season when we deny our desires, a season that leads to our Lord's death, and to the inevitable contemplation of our own. But it's also the season in which we are given the opportunity for renewal, a season when fertilizer (Greek koprian, "manure"), like ashes, is used to coax life from the earth. It is a season of grace that reminds us to bear the fruit that has failed to bloom for the last three months or the last three years or an entire lifetime, knowing that these forty days culminate in the celebration of the greatest rebirth into new life. On this first day of spring, may we resolve to blossom as the gardener envisions the fig tree will: growth out of manure, fruit out of barrenness, life out of death.

Question of the Week

What will I do this week to bear fruit, to show that God's patience in me is justified?

-GIA Publications



2021 Tax Donation Letters



If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2021 tax return, please contact the Parish Office (714-536-6913, ext. 112) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.

The Vatican says that Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a penitential prayer service in St. Peter's Basilica on Friday, March 25th.

Knights of Columbus Annual Campaign



The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's by the Sea are conducting their **annual campaign** to benefit children and adults with special needs. All of the money collected stays in Huntington Beach and supports the **Therapeutic Riding Center in Central Park**. The riding center strives to empower children with intellectual and developmental challenges to discover their greatest strengths and gain a sense of self-confidence and self-reliance through the special relationship with a horse. We will be collecting donations outside the Church after Mass **this weekend**. Your donation will provide scholarships for the children. Checks may be made out to **T. Riding Center**. You may also make a credit card donation. Thank you.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of **Riley Collins Ransom** who was baptized here on **March 6, 2022**.



Notice Regarding Our Bulletin

We received notice from our printer that due to a paper shortage, we may not be able to receive printed Bulletins for a while. If this should occur, then the Bulletin would only be made available via electronically.

If you would like to start receiving our Bulletin by email every week, please sign up at: www.stmarysbythesea.net/parish-bulletins. In addition, should there ever be any important correspondence from our Pastor, you would receive that electronically as well.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
EVERY FRIDAY AT 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

►REMINDER:

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE:

EVERYONE 14 YEARS OR OLDER IS SERIOUSLY BOUND TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT.

2022 PSA Kick-Off
“Our Faith, Our Future”

Thank you to the **35 families** who have already made their pledge to the 2022 PSA. So far, we have received **\$46,230 in pledges**, with **\$38,730** of this already paid. We are asking all of our parishioners to make their pledge today. Your donation 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 2022 parish goal of \$84,000 with pledges from 537 of our families. Once our diocesan goal of \$40,000 is paid, all additional gifts will be returned to the parish in the form of a rebate, which will be used replace fences and gates around the parish property.

You may make your pledge by using the special envelope you received and returning it either in the Collection Basket or to the Office. We also have extra pledge envelopes in the pews. Your pledge may be paid all at one time, quarterly or spread out over a ten month period. Every pledge is important and no monthly pledge is too small. Jesus is always calling out to us in love.

Local Penance Services

Wed., March 30 @ 7pm: Holy Spirit Parish - Ftn. Vly.

Mon., April 4 @ 7pm: St. Mary's by the Sea - H. B.

Wed., April 6 @ 7pm: St. Joachim - Costa Mesa

Wed., April 13 @ 7pm: St. John the Baptist - Costa Mesa

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Pay Asjar	James Gould	Maria H. Nguyen
Sarah Asjar	Al Griego	Rosalie Ocanas
Mike Banner	Marilyn Gulino	Mary Peduzzi
Bette Barilla	Marcos Gutierrez	Diane Pham
Bonnie Barilla	Chin Ha	Derek Pham
Angela Bennett	Nathan Hamby	Tricia Pusateri
Teresa Braga	David Harris	Pat Quintana
Colleen Campbell	Paul Hayes	Debbie Ransom
Peggy Carrasco	Larry B. Henry	Irene Rinehimer
Joel Ceballos	Diane Hoxsie	Susan Rocio
George Christa	Paula Keating	Colleen Rowe
Rosemarie Clouse	Marilyn Kefalas	Julie Sanchez
Ann Costello	Maurice Kramer	Hilda Shipman
Johnny Costello	Roger Kunsaitis	Barry Robert Snyder
Linda Coyne	Ernest Landell	Bob Spellmire
Vicky Derieg	Nam Le	Mary Teaze
Bryan Donnelly	Larry Lewis	Ernesto Trevino
Helen Donnelly	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Bernadette Vanderhorst
Ann Erwin	Nikki Marshall	Leann Vanderhorst
Joe Estrada	Patricia McKenzie	Andrea Wall
Beck Fearnley	Nina Merlino	Nancy Yaslik
Juanita Gillen	Thomas Nester	Maria Zelaya

For Those in the Armed Forces

Jonathan Caico, Sgt. Rudy Colbert, Sgt. Leo Donovan & Team, Rick Hanrahan, Tiffany Ihnot, Jean Pendergrass

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 20

***Knights of Columbus Drive**

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Tom Peters (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Virginia Harris (RIP)

***1st Scrutiny (RCIA)**

10:30 am Mass for Bill Volgarino (L)

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

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

Monday, March 21

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Emmett Jerome O'Sullivan (RIP)

3:30 pm 1st Communion class Year 1 (til 4:30)

5:15 pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2 (til 6:30)

7:00 pm RCIA (til 8:15)

Tuesday, March 22

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Timothy Michael Woods (RIP)

3:30 pm Post-Communion class - Level 1 (til 4:30)

5:00 pm Post-Communion class - Level 2 (til 6pm)

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 am Mass for the soul of John Kerwin (RIP)

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

Thursday, March 24

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Michael Seeman (RIP)

9am-3pm Adoration and Benediction

6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

Friday, March 25

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Felix Augto (RIP)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 26

8:00 am Mass for the soul of John the Baptist Duoc Linh Nguyen (RIP)

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

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Bob Gibson (RIP)

4th Sunday of Lent, March 27

7:30 am Mass for the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Vincente Pham Van Ky (RIP)

***2nd Scrutiny (RCIA)**

10:30 am Mass for the souls of Frank & Roza Panzitta (RIP)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the soul of John the Baptist Duoc Linh Nguyen (RIP)

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

Office of Faith Formation



Our brother and sisters in RCIA recently undertook two rites: the Rite of Sending and of Election. The former took place at our parish and the latter at the diocese. You can access the images of these events on our parish's website.

The days of Lent signal the final **Period of Purification and Enlightenment** leading up to the Easter Vigil, marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect and Candidates, and prayers for them by the parish communities. As an essential part of this process, three Scrutinies will take place at the 9am Mass in the upcoming weeks.

"Each Scrutiny is a step in preparing the Elect for the celebration and initiation soon to come.

The Scrutinies are God's way of taking a close, loving look at the Elect. God does not scrutinize the Catechumens in order to find what's wrong with them but to celebrate all that's beautiful, good, and true in them. Jesus "scrutinizes" us with Divine Light, revealing all that is valuable within each of us. He also reveals to us the ways in which we are hurting, or sick, or sinful. This is not to reject us, but to call us to new life and to healing."

TESTIMONY OF FAITH

For the past few weeks, the youth preparing for their Confirmation have been working diligently with getting their assignments in before meeting for a pastoral conversation or interview with Fr. Chu.

Depicted below is Dillon Kosai, a faithful altar server. Holding in his hand is a bright colored string bag that says "Get Connected—to GOD." He shared about his spiritual growth and his closeness to God over the past two-years of faith formation, and he is prepared to take on an adult role in the Church. When asked about one of the highlights of his journey, he emphasized how he was so moved by God's promise in the *Beatitudes*. In his own words:

"I found that the Beatitudes are very comforting, especially how I try to seek righteousness. When we hunger for righteousness, we will be satisfied. I find it very heartwarming—that we get a promise when seek such things."

Dillon glowed with delight as he spoke. In addition, he felt a sense of inner renewal or transformation from within. He finds himself becoming more generous each day, such as how he started to notice he gives to the poor a lot more than he thought he could.

Dillon is one of very few teens that brings back the Rice Bowl for the poor as has been the effort of our faith formation each Lent. Praise God!

Again, we ask the community to **continue praying for the youth** of our parish, especially for the teens who are preparing for their anointing of the Holy Spirit so as to be heroic witnesses of Jesus in the world.



Stewardship Corner

LOYAL STEWARDS...

We actually have an event to plan and carry out coming up soon.....Our

LADIES TEA which will be planned soon and held on **April 30th** from **noon till 3:00pm.**



A **meeting** for those in the Ladies Tea Committee and those who want to join the committee to plan its details **will be held next week**, when we get a date approved from the Office. ... so **watch for emails** on the exact date and time for the meeting, please.

➤ **FYI:** the other May event we spoke about, Cinco de Mayo, is cancelled, or just postponed to become a possible future chili cook off or Mexican themed party later in the year... due to timing and lack of leadership available and anyone else interested in organizing it now.

I don't know if you have heard of the hospitalization of several of our beloved Stewards recently? This seems to be an even worse year for us than two COVID years? Please continue to pray for the health and welfare of our esteemed elders and original Stewardship Committee of St. Mary's Church... Those who helped Fr. Chu set the tone for such a friendly, caring, and loving parish!!! Prayers for our beloved leaders: Frances, Big Al, Anne, and Joanne; just to name a precious few.

➤ **PRAYER WARRIORS...** You have been an awesome force for your help with healing and miracles more and more it seems... God be with you as you continue praying for those who are in need. 🙏

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).



MARCH 13, 2022

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$57.00
Specials	\$775.00
2 nd Collection	\$1,546.00
Regular Collection	\$6,598.00

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!