

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

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*(Notice: The Office is open from Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm.
Please note that we will be closed on Fridays until further notice.)*

TEMPORARY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS (Mon.-Sat.): 8:00 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:00 pm

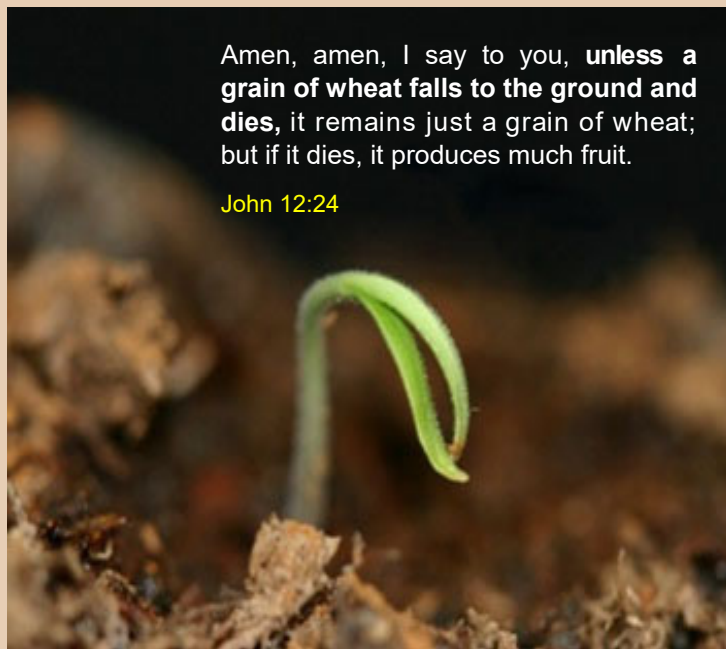
SUNDAY MASSES
7:30, 9:00 am & 10:30 am English
12:00 pm Latin High Mass
4:30 pm English

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

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 pm

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24



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."



Lenten Schedule

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 8:30 AM

► **REMINDER:**

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE:

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

Reflections of the Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The prophet Jeremiah, in today's first reading, is looking beyond the often-messy history of Israel and Judah to a time when the people will no longer be disobedient to God, because God's law will be "written on their hearts"—that is, their natural inclinations and desires will be oriented toward God's will. The psalmist gives voice to the sorrow that Israel and Judah experienced in their separation from God "Have mercy on me, O God . . . A clean heart create for me." According to Saint Paul, the earthly Jesus, "son though he was," like his ethnic ancestors, he "learned obedience from what he suffered." The Gospel reading is part of Jesus' discourses not long before the Last Supper. Instead of a social encounter with Philip's friends who had come to see him, Jesus is grappling with his approaching death and its ultimate meaning for the world.

The readings today remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who would not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.

In the Gospel reading, friends of Philip come to him and ask about meeting Jesus. When Philip and Andrew take the request to Jesus, he begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether Philip's friends got to personally meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd.

Jesus says, "[W]hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words indicate how he will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life his death will bring.

What if we, like Philip's friends, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to himself as he is "lifted up," does being closer to him mean joining him on his cross? (Do we want to be that close to Jesus?) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with him in his suffering—and in our own.

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Easter Lily Sale

The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling Easter Lilies **after all the Masses on March 27th & 28th, Palm Sunday**. Each Lily is beautifully wrapped and is only **\$10**. Plants may be taken home **or donated to the Church** to decorate the Altar and dedicated to a loved one if you so desire. All proceeds are dedicated for religious scholarships for the Norbertines and the Brothers of St. Patrick. You may also make a donation to their Religious Vocations Fund. Please make checks out to **K of C Council 14699**.




Holy Year of St. Joseph
declared by Pope Francis

On December 8th, 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The year will be an opportunity for the faithful to follow St. Joseph's example and daily strengthen their life of faith in full fulfillment of God's will.

A decree was also issued stating that plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics not only through prayer and penance, but also through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. A plenary indulgence will be granted to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on March 19, the saint's solemnity, and May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. A plenary indulgence is also granted to: those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph; those who following St. Joseph's example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy; or by reciting the Holy Rosary in families. The decree also said the gift of the plenary indulgence is particularly extended to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house, who, with a soul detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions (Confession, Holy Communion & prayer for the Pope's intention), in their own home or where the impediment keeps them, recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a happy death, offering with trust in God the pains and discomforts of their life.

Pope Francis offered the following prayer which can be used: "*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*"

Tomorrow - Monday
March 22nd at 7:00 pm

Lenten Penance Service 

What are you hiding behind in your life?

- An inordinate pride that keeps you hiding from God or an unwillingness to depend on God in all things?
- Failure to pray as you should?
- To think before you speak or to leave unsaid those words that hurt more than physical blows?
- Relationships unattended?
- Children neglected as you pursue the better life... for *them*, of course?

The Church urges us to make frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance and, at a minimum, to receive it once each year in preparation for fulfilling our Easter Duty. ***So join us at the Penance Service at 7:00 pm as we each privately reflect upon our own life. There will be (2) Priests available to hear your Confession.***

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Office of Faith Formation Corner

INNER STRENGTH – The youth of our faith family are making tremendous effort to complete their Lenten Journey challenges as they prepare for Holy Week. Our hearty spiritual endeavors isn't just about recording concrete charitable deeds and sacrifices, but also about lessening self-preoccupation so we decisively and attentively make room for our eternal God. Certain evil spirits do not respond to prayer alone but **prayer and fasting!** (Mt 17:21)



PRAYERS FOR CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATE
Keri Johnson and Ken Smith are preparing for their full communion with the Catholic Church this upcoming Easter Vigil. This Sunday our community will celebrate with them the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer.

"GOD-CIDENT" OR ACCIDENT?
Often times we think things just happen, but certainly not. After Mass last Sunday during the RCIA's Presentation of the Creed Rite, Ken Smith's sponsor, Paul Brestyanszky, received a distinct spiritual gift. He could not contain his joy as he felt moved by grace realizing such great honor serving as a sponsor as he accompanies Smith in his life of faith. Brestyanszky's extra dose of exuberance indeed was the Lord's assurance of yet another "talent" entrusted to him and seeing it multiply exponentially (Mt 25:14-20). They have had lengthy faith conversations, recently even three hours on the phone, he said.

"When Infinite Love and Sorrow Meet"

Virtual Retreat March 26-28

Sacred Heart Retreat House invites you to ready yourself for Holy Week with an insightful weekend retreat looking at the Passion of Christ, given by Sister Regina Marie, O.C.D. Each conference will be given LIVE on Zoom. Access to all the retreat content will be available until April 25.

To participate, please contact (626) 289-1353 or go to www.sacredheartretreathouse.com.

Weekly Collections

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

March 14, 2021

Church in Africa, etc. \$1,824.00
Regular \$8,766.00

Thank you so very much for supporting your Church during these difficult times. God Bless you all!

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE



Penance Service

*Monday, March 22 - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: March 29, 30, 31

♦8:00 am - Holy Mon., Holy Tues., Holy Wed

Holy Thursday, April 1

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service
- ♦7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ♦Adoration before the Altar of Repose - After Mass Until 12:00 am in Church

Good Friday Services, April 2

(Fast & Abstinence)

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service
- ♦12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
- ♦3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena then Celebration of the Lord's Passion (with Holy Communion)

(THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.)

Holy Saturday, April 3

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service
- ♦8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4

- ♦7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm - English Masses
- ♦12:00 noon - Latin Tridentine High Mass

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Confessions heard on Saturday, March 27 or Saturday, April 3, 2021*

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Pay Asjar	Chin Ha	Derek Pham
Sarah Asjar	Julia Hamby	Ray Quinn
Mike Banner	Nathan Hamby	Pat Quintana
Bette Barilla	David Harris	Debbie Ransom
Bonnie Barilla	Paul Hayes	Irene Rinehimer
Angela Bennett	Larry B. Henry	Susan Rocio
Teresa Braga	Diane Hoxsie	Colleen Rowe
Hugh Cahill	Paula Keating	Susan Sassone
Colleen Campbell	Marilyn Kefalas	Mark Scally
Earline Campbell	Roger Kunsaitis	Hilda Shipman
Peggy Carrasco	Ernest Landell	Barry Robert Snyder
George Christa	Nam Le	Bob Spellmire
Rosemarie Clouse	Larry Lewis	Dan Stenglein
Ann Costello	Regina Lewis' Family	Steffany & Baby Stenglein
Johnny Costello	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Mary Teaze
Dan Derieg	Doris McDonald	Bernadette Vanderhorst
Vicky Derieg	Nina Merlino	Andrea Wall
Bryan Donnelly	Rosalie Ocanas	Britt Wilson
Helen Donnelly	Mary Peduzi	Maria Zelaya
Al Griego	Diane Pham	

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces



Easter Flowers

We like our church to be particularly beautiful at this special time of the year. If you would like to help decorate, please plan to bring lilies and tulips to the Office by **April 1st**.

2021 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

“Our Faith, Our Future” - Thank you to the **40 families** who have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial contribution to the 2021 Pastoral Services Appeal. We have received **pledges of \$47,395**, with **\$38,355 of this already paid**.

Our parish goal for the 2021 Pastoral Services Appeal is \$85,500, with pledges from 558 of our parish families. Gifts made over \$41,000 (our 2021 diocesan goal) will come straight back to us and go towards the completion of slurry coating and striping the parking lot.

We are only asked once each year to make this special pledge. The PSA provides a convenient way for all of us, to take an active role in the mission of the Church.

Your pledge can be made by using the special envelope you previously received and putting it in our collection box, sending it by mail, or going online at **www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now**. There are also extra pledge envelopes at the back of the Church on the counter. Your pledge may be paid all at one time, quarterly or spread out over a ten month period.



HAPPY SUNDAY, LOYAL STEWARDS!

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to help out today with our celebration of Saint Joseph by handing out cookies and information about our Patron Saint of families. This is the year dedicated to honoring his role in raising and protecting Jesus and Mary, and our example of a loving, faithful father and husband.

➤Moving forward now....I would really appreciate it if you would **all please send me an email to update our volunteer list** with your **email** and/or **phone number** to:

isclaypool@gmail.com or you can call me at (714) 330-3765 and leave the information.

There are important things that we are planning to do and new information about future meetings and how they will be done according to popular demand. ***It will be fun to get back together again for a common cause event, won't it?***

➤If you have suggestions or comments about any events or new ideas, feel free to email them also!

As always, **PRAYER WARRIORS** and those who sanitize pews after Mass, **THANK YOU 😊**

May the God Lord bless and keep you healthy and safe. 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).

March 21, 2021

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Mass for the soul of Eustace De Souza (RIP)

Sunday, March 21

7:30 am Mass for Rene Mardesich (L)

9:00 am Mass for our Candidate and Catechumen at their 3rd Scrutiny

10:30 am Mass for Steffany & Baby Stenglein (L)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased

4:30 pm Mass for the soul of Roy Rollo (RIP)

Monday, March 22

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Rose Palmer (RIP)

5:30 pm **Confirmation Class** (til 6:30pm)

7-8:00 pm **RCIA** (for adults)

7:00 pm **Penance Service**

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Lucy Fields (RIP)

3:30 pm **First Holy Communion Class Yrs. 1/2**

5:30 pm **Post Communion Class Levels 6-8**

Wednesday, March 24

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Joseph Hai Vo (RIP)

Thursday, March 25

8:00 am Mass for Gail Hirayama (L)

9am-3pm **Adoration & Benediction**

Friday, March 26

8:00 am Mass for Peter Lieblang (L)

8:30 am **Stations of the Cross**

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, March 27

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Thomas Makowski (RIP)

10:30 am **Funeral**

3:00 pm **NO Confessions**

5:00 pm Mass for the soul of Danny Ponce, Jr. (RIP)



Palm Sunday, March 28

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

9:00 am Mass for Ken Smith & Keri Johnson, our Candidate and Catechumen

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Gina Crouch (RIP)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the soul of Janice M. Chatfield (RIP)

4:30 pm Mass for the soul of Lou Beach (RIP)