

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

R O M A N C A T H O L I C C H U R C H



LEGACY PROJECT

We are now at **87%** of our goal of **\$900,000**. **THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE** and we are getting closer to our goal every day! These pledges, however, only represent **12%** of our **672 families** who are registered. *We really need all parishioners to participate in this incredible project!* Keep in mind that while some people can make significant donations, not everyone can. We ask you to carefully and prayerfully consider *equal sacrifice* - not equal gifts and how you might be able to help us accomplish our goals; then act accordingly. Thank you and God bless you.

<u># of Pledges</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
(82)	\$330,748	\$180,900
+ money on hand:	+450,000	+450,000
Total Amount =	\$780,748	\$630,900

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Deacon Thomas Concitis †

Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP - 9/21/2017)

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
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 – JON CLAYPOOL

LECTORS – MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY – JOANNE PETERS

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

PRO-LIFE – JACKY ROZA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LINDA GILBERT (DIRECTOR)

RETREATS – ANN ERWIN

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – IRENE CLAYPOOL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – FELIPA CHADWICK

USHERS – JOE MUNGARI

WEDDING COORDINATOR – GINNY ARAGÓN

WELCOME MINISTRY – AL GRIEGO

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

Pray Before You Speak

Have you ever been told to "think before you speak?" Nathan seems to have spoken too soon when he told David to do whatever he wanted about building a house for the LORD. He was being respectful to his king, and it sounded like a good idea. But later that night the Lord gave him a message for David: the LORD did not need anyone to build him a house; God would make David's house (in the sense of family or descendants) last forever.

As a prophet, Nathan was expected to speak for the LORD. When he finally listened to the LORD, he got the message right. And that can be a lesson to us. Instead of just thinking before we speak, it could be a good idea to pray before we speak.

How many times have we said something in anger--or selfishness, fear, or any strong feeling--that we wished we could take back? If we just think before we speak, we might just rationalize what we wanted to say in the first place. But if we take a little more time to bring our feelings to God, ask for guidance and listen to what God would have us say, things might turn out a lot better.

God can also surprise us if given the chance. The kingdom ("house") God was promising was not a political one, but a universal one. Jesus fulfills this promise as the Son of God who came to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Jesus himself prayed to the Father often in his life.

We can do the same. We pray before meals; why not pray before going to work? We can pray before making decisions about our family, getting engaged, taking a new job, buying a new house/car/HD-TV, etc. When a friend or relative needs someone to talk to, we can pray that we listen well and say what God wants our friend to hear. When we are sorry for hurting someone, we can pray for forgiveness and even listen to God to learn what we might do to make it up to them. If we have enough faith to let God guide our lives, let's take the time in prayer to listen for that guidance.

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FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT



Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.



2017

Christmas Vigil - Dec. 24th

Family Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm

Christmas - December 25th

Midnight Mass: 12:00 am

8:00 am & 10:00 am - English

12:00 noon - Latin Tridentine Mass

The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

This is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2018

January 1, 2018: 8:00 am

**(PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Confessions on Saturday, December 30th, 2017)*



Welcome!

We wish to welcome all of our guests who will be visiting with us on Christmas and also extend loving wishes to our loyal and faithful parishioners. As we gather at His table, knowing that He lives among and within us, we have every reason to be full of joy. As we share the same faith, so we share that special happiness today, and with each other - old and young, married, single, living alone or in company, healthy or confined to bed - to all, the deep blessing of a **Merry Christmas!**

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** (with the exception of this Monday, December 25th). 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**.

Parish Faith Formation

-ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PREPARATION-

☞ Access **“FORMED”**

******(Only 19 days left)******

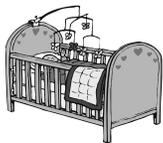
All the best Catholic content in one place! **“FORMED”** is a revolutionary online platform you can access through a free trial offered by our diocese for the season of Advent - **now through January 12, 2018**. You can prepare for Sunday Mass by watching a 5-minute video, enjoy a movie with your family, enrich your marriage, and help your children grow in character.

***TO SIGN IN:**

- >Visit www.formed.org
- >Click on **LOG IN**
- >Email: **Orange@formed.org**
- >Password: **formed17**

**Note: Please let the Office know how you like using the site and if this is something you would want to continue using throughout the year. If we receive enough positive responses, we will consider purchasing a subscription for the entire parish to use year round.*

Christmas Crib



Only two more weeks to donate your baby items for our local crisis pregnancy center. Please consider a Christmas gift for these precious babies. Items will be used in various programs to help young mothers who have chosen life for their babies. A crib is set up in Fr. Johnson Hall for this collection. If you prefer, a monetary donation in an envelope marked *“Christmas Crib”* would also be helpful.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

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| Aurora Aragón | Glen Evans | Nathan Mora |
| Humberto Aragón | Jack Fodera | Jane Moran |
| Bette Barilla | Frank Gillet | Steven Myrter |
| Lil Bertolotti | Al Griego | Joanne Peters |
| Colleen Campbell | Virginia Harris | Jim Pisani |
| Earline Campbell | Paul Hayes | Debbie Ransom |
| Peggy Carrasco | Jane Hilton | Kirsten Reis |
| Rodrigo Castro | Diane Hoxsie | Arthur Richter |
| Samuel Chavez | Jacklyn Jones Family | Susan Rocio |
| Graham Crimmins | Shelly Jones | Elfriede Shipman |
| George Christa | Roger Kunsaitis | Flora Simpson |
| Mary Crosby | Angie Lewis | Dan Stenglein |
| Jim Crowley | Fr. Eamon Mackin | Linda Stickles |
| Dan Derieg | Jean Markham | Mary Tripoli |
| Bryan Donnelly | Doris McDonald | Mary Trout |
| Helen Donnelly | Patricia McKenzie | Andrea Wall |
| Charlie Erpenbeck | Nina Merlino | George Zin |
| Ann Erwin | Lucy Mira | |

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

End of the Year Donations

As you review your 2017 tax planning, please consider a year-end gift of support, especially to our fundraising **LEGACY PROJECT**, which began this past September. We are so close to meeting our goal in pledges (87%), but in actual payments received, we are only at 70%. A year-end charitable gift may be in the form of an initial pledge/payment which you have not yet made, an expedited payment for those who are paying over time, or an increase to your existing Legacy pledge/payment. **The deadline for year-end gifts to qualify as charitable contributions for your 2017 income tax return is Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017.** As the year comes to a close, open yourself up to new possibilities and success achieved through giving and receiving. Your faithful response in sharing your gifts is truly a blessing to our community.

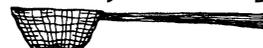
For more information about our Legacy Project, you may take one of the brochures located in the back of the Church, or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office at (714) 536-6913, x-112. Also, see the front page of this bulletin for an updated account of our pledges/payments received.

Feast of the Holy Innocents
Pro-Life Candlelight Procession

The annual Pro-Life Candlelight Procession will take place on Thursday evening, **December 28** at **St. John the Baptist Church** as part of the Celebration of the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The Procession and Rosary will start at **7:00pm** at the corner of **Fairview and Baker Street** to St. John the Baptist Church - **Mass at 7:30pm** with special Prayers of the Faithful for all of the UNBORN. **Please bring your own candles.** Baby gifts for the life center may be brought to the altar at the offertory. There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass.

Weekly Offering

Thank You For Your Generosity!



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

December 17, 2017

- Altar Guild \$40.00**
- St. Vincent de Paul..... \$2,940.00**
- Building Fund.....\$130.00**
- Specials \$300.00**
- Northern California Fire Relief..... \$2,025.00**
- Regular \$7,264.60**

Please remember to use your envelopes.

--- **CHRIST FOREVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** ---

Donors = (90) Pledged = \$221,346
Paid = \$145,170.17 Rebates = \$42,407 (as of 6/1/17)



-A Message from your Pastor-

"To all the Members of the Stewardship Committee:

As we wind down this 2017 year, I, Fr. Quang Chu, would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the numerous hours you have committed to St. Mary's by the Sea as a volunteer member of the Stewardship Committee. As you know, we host a number of events for our parishioners all throughout the year. And although these events are joyously anticipated and attended by our parishioners, planning for them can become quite tedious. That's where our amazing Stewardship Committee comes in! Again and again, you volunteers step up and make sure everything is planned out and executed to the smallest detail. Every one of our events has been the talk of the Parish with glowing reviews! You do not understand how important this is to me, especially as your Pastor. It shows me the commitment you all have to our Parish and our community. We are a close-knit group, and I feel your actions towards others of our Parish are one of the many qualities we try to demonstrate as good Christians. I would especially like to thank Irene Claypool for leading this group in every direction and fulfilling all requests that I ask of her (especially since sometimes these requests can seem overwhelming). St. Mary's by the Sea has grown considerably in showing our love for one another, and you have been a big part of that. Thank you so very much, Rene!

My prayers for the year 2018 are that God continues to keep you in His Grace and bring abundant blessings to all! Merry Christmas, and again, a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all of the members of the Stewardship Committee!

*Yours in Christ,
Father Quang Chu - Pastor*

P.S. If you are not already a member of this committee, I urge you to consider joining them. Not only are their services invaluable to the Parish, they are also a good group of people to associate with. Watch this column for information about upcoming meetings, events, etc."

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).

December 24, 2017

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm *Mass for the souls of Stanley & Josephine Grosso (RIP)*

4th Sunday of Advent, December 24

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

9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Uncle Terry (RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Daniel Kubiak (RIP)*

12:00 pm *Latin Mass for People of the Parish (L)*

Christmas Vigil, December 24

6:00 pm **Family Vigil Christmas Mass** for the People of the Parish

Christmas, December 25

12:00 am **Midnight Mass** for the Ransom & Stenglein Families (L)

8:00 am *Mass for the People of the Parish*

10:00 am *Mass for the People of the Parish*

12:00 pm **Latin Mass** for the soul of Marina Vessey (RIP)

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 am *Mass for Bobby Soto & Rona Gioia (L)*

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

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Wednesday, December 27

8:00 am *Mass for Evanne Connors & Family (L)*

9:15 am **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Thursday, December 28

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Eric Gillenberg (RIP)*

1:00 pm Weekly Adoration

3:00-7:30 pm **Blessed Sacrament Exposed**

7:30 pm **Benediction**

Friday, December 29

8:00 am *Mass for the souls of David Gill & Arnold Espinoza (RIP)*

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

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Saturday, December 30

8:00 am *Mass for the souls of Maria Lieu & Peter Truong Tran (RIP)*

5:00 pm *Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*

Sunday, December 31

7:30 am *Mass for Gabriel & Theu Pham (L)*

9:00 am *Mass for Souls in Purgatory (RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for Michael Meis (L)*

12:00 pm **Latin Mass** for the soul of Dennis Driscoll (RIP)