ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

LEGACY PROJECT UPDATE

"WE DID IT!"

Dear Parishioners,

As of 2/15/2018, we are over our goal of **$900,000** for the Legacy Project. ***THIS IS INCREDIBLE!*** And this is from just **17%** of our **672** registered families *(imagine what we could accomplish if 100% of the parish took part)!* I truly want to thank all of you who have participated. I have always felt we had very generous parishioners here, and this confirmed it. And although some of you may not have been able to participate financially, I am sure we've been a recipient of your prayers. *Thank you and may God bless you all!*

# of Pledges	Total Pledged	Total Paid
(117)	$461,406	$281,583
+ money on hand:	+450,000	+450,000
Total Amount =	**$911,406**	**$731,583**

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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 – MARY BANNER, IRENE CLAYPOOL
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – FELIPA CHADWICK
USHERS–JOE MUNGARI
WEDDING COORDINATOR – GINNY ARAGÓN
WELCOME MINISTRY – AL GRIEGO

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

LENTEN MEAL (FISH FRY):
FRIDAY, MARCH 9: 5:00-7:00 PM

➢REMINDER:
FRIDAY ABSTINENCE:
EVERYONE 14 YEARS OR OLDER IS SERIOUSLY BOUND TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT.

Reflections of the Week

This is a Test

Some of us may wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test--in verses left out of our reading, he tells the servants that he and Isaac will return after the sacrifice; he also tells Isaac that God will provide the offering. This being so, apparently we are the only ones who are fooled by God.

So how many of you would have passed God's test? Would you have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare your son? Yet in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare *His* own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us: By dying, Jesus showed us the promise of the resurrection - - that we can also have new life by the forgiveness of our sins. If God loves us so much that He gives His Son to die for us, why would He not forgive us? Or as Paul says, if He is on our side, who can hurt us?

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. We sometimes suffer for no apparent reason. We may lose someone we love through death. We may be tempted to lose faith when we see wars, killer tornados, terrorist attacks, school shootings - - if *"God is for us,"* why does He allow these things? Because He is still testing us. And not necessarily testing the victims of these troubles. If you get angry at God because you hear about someone's death, you haven't passed the test.

Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will, and some people just choose to do wrong. And some accidents are just accidental; no one is necessarily at fault. God intervenes sometimes, and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. But as long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

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2018 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

"We Are One" - Our parish goal for the 2018 Pastoral Services Appeal is for at least 674 of our families to pledge $75,000 to support Faith Formation, Outreach Ministries, Clergy Formation and Support and parish and diocesan advancement. Gifts made over $37,000 (our 2018 diocesan goal) will come straight back to us and go towards the completion of our own parish projects. The PSA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of the church.

Thank you to the **23 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 2018 Pastoral Services Appeal. As of today, we have received **pledges of $31,100** with **$23,900 of this already paid**.

If you have not yet made your pledge, you may do so by submitting your PSA Pledge Envelope at the regular collection during Mass, return it to the Parish Office, or go online at **www.oc-foundation.org**.

Let Us Pray for the Sick…

Aurora Aragón	Sara Fenoglio	Gloria Pagenkopp
Humberto Aragón	Al Griego	Joanne Peters
Bette Barilla	Nathan Hamby	Jackie Pinault
Cary Benoit	Virginia Harris	Jim Pisani
Kathi Britton	Rusty Hawley	Tim Ransom
Colleen Campbell	Paul Hayes	Arthur Richter
Earline Campbell	Diane Hoxsie	Susan Rocio
Peggy Carrasco	Shelly Jones	Toni Sharp
Rodrigo Castro	Roger Kunsaitis	Nate Sheffield
Samuel Chavez	Angie Lewis	Elfriede Shipman
George Christa	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Flora Simpson
Mary Crosby	Doris McDonald	Bob Spellmire
Mike Cue	Patricia McKenzie	Dan Stenglein
Jim Crowley	Nina Merlino	Linda Stickles
Dan Derieg	Lucy Mira	Mary Tripoli
Charlie Erpenbeck	Nathan Mora	Mary Trout
Ann Erwin	Jane Moran	Andrea Wall
Glen Evans	Steven Myrter	George Zin

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

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**.

Parish Faith Formation

➢ **PRACTICING LENT AT HOME**

ACTIVITIES FOR BUSY CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Given the many challenges facing today's families, **now is the perfect time** and **home is the perfect place** to experience Lent. After all, home is where we rush and rest, where we hope and worry, where we love and forgive. It is home where we most often experience day-to-day salvation. Lenten experiences can take place in nearly every room of the house.

Here are some ideas to try to enrich your celebration of Lent at home:

FAMILY LENTEN CRAFTS

Make a decorative family ***"Works of Mercy"*** tree by following the directions found here: **www.loyolapress.com/~/media/Images/Loyola%20Press/ocf-articles/PrayerCard-LessonPlans/crafting-faith-44-45.ashx**. Work as a family to follow through on your promises.

LENTEN FAMILY MEALTIME

In addition to "Friday Fish Day," designate one evening a week to ***prepare a meal together***. Assign a different dish or task to each family member. Before starting, discuss how each family member is giving to the others—giving time, effort, and care to nourish the entire family to go out and do God's will. Begin with a prayer of thanks and petition.

FAMILY LENTEN READING

Prominently ***display the Bible*** and other books that feature topics such as the following: Lent, forgiveness, prayer, Scripture, generosity, social justice and service for others. Invite family members to choose books and discuss what you read.

FAMILY KINDNESS AND SHARING

On slips of paper, ***write random acts of kindness***, such as give a compliment, say hi to an old friend, carry someone's heavy load. Present each family member with a slip of paper as he or she leaves in the morning. Invite each family member to perform the kindness without seeking recognition. Afterward, talk together about what happened. Pray with one another that your kindnesses will be passed on throughout Lent and beyond.

GIVING TO CHARITIES

Ask each family member to find three to five high-quality, useful items that would be appreciated by those who are less fortunate. ***Donate the items to a favorite charity.*** Pray together for those who will receive them.

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Lenten Prayer

24-Hour First Friday Adoration

Traditionally, Catholics practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent. Increase your Lenten prayer by making a special commitment to visit Our Lord during ***First Friday 24-Hour Adoration***, **which runs from 9am on Friday, March 2 to 8am on Saturday, March 3**.

Thank you to all who have committed themselves to First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Without your commitment, this program would not be possible.

What are my Spiritual Gifts?

We have added a new feature to our website: ***"Spiritual Gifts Inventory,"*** to help you determine or discern what your particular gifts may be.

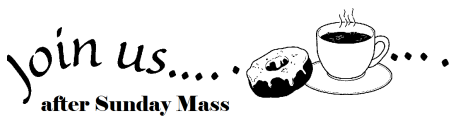
You can find this resource on the website at: **www.stmarysbythesea.net**. Click on the arrow for **FAITH FORMATION** to access ***Spiritual Gifts Inventory***. You can also go straight to the site at: **www.stmarysbythesea.net/pdf/SpiritualGiftsInventory.pdf**. Directions are included in the document.

Penance Services

➢	St. Vincent de Paul:	Monday, 2/26 at 7 pm
➢	Holy Spirit:	Monday, 3/5 at 7 pm
	&	Tuesday, 3/6 at 7 pm
➢	St. Bonaventure:	Tuesday, 3/6 at 7 pm
➢	St. Joachim's:	Wednesday, 3/14 at 7 pm
➢	St. Mary's by the Sea:	Monday, 3/19 at 7 pm
➢	Sts. Simon & Jude:	Thursday, 3/22 at 7 pm
➢	St. John the Baptist:	Wednesday, 3/28 at 7 pm

2017 Tax Donation Letters

If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2017 tax return, please contact the Parish Office (714-536-6913, ext. 112) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.



Weekly Offering

The collection for February 18, 2018 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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KNIGHTS NEWS
COUNCIL 14699

3/9: Lenten Meal 5:00pm SMBTS - ***Volunteers Needed***

3/17: St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6:00pm SMBTS - ***Volunteers Needed***

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men who are dedicated to the well-being and support of Catholic family life, and who give back to their parish and community. If you are interested in becoming a Knight for fun, faith, and friendship, please visit the website at **www.KofC14699.org**.

Stewardship Corner

Loyal Stewards:

You've done it again….. BRAVO!

➢Our first **LENTEN MEAL** success is due to the teamwork you've shown and graces you've shared; ***what a Lenten beginning!***
We'll have even more attendees **March 9th** for our **2ND LENTEN MEAL** after word spreads about this one 👍. *Thank you one and all!!*

➢We (did) have a regular **monthly Stewardship Committee meeting** tentatively scheduled for NEXT Friday, Mar. 3rd, but knowing that would make three Friday nights in a row for you to attend, ***we are CANCELING IT!*** 😉 *But….* **we *ARE* counting on the same volunteers for the next meal, & if you cannot attend the March 9th meal** to perform your specific job, please let **Rene** know ***ASAP* (714-330-3765)** to get a replacement.

➢***AND***, KNOW that Any and All of your precious TIME, TALENTS, and TREASURES ***are so very special and appreciated!***

May God continue to Bless us in all we do in HIS NAME, especially this Lenten season.
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).

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm *Mass for Mateo Aragón (L)*

Sunday , February 25

7:30 am *Mass for Erin Griffith (L)*
9:00 am *Mass for the People of the Parish*
10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Curtiss Leach (RIP)*
12:00 pm *Latin Mass for the soul of Gordon Hopper (RIP)*
12:15 pm **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**

Monday, February 26

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Pat Gangitano (RIP)*
1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Becky Lim (RIP)*
1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of John Sullivan (RIP)*
9:15 am **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**
1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration
6:30 pm **Lectionary Scripture Study Group in Hall**

Thursday, March 1

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Sylvia Ann Pompura (RIP)*
1:00 pm Weekly Adoration
3:00-7:30 pm **Blessed Sacrament Exposed**
7:30 pm **Benediction**

Friday, March 2

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP)*
8:30 am **Stations of the Cross**
9:00 am **1st Friday 24-hr. Adoration** *(runs until the 8am Mass begins on Saturday, 3/3)*
9:00 am Cenacles of Life (in the Church)
6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 3

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Phil Cordell Hirt (RIP)*
3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm *Mass for the souls of Stanley & Josephine Grosso (RIP)*

Sunday , March 4

7:30 am *Mass for Mary Ann & Richard Hoefler (L)*
9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Michael Stout (RIP)*
10:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish*
12:00 pm *Latin Mass for the soul of Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP)*
12:15 pm **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**