

# 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



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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 High Mass

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION:**  
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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."

## First Sunday of Advent

### Reflections of the Week

#### *First Sunday of Advent*

The Gospel today is a frightening one, and the final line is outright terrifying: “Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). Matthew tells us what it is like to stand before the Son of Man. Have I given food to my hungry brothers and sisters, or provided for them in their need, or cared for them when they’re sick, or visited them in prison? Just to get to that point, we must survive great suffering. Since we don’t know when it will happen, we must be prepared to face judgment at all times. We have been warned!

Let Paul’s words comfort us, lest we despair. The One who judges is also the one who comes to our assistance. When Paul prays that the Christians in Thessalonika be made blameless for the judgment, he prays to the Lord. The judge himself will strengthen us for the last judgment. It’s like being given the answers to our final exam! We know what we must do; we must act accordingly, “increase(ing) and abound(ing) in love for one another and for all” (1 Thessalonians 3:12).

But how do we do this? Perhaps the secret to preparing for the Lord’s coming—at Christmas, at the Last Judgment, or fully into our hearts—is to act as if the Lord is already here. After all, he is. Do we see the Lord in our brother and sister in need? The more willingly we see the Lord in our neighbor, the more easily we love those whom we would otherwise overlook, dismiss, or outright reject. How easily do we focus our love solely on our own loved ones, or, worse, just ourselves? May we see Jesus in all those in need and act accordingly.

### Question of the Week

Can I name a person or group of people whom I now realize I have overlooked? How can I seek out Jesus in my neighbor?



### Special Day of Adoration

#### Direct Challenge to Roe v. Wade

**Tuesday, Nov. 30th \* 9am - 3pm**

The Supreme Court announced it will hear arguments on December 1<sup>st</sup> in anticipation of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*—a direct challenge to *Roe v. Wade*.

Come to Adoration at this special time and pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a favorable Pro-Life outcome.



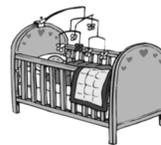
### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we pray  
thee and come; that, defended by Thee, we  
may deserve rescue from approaching dangers brought on by  
our sins, and being set free by Thee, obtain our salvation.  
Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity  
of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.*



### Thank You!

In the spirit of thanksgiving, the Knights of Columbus are very grateful for the generous donations they received from our parishioners for their “Wheelchairs for Veterans” campaign. Because of you, they raised \$15,770; enough to purchase 105 wheelchairs for deserving Veterans in Southern California. A wheelchair gives a disabled veteran the gift of mobility, freedom, dignity, and independence. **Thank you to all who participated!**



### Christmas Crib

Beginning next weekend and continuing through the month of December, we will be accepting baby gifts 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 will be in Fr. Johnson Hall during the month of December 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...

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

### For those in the Armed Forces

Jonathan Caico, Jean Pendergrass

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend, **December 4-5**, for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Each year, the need to provide for them becomes more pressing. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes - often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for **thousands** of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. **Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime!**

**Parts of the Mass**

**INVITATION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands." The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God" (Rite of Ordination). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply "for the praise and glory of his name." God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, "for our good and the good of all his holy Church." This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body "share[s] its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets**

Sign-ups for Christmas Baskets for the needy **must be given to the Office ahead of time**, beginning now, and participants must be present to pick-up their individual basket on 12/21/21.

To sign-up, please call the **Office at (714) 536-6913, x-112**.



**November 21, 2021**

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$62.00
Building Fund .....	\$5,033.00
Specials .....	\$100.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$130.00
Regular Collection .....	\$7,361.76

*Thank you very much for supporting your Church!*

**This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea**

5:00 pm *Mass for All souls & the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28**

7:30 am *Mass for All Souls*  
 9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Emma Fe L. Joaquin (RIP)*  
 10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP)*  
 12:00 pm *Latin Mass for the soul of Skip Shutt (RIP)*  
**12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**

**Monday, November 29**

8:00 am *Mass for Margie Gutierrez (L)*  
**3:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> 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, November 30**

8:00 am *Mass for All Souls*  
**9am-3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**3:30 pm Post-Communion class - Level 1 (til 4:30)**  
**5:00 pm Post-Communion class - Level 2(til 6pm)**

**Wednesday, December 1**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Tom Peters (RIP)*  
**9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**

**Thursday, December 2**

8:00 am *Mass for James Gould (L)*  
**9am-3pm Adoration & Benediction**

**Friday, December 3**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of James Smith (RIP)*  
**9:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration and Benediction (til 9pm)**  
 9:00 am *Cenacles of Life*

**Saturday, December 4**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of James Keating, Sr. (RIP)*  
**3:00 pm Confessions (only until 4:00 pm)**  
 5:00 pm *Mass for the soul of Tom Peters (RIP)*  
**\*2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 5**

**\*2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious**  
 7:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased*  
 9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Tom Peters (RIP)*  
 10:30 am *Mass for Christopher Edward Oden (L)*  
 12:00 pm *Latin Mass for Bill Harris (L)*  
**12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**

**Office of Faith Formation Column**

**SUPPORTING THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH**



Our Confirmation students will attend a retreat this coming Saturday, December 4. Wouldn't it be a delightful treat to receive cards with personalized messages assuring them of our prayers? –and what if

there is a snack included for them to enjoy during their 12-hour retreat? We appreciate the prayer cards and snacks by this coming Monday at the latest. I would feel so much love, support, and connection if I were a teen receiving such concrete warm gestures from my faith community at my retreat.

Your prayers and support for the youth of our parish and their families have always been a great encouragement!

**“A LITTLE CHANGE CHANGES LIVES”**

We are starting our baby bottle charity again this Advent. We once again invite all students in our Faith Formation Program to participate in this important endeavor to support the Horizon Life Clinic. Last year we had 35% participation. Hoping that with their parents' help, we will reach our goal of 50% participation. Students, please be on the lookout for more information when you return to class this coming Monday/Tuesday.



**ADVENT'S LITTLE QUIZ**

How much do you know about Advent? Take a mini quiz!

1. What does the word Advent (from the Latin adventus) mean? a/Vantage point b/Coming
2. According to tradition, approximately how far did Mary travel to visit Elizabeth? a/ 100 miles b/200 miles
3. Why are the Advent candles arranged in the shape of a circle? a/ It symbolizes eternity. b/ It symbolizes the earth

Check your answers again, and then flip over this sheet to see what the correct answers are.

The first and second questions are b while the third is a.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**LOYAL STEWARDS....**

We have **THREE** back-to-back events, each bigger and bigger with **YOUR HELP NEEDED!**

➤Next weekend is our **BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS** held on **Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**: But first **LOTS OF HELP NEEDED TO SET-UP AND DECORATE** for it on **DEC. 4<sup>th</sup>** (this will take care of decorations for all 3 events) after a brief **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** starting AT **9 AM** on **DEC. 4<sup>th</sup>** to finalize volunteering needs of all 3 events.

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**: Help with the **ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST** after the AM Masses, then clean-up around **12:30**.

➤Now **HERES OUR CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE** from Fr. Chu... to serve a **LASAGNA DINNER** immediately following the **5:00pm Vigil Mass** for the Holy Day: Immaculate Conception of Mary, when our new Shrines will be dedicated by **Bishop Vann** on **Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**. *Please help serve the meal at **6:00pm** and clean-up afterwards.*

➤*And*, our final and biggest event will be the **JOINT MINISTRY DINNER** following the **CHRISTMAS CONCERT Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**. Help is needed at **6:00** to serve and clean-up around **7:30** after this huge event!

➤**Any questions or more details needed**, come to the meeting **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** at **9 am** or feel free to contact **RENE** at (714) 330-3765.

➤**PRAYER WARRIORS**, you have been very busy praying for fellow Stewards and parishioners, and the souls in purgatory this month....*Thank you Angels of our Church!*

➤**DON'T FORGET FIRST FRIDAY** (this week) & **EVERY THURSDAY ADORATION 1:00-2:00pm** with fellow Stewards!

May God continue to bless us with good health and safety, especially for our Priests. 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).