

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 LEGACY PROJECT

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to thank those of you who are supporting our Legacy Project, both prayerfully and financially. This parish is blessed with so many generous hearts! Because of you, we were able to construct our magnificent retablo in the Church with the tabernacle now placed in the center. I thank God for every one of you; for the gifts you bring to ministry and for all you offer to St. Mary's by the Sea Church. May God bless you and your families, in your homes, at work, in your service to the community and your lives in the parish. May you continue to find great joy in the Gospel and in your Catholic faith!

<u># of Pledges</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
(130)	\$560,516	\$524,253
+ money on hand:	+450,000	+450,000
Total Amount =	\$1,010,516	\$974,253

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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 P.M.

THURSDAYS: 3:00 TO 7:30 P.M. (BLESSED SACRAMENT
IS EXPOSED & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITED AT 3 P.M.)

FIRST FRIDAYS: 12-HOUR ADORATION

BAPTISMS: THIRD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 1:30 P.M.

BAPTISM CLASSES REQUIRED.

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 – JIM RAHM

LECTORS – MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY – JOANNE PETERS

PRO-LIFE – JACKY ROZA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LINDA GILBERT (DIRECTOR)

RETREATS – DIANE MILLER

SAFETY MINISTRY - TOM AND SUSAN SIZLO

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – MARY BANNER, IRENE CLAYPOOL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – FELIPA CHADWICK

USHERS - JOE MUNGARI

WEDDING COORDINATOR – GINNY ARAGÓN

WELCOME MINISTRY – AL GRIEGO, SHARON TRAN

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

Loving Obedience

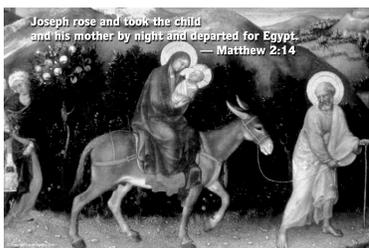
One theme common to all three readings today is obedience. Sirach commends the son who obeys his father. St. Paul tells children to obey their parents "in everything." And the Gospel shows Joseph obedient to the warnings of the angel. Yet all three put obedience in terms of a larger relationship.

Sirach says that obedience is part of what makes a happy family. As we saw last Sunday, it shows trust in the one who is obeyed. Children trust that their parents have good reason for telling them to do something. Children also learn both discipline and how to contribute to family life. Spouses trust each other not to ask them to do something harmful. Obedience is also a sign of respect for an older family member. Americans tend to look at older people as if they were useless, but Sirach reminds us of the wisdom they can share with us.

St. Paul continues this theme in the second reading. He shows how love of Christ transforms a family. When he talks about wives being subordinate and husbands loving them, he means that husbands and wives should defer to each other and love each other. Children and parents have duties to each other: Children are to obey parents and parents are to be reasonable ("do not provoke") and loving.

Parents might look at the Gospel for support in encouraging obedience. Joseph obeyed the messages from the angel and saved the life of the infant Jesus. So families can learn that stressing obedience can protect the child as well as teach. Parents can also remind children that God asks for obedience for our good, not on a whim. When we obey God's law, we learn to trust God more deeply and to appreciate that God's law enables us to live more freely. As children we think that rules restrict us, but as we mature, we learn that we are more restricted by our misguided desires and beliefs. We learn to adjust those desires to be in line with God's plan for us. We grow by replacing misguided beliefs (i.e., that material things bring true happiness, that revenge is sweet, etc.) with faith in a loving God who wants the best for us and who doesn't magically take away our sufferings, but supports us through them.

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Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. — Matthew 2:14



***The Solemnity of Mary,
the Mother of God
January 1, 2020***

This is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020. **Our Mass will be held at our usual time 8:00 a.m.**

However, since our parish is held under the patronage of Our Lady, Fr. Pascal, has requested and was granted, to also have a **Latin Tridentine Mass at 12:00 noon.**

***First Friday 12-Hour Adoration
"Wise Men Still Seek Him"***

The ancient wise men undertook much trouble to visit the baby Jesus. We, on the other hand, do not have to travel nearly as far to see Him. However, we can equal their devotion by visiting Him during **12-HOUR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, which begins at the conclusion of the 8am Mass on Friday, January 3rd, and ends with a rosary and Benediction starting at 9pm.**

Thanks to all who have committed themselves to First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Without your commitment, this program would not be possible. We do, however, **need volunteers** for the **2pm** and **5pm** hours. If you would like to sign-up, please contact the **Office at (714) 536-6913, x-112.** Thank you.

***Feast of the Holy Innocents
Pro-Life Candlelight Procession***

The annual Pro-Life Candlelight Procession will take place on Monday evening, **December 30** 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.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of **Constance Elizabeth Friedl** who was baptized here on **December 15, 2019.**



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 **3:00pm** 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.**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St. Joseph - Male Qualities We Need

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. (Matt 1:18-19)

Of course, we know the rest of the story. Joseph does not put Mary aside. An angel comes to him in a dream. Not a great Archangel as greeted Mary, but a rather workaday heavenly messenger tasked with reassuring a rather ordinary workman of his time. Joseph, going on faith, brings Mary into his home, and prepares to parent and protect Emmanuel, "God-with-us." People like to say, "We don't know anything about Joseph." Well, we know what matters.

- * Joseph was *righteous*; he lived devoutly and in accordance with God's word.
- * Joseph was *faithful*; he was a man willing to work within the mysteries of God as they came at him.
- * Joseph was *courageous*; it is no small thing to go outside of the customs of a village or a tribe.
- * Joseph was *generous*; the needs of Mary and the Child came before all else, including his established life and industry.
- * Joseph was *wise*; he understood that God's mind and ways are not our own, but trustworthy.

We know one other thing about Joseph, and it might be the most important thing: *He was kind.*

Joseph's kindness may outweigh all his other good qualities, even his righteousness. Righteousness can sometimes become a boat stuck on the shoals of Justice, and rendered immovable. Kindness, which contains an element of Mercy, can lift the vessel to freedom.

And in the Year of Our Lord 2019, Joseph's kindness is an example of true masculine strength. He could have, in all "righteousness" cast Mary aside in a way that publicly shamed her and would have ended her life. Within the law, within the society and the tribe, he had that power and to use it would have meant no dishonor to him.

But even before the reassurances that came from heaven, Joseph was too kind to use his socially-approved power in that way. Having seen qualities in Mary that made him recognize her value, her value was not so lessened in his eyes as to diminish her human status into mere, disposable thing-hood. He would not expose her to that element of humanity that, even today, has a lust for the lives and the blood of the vulnerable, for interests that serve something other than heaven.

Joseph was a righteous man. The devout life he embraced developed his faith; faith gave him courage; courage permitted his generosity; generosity let him grow in wisdom; wisdom taught Joseph kindness. Kindness is where, if we must err at all, our errors should occur.

-Elizabeth Scalia - Dec. 18, 2017 Aleteia.com (adapted)

Christmas Crib

This is our last Sunday to collect your baby gifts for our local crisis pregnancy center. Please consider giving a gift for these precious babies. Items will be used in various programs to help young mothers who have chosen life for their babies. There is a crib in Fr. Johnson Hall for this collection, or if you prefer a monetary donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Crib" would also be helpful.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Pay Asjar	Al Griego	Mary Peduzzi
Sarah Asjar	Nathan Hamby	Diane Pham
Bette Barilla	David Harris	Derek Pham
Bonnie Barilla	Paul Hayes	Debbie Ransom
Carlos Botana	Larry B. Henry	James Resurreccion
Hugh Cahill	Diane Hoxsie	Irene Rinehimer
Colleen Campbell	Marilyn Kefalas	Susan Rocio
Earline Campbell	Roger Kunsaitis	Christine Schiering
Peggy Carrasco	Nam Le	Hilda Shipman
George Christa	Larry Lewis	Flora Simpson
Rosemarie Clouse	Tanya Lodics	Barry Robert Snyder
Ann Costello	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Bob Spellmire
Johnny Costello	Doris McDonald	Dan Stenglein
Dan Derieg	Nina Merlino	Mary Teaze
Helen Donnelly	Rose Palmer	Andrea Wall
Lorraine Dunn	Esperanza Pantoja	

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

John the Baptist Tran † (Fr. Quang's uncle)
Vincent Lee † (Stan Li's brother)

End of the Year Donations

As you review your 2019 tax planning, please consider a year-end gift of support to St. Mary's by the Sea. Your charitable gift may go towards our Legacy Project, a parish endowment or you may give directly to St. Mary's by the Sea. **The deadline for year-end gifts to qualify as charitable contributions on a donor's 2019 income tax return is Tuesday, December 31, 2019.**

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.


Weekly Collections
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**Thank You For
Your Generosity!**

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

December 15, 2019

Altar Guild	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$2,727.50
Building Fund	\$115.00
Specials	\$2,107.00
Regular	\$11,020.00

Please remember to use your envelopes.

**(The collection for December 22, 2019 will be posted in next week's bulletin.)*

Time

A New Year will soon be upon us, and God will give each one of us precious time. Those who will live the year out shall have received 365 days. No more, no less. No more for the rich and no more for the poor. All people are equal, all are treated equally.

We are often given to complaining. We say that others are better off, that they have more opportunities than we do, that it is easier for them to do good than it is for us. But we are wrong. God is as kind to us (undeserving as we are) as He is to anyone else. We receive as much time as anyone else, richer or poorer. What we do with that time, however, will determine our true status and how we use it will make the eternal difference. Time, like free will, is precious and needs to be used well. That same minute which God gives each of us may build for eternity into “gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or stubble” (I Cor. 3:12). The question is, “Which one will be built for you?”



Stewardship Corner

LOYAL STEWARDS:

Hoping everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas!!

➤ During the Holidays, the bulletin is written sometimes weeks in advance and by the time it is printed, things have changed which was the case in last week’s Stewardship Corner. It can’t be helped and sorry if it confused or inconvenienced anyone! We canceled the monthly meeting and also changed the day to decorate the church because of bad weather. Assuming we did decorate the church and you got the emails to direct our newest volunteering needs, thank you for your understanding and willingness to help at any time. We do have an amazingly cohesive group of extraordinary volunteers! It’s never work when we get together for an event or project (*unless we are asked to clean out the garage or shed by PJ ☺*).

➤ We will meet again next year, on **Jan. 17, 2020**, for an optional **POTLUCK** at **6pm** followed by our **BUSINESS MEETING** at **7pm** in the Hall. Bring some new faces to join our committee and some fresh new ideas, too!

HAPPY NEW YEAR LOYAL STEWARDS and thank you all for a fantastic 2019!

GOD is GOOD, and YOU ARE LOVED.
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).

December 29, 2019

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm *Mass for the soul of Vincent So'O Seiuli Magutulia (RIP)*

Sunday, December 29

7:30 am *Mass for the soul of Philomena Faleiro (RIP)*

9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Jesee Tubera (RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish, Living & Deceased*

12:00pm *Latin Mass for the soul of Ed Ross (RIP)*

12:30 pm **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**

Monday, December 30

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of James Lincoln (RIP)*

1:00-4:30pm *Weekly Adoration*

Tuesday, December 31

*** Office Closed ***

8:00 am *Mass for Lynn Wheaton (L)*

Wed., Jan. 1, 2020 - The Solemnity of Mary

*** Office Closed ***

8:00 am *Mass for Virginia Fabila (L)*

12:00 pm *Latin Mass for Peace & Justice in our World, especially for our Country*

Thursday, January 2

8:00 am *Mass for Teresa Orr (L)*

1:00pm *Weekly Adoration*

3:00 pm **Adoration in the Church** (til 7:30pm)

7:30 pm **Benediction**

Friday, January 3

8:00 am *Mass for Sandy Roberson (L)*

9:00 am **1st Friday 12-Hour Adoration** (till 9pm)

9:00 am *Cenacles of Life*

Saturday, January 4

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Mildred McCraw (RIP)*

3:00 pm **NO Confessions this Saturday**

5:00 pm *Mass for the People of the Parish, Living & Deceased*

Sunday, January 5

7:30 am *Mass for Mary Ann & Richard Hoefler (L)*

9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Don Johnson (RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Miguel R. Aragón (RIP)*

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

12:30 pm **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**