



ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE LEGACY PROJECT

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I want to acknowledge those of you who supported our Legacy Project, both prayerfully and financially. This parish is blessed with so many generous hearts! Because of you, we are now able to worship God in our newly renovated church. 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 all of 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>
(127)	\$516,916	\$394,048
+ money on hand:	+450,000	+450,000
Total Amount =	\$966,916	\$844,048

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Deacon Thomas Concitis

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., 12:10 P.M. & 5:30 P.M. &
7:00 P.M. LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS ON HOLY DAY



EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS: THURSDAYS -7:30 P.M.

ADORATION HOURS:

THURSDAYS: 3:00 TO 7:30 P.M. (BLESSED SACRAMENT IS EXPOSED & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITED AT 3 PM)
FIRST FRIDAYS: 12-HOUR ADORATION (9 A.M.-9 P.M.)

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 – HANS ANTER

LECTORS – MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY – JOANNE PETERS

PRO-LIFE – JACKY ROZA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LINDA GILBERT (DIRECTOR)

RETREATS – DIANE MILLER

SAFETY MINISTRY – TOM & 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

A Gift for the Wise Men

A fellow was teasing one of the women in his parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." But maybe they were wise enough to know that Mary could have bought a lot of diapers with the gold.

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And what do our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in Him? Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? Or the parable of the woman who brought two small coins to donate at the temple (Mark 12:42)? They both remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn King? We can give our time by coming to Church for the feast of the Epiphany and actually paying attention. How often do we sit in the pews, answer the prayers by heart, and suddenly realize that we can't remember what the first reading was, or what the homily was about? Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture or to hear what God may be trying to tell me could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to Church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of the word "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. In the early church the feast included the baptism of Christ (with the voice of the Father and the Spirit as a dove) and the miracle at Cana, as well as the visit of the magi. So what we celebrate is not so much our gifts or those of the Wise Men, as it is a gift from God, manifest in Jesus. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to us. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, to major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to Him also.

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Parish Faith Formation

THE BEGINNING OF A REAWAKENING

Since Jesus established the Church over 2,000 years ago, the Faith has spread throughout the world. Currently, there are 76 million Catholics in the U.S., but less than 24% of them attend Mass regularly. The New Evangelization can be simply defined in 5 words: the re-evangelization of the baptized. What can you do to spread the Faith?

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The Heart of Evangelization

Last week we asked you to "Save the Date" for our upcoming parish training program **relit: The Heart of Evangelization**, where you will be equipped, prepared, formed and renewed in your personal call as a Catholic.

Led by Michael Dopp, STL, this training program is an exciting and integrated set of 18 sessions, which help to form the participants theologically, spiritually, and practically so we as a parish, we can be more active in the Church.

The **first session** is **Thursday, January 24** from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** For those who would desire the **day sessions**, we also have **Saturday, January 26**, from **9:00-10:30 a.m.**

By receiving this formation, you will not only be renewed in your personal call as a Catholic, but will also be able to support our parish and our diocese, leading others to be renewed in the same spirit.

Give to Jesus

Give Jesus, your fears and He will give you greater peace.
Give Jesus, your bitterness and He will give you a greater sense of forgiveness.

Give Jesus, your pride and He will give you greater humility.
Give Jesus, your disappointments and He will give you greater hope.

Give Jesus, your confusion and frustrations and He will give you greater grace.

Give Jesus, your sorrows and He will give you greater joy.

Give Jesus, your impatience and He will give you greater forbearance.

Give Jesus, your jealousy and He will give you greater contentment.

Give Jesus, your weakness and He will give you greater strength.

You may think that what you give Him is so negative and insignificant, compared to what He can give you in return, but when you give Him these things, it indicates total trust in Him with your whole heart and soul. You are giving the greatest gift you have to give Him.

Offer your gift of self - - often!

-Catholic Quote Vol. 73, No. 1

The Epiphany of the Lord

5 Steps to Find God's Will for Your Life

Choices define our lives. How do we discern God's will and choose it over our own?

When we were kids, we had no problem making choices. We went with our gut, and if someone disagreed, we "shot it out" with Rock, Paper, Scissors or tossed a coin, then threw ourselves into whatever it was.

Somewhere along the line, things got complicated. We read "Two Roads Diverged in a Yellow Wood" and learned that a choice can define a life. Wanting to do God's will, we began to agonize over those choices.

What is God's Will For My Life, and How Can I Find It?

But are we meant to get as worked up about "life choices" as we do? "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not unto men," St. Paul told the Colossians in 3:23, clearly more interested in the how than the what.

The fact is, we already know what the will of God is:

Your holiness: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thess 4:3; "sanctification" refers to growth in holiness).

Your right actions: "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

Your thankful heart: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess 5:16-18)

Your love of Him and others: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind... [and] You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt 22:37-39). This "expresses his entire will," according to Catechism no. 2822.

Fulfilling what we do know to be God's will for us ought to be our top priority. Beyond that, he has given us free will and told us his purpose for us:

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide" (John 15:16).

Each of us has God-given talents and abilities, a unique background and circumstances. We are to be responsible stewards of those gifts, so we can "go and bear fruit" in his love. And to help us do that, we have a conscience and the ability to reason.

And we have free will.

Part of being human is making choices, even when it's hard. In doing so, we learn to follow God and hear his voice. We grow in faith. And although God shows us the goal and provides signposts along the way, long stretches of our path may lie in darkness.

That's where the trust comes in.

5 Practical Steps in the Right Direction

Maybe you've heard it said, "God can't steer a ship that's not moving." There's truth to that. So, how do you start moving? Here are five ways to get started:

1. Persevere

Finish what you've already been given to do. If you can't see where to go next, you may not be done where you are.

2. Pray

Seek God and commit your way to him (see Psalm 37:5). Cultivate the attitude of Jesus — "Not my will, but thine be done."

3. Discern

Consider the pros and cons before you, the situation, the likely outcomes. Where can you best use your gifts? If you feel God's leading: are you paying attention? Seek counsel from trusted advisors.

4. Evaluate

Rule out those things that are against Scripture or Church teaching, that cause harm or require sin, that act against your chosen vocation.

5. Navigate

Now make your best choice, staying attentive to his voice and moving where you have inner peace.

Perhaps St. Augustine said it best:

"Love God and [then] do what you will.... In all things, let the root of love be within, for of this root can nothing spring but what is good."

-Sarah Christmyer: Ascension Blog

2018 PSA Update

of Pledges: 69 / Pledged: \$62,120 / Paid: \$61,450

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Aurora Aragón	Nathan Hamby	Gloria Pagenkopp
Natie Arellano	David Harris	Joanne Peters
Bette Barilla	Rusty Hawley	Ben Phillips
Bonnie Barilla	Paul Hayes	Jackie Pinault
Cary Benoit	Anita Hepp	Debbie Ransom
Kathi Britton	Diane Hoxsie	Susan Rocio
Hugh Cahil	Shelly Jones	Amy Rosenberg
Colleen Campbell	Roger Kunsaitis	Kevin Ryan
Earline Campbell	Angie Lewis	Bill Sammon
Peggy Carrasco	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Valerie Sandoval
Rodrigo Castro	Lisa Marks	Nate Sheffield
Samuel Chavez	Doris McDonald	Elfriede Shipman
George Christa	Patricia McKenzie	Flora Simpson
Rosemarie Clouse	Nina Merlino	Linda Sparks
Dan Derieg	Lucy Mira	Bob Spellmire
Helen Donnelly	Brooks Morris	Dan Stenglein
Ann Erwin	Albert Myrter	Linda Stickles
Glen Evans	Steven Myrter	Mary Trout
Al Griego	Marilyn Novak	Andrea Wall

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

Alan Gordon †

New Hope Crisis Hotline

The New Hope Crisis Hotline provides telephone crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Orange County. Trained crisis workers at the Tower of Hope on the Christ Cathedral Campus provide counseling to those who are struggling to cope with day-to-day life. **Services are free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

714-New Hope (714-639-4673)



Stewardship Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR LOYAL STEWARDS!

What a year we've had, and this year will be just as wonderful! We'll be "UN-decorating" the church soon, so please **watch for emails on time and day for much needed help**, since we outdid ourselves this past year with all the Christmas lights! Everyone is still talking about how beautiful our little Church is, inside and out, thanks to many of you who gave up your time on the Sunday before Christmas and again on Christmas Eve. It was a lot to ask, and so many of you helped. **THANK YOU!!!!**

NEW YEAR, NEW IDEA:

➤ We need to have a **Stewardship Meeting**, and it's been scheduled for **Jan. 18th at 7pm**, preceded by an **optional Potluck at 6pm**. **BUT....** This year we will be **strictly adhering to this schedule** so you can pick and choose what you'd like to attend:

6:00-6:30pm - Potluck

6:30-7:00pm - Stewards in Action/Spiritual Intentions

7:00-7:45pm - Business/Events

7:45-8:00pm - Finish up/ or New Business/ Calendar.

➤ Events coming up will start with a **Super Bowl party**, if you choose? Then, **Lenten meals**, and these will be discussed at the next meeting. **Share your ideas with us.**

(All are welcome to join our amazing committee.)

God has blessed us with such abundance and love. May we continue to share these gifts with each other in His Name. 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).

January 6, 2019

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Mass for Ella Shipman (L)

Sunday, January 6

7:30 am Mass for the people of the Parish, both living and deceased

9:00 am Mass for Fr. Quang Chu (L)

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Paul Luu (RIP)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the soul of Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP)

12:30 pm Legion of Mary weekly meeting

Monday, January 7

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Miguel R. Aragón (RIP)

Tuesday, January 8

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Alex Yaslik (RIP)

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Joe Barilla (RIP)

9:15 am Legion of Mary weekly meeting

10:30 am Staff meeting

6:30 pm Lectionary Scripture Study Group in Hall

Thursday, January 10

8:00 am Mass for Francis Anthony Nottke (L)

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

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 2nd Degree meeting in Hall

7:30 pm Benediction

Friday, January 11

8:00 am Mass for the Filippe & Lage Families (L)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, January 12

8:00 am Mass for Sandy Entrican (L)

10:00 am Pastoral Council meeting

3:00 pm Confessions

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

Sunday, January 13

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Tom Nolan (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for people of the Parish, both living and deceased

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

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the soul of Frank T. Gillen (RIP)

12:30 pm Legion of Mary weekly meeting