ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

LEGACY PROJECT UPDATE

We are now at **98%** of our goal of **$900,000**. **THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE!** Unfortunately, these pledges only represent **15%** 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.

# of Pledges	Total Pledged	Total Paid
(99)	$431,015	$250,523
+ money on hand:	+450,000	+450,000
Total Amount =	**$881,015**	**$700,523**

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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

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

Little Drummer Boy

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh--tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus' time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as King, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let the Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus every day.

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The Greatest Gift You Will Ever Receive

In your hand, you have been placed a most priceless gift. It personifies Infinite Love. Look at it closely. There is no price-tag stamped on it. It cannot be weighed, because no scale can balance its value. A king's ransom in comparison is as nothing, yet it is given to a beggar and prince alike. The Giver asks only that it be used wisely and well from the goodness found in a thankful soul.

This jewel, rare and unique, is not displayed in any shop window. It cannot be purchased, cannot be sold. No other treasures hold the possibilities this gift possesses and offers; nor can any surpass its golden splendor.

Of all the gifts of this world, this is the most precious. It has been offered many times before, and from the depths of this boundless love, it is given again.

It is left to you to find the golden thread running through it. Only with great care and purity of intention will the jewel retain its luster. Carelessness, ingratitude, selfishness, or sinfulness will tarnish the brilliancy - break the unspoiled thread, and permanently mar the perfection.

Guard it closely; lest through weak fingers, it slips from the hand. Look often at its faultless beauty. Accept it as it is offered from the heart of the Giver. Consider it the most treasured, for of all gifts, it is by far the greatest.

What is this most amazing gift you have received? It is time, the gift of life, moment by moment, you have received this new year. Only the living, posses it, *briefly*! How will you use your gift?

-Catholic Quote.
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Lending Library

St. Mary's by the Sea now has a **Lending Library** available to all located in Fr. Johnson Hall. It contains Catholic books approved by the Church. You may check one out by using the **"Sign In/Out"** sheet. Please limit yourself to one book per person. If you have any books at home you would like to add to our collection, please take them to the Office first, so we can log them in beforehand.

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

-Advent/Christmas Preparation-

☞Access **"FORMED"**

**********(Only 6 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.*

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.

Prayer for a New Year

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

-Catholic.org/prayers

Electronic Donations

Did you know you can make both one-time and recurring donations to whatever funds you list and by whatever payment method you choose to offer? Just go to our website **www.StMarysByTheSea.net** and click the "Donate" button. This will take you to a secure page. From there, you can make a one-time donation or weekly recurring donations. This method can be used in place of your weekly contribution envelopes to save you from writing a check. **Come visit our website and take a look!**

Let Us Pray for the Sick…

Aurora Aragón	Glen Evans	Nathan Mora
Humberto Aragón	Jack Fodera	Jane Moran
Bette Barilla	Frank Gillet	Steven Myrter
Cary Benoit	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

Weekly Offering

Thank You For Your Generosity!

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

December 24, 2017

Altar Guild	**$40.00**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$50.00**
Specials	**$200.00**
Christmas	**$8,611.95**
Regular	**$9,358.80**

December 31, 2017

Altar Guild	**$40.00**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$100.00**
Building Fund	**$35.00**
Specials	**$500.00**
Solemnity of Mary	**$5,895.00**
Regular	**$12,720.75**

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)*

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Sunday Lectionary Scripture Study

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Hall

Biblical Study related to the Scripture passages of the Sunday Lectionary Readings: Focusing on the Liturgy of the Word for the following Sunday, you will explore the inspired Word of God to see how God speaks to us in the various passages of the Bible.

Bring a New American Standard Study Bible if you have one. If you'd like to get on the email list for the weekly distribution of the basic materials, please contact **Deacon Tom** at **deacontomc@gmail.com**. If you can't commit to the weekly gathering, check out the following websites for your personal Prayer, Study and Reflection: **www.usccb.org/bible**. The website for the related Scripture passages commentaries can be found at **www.agapebiblestudy.com**.

Stewardship Corner

Hear Ye Loyal Stewards:

- We have **two dates** for us to come together and the **FIRST** is **TOMORROW (Monday, Jan. 8th) at 8:45 am:** We are requested to please help Fr. Chu **take down all indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations**… sadly our season is ended. This is a HUGE volunteering opportunity and men are especially needed for heavy lifting.

- **SECONDLY** please attend this months *"informal"* **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE meeting** on **Jan. 19th at 7pm** to hear *YOUR THOUGHTS* about our events for 2018. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED** as well as any fresh ideas! *How about a 6pm potluck dinner beforehand to warm us up for the meeting?* We'll talk about them, too, *should they continue, be omitted, should we start meeting at 6:00 pm instead of them??* And, we'd like your meeting suggestions to entice more members or get those who stopped attending regularly, to return? Our Stewardship events have been so warmly received by our Parish but so few core members do most of the work, *why is this happening?* **Let's TALK, PLEASE!**

May God continue to bless us in all we do 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).

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 7, 2018

7:30 am	*Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*
9:00 am	*Mass for the soul of Miguel R. Aragón (RIP)*
10:30 am	*Mass for Jeff & Rosemary Kunze (L)*
12:00 pm	*Latin Mass for the soul of Bill Kirkwood (RIP)*

The Baptism of the Lord -Monday, January 8

8:00 am	*Mass for Nina Merlino (L)*
8:30 am	**Take down decorations *(Volunteers Needed)***
10:30 am	**Staff meeting**
1:00-4:30 pm	Weekly Adoration

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 am	*Mass for Francis Anthony Nottke (L)*
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, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

8:00 am	*Mass for Sandy Entrican (L)*
9:00 am	Cenacles of Life (in the Church)
1:00-**4:00 pm**	Weekly Adoration
4:00 pm	**Rehearsal**

Saturday, January 13

8:00 am	*Mass for the soul of Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP)*
1:30 pm	**Wedding**
5:00 pm	*Mass for Mary Tripoli (L)*

Sunday , January 14

7:30 am	*Mass for Maria Lieu & Peter Truong Tran (RIP)*
9:00 am	*Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*
10:30 am	*Mass for the soul of Joe Barilla (RIP)*
12:00 pm	*Latin Mass for the soul of Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP)*
12:15 pm	**Legion of Mary weekly meeting**