

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



LEGACY PROJECT

# of Pledges	Total Pledged	Total Paid
(130)	\$571,784	\$557,875

2020 PSA

# of Pledges	Total Pledged	Total Paid
(71)	\$61,281	\$59,912

THANK YOU for the support you have shown during this trying time of the pandemic. Your donations can be given electronically via our website at www.stmarysbythesea.net by clicking the large red button on the right which says "DONATE NOW." You can also send your check directly to our Parish. Thank you, and may God bless you during this time of trials.

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*(Notice: The Office has re-opened from Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm.
Please note that we will be closed on Fridays until further notice.)*

TEMPORARY 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 Low Mass

4:30 pm English

ADORATION & BENEDICTION:

Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm &

Every 1st Friday 9:00 am—3:00 pm

***CONFESSIONS: Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 pm**

ALL Masses will be held outside in the Courtyard.



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

God's Saving Action

It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is "water," but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The responsorial psalm follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. 1 John takes us to the reality of Christ as Eucharist: not only Jesus' birth and baptism, but his death, as we hear that Jesus came "by water and by blood." The Gospel depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us.

When we go to a music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*" Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fountains are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

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Office of Faith Formation Corner

TEST POSITIVE

It was on Sunday, April 19 at 6:13pm when I received a text from a dear friend, Fr. Vincent Doan, SS. He sent me the following image along with a message wishing me to stay healthy and safe. Little did I know it was going to be the very last message I would receive from him until we unite in ACT II of life, eternal life.

As we treasure the gift of life in these first days of this new year, may we continually test positive for what is Essential to your journey with our Lord each day in wholehearted trust.

**Make sure you
test positive for
Faith. Keep
distance from
Doubt, and
isolate from
Fear. Trust God
through it all.**

CLASSES RESUMED



Our classes have resumed this past week. Some students were surprised when they were invited to sing "Happy Birthday" to the Infant Christ laying in the manger. Indeed, important people tend to have an extended birthday celebration. His importance lies in His humility: Christ emptied Himself and gave it all for us—without counting the cost, without counting the cross. God is *in love* with us. May we continually expand our heart to love Him and let that expression of gratitude be transformed into actions of charity in His honor.

COLLECTING FAITH STORIES

We are collecting stories of faith and heroic virtues from our parishioners. Please share with Sr. Catherine at emailsisterc@yahoo.com so we can spread the good news far and wide.

Saints & Special Observances for the Week

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (1/17/21)

The Baptism of the Lord

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the names," but "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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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...

Pay Asjar	Al Griego	Diane Pham
Sarah Asjar	Chin Ha	Derek Pham
Mike Banner	Nathan Hamby	Ray Quinn
Bette Barilla	David Harris	Binnie Ransom
Bonnie Barilla	Paul Hayes	Debbie Ransom
Angela Bennett	Larry B. Henry	Vincent Ransom
Teresa Braga	Diane Hoxsie	Irene Rinehimer
Hugh Cahill	Paula Keating	Susan Rocio
Colleen Campbell	Marilyn Kefalas	Colleen Rowe
Earlene Campbell	Roger Kunsaitis	Mark Scally
Peggy Carrasco	Ernest Landell	Janene Shepherd
Marciano Ceballos	Nam Le	Hilda Shipman
George Christa	Larry Lewis	Barry Robert Snyder
Rosemarie Clouse	Garret Loeffler	Bob Spellmire
Ann Costello	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Dan Stenglein
Johnny Costello	Doris McDonald	Mary Teaze
Dan Derieg	Nina Merlino	Bernadette Vanderhorst
Vicky Derieg	Rosalie Ocanas	Andrea Wall
Bryan Donnelly	Rose Palmer	Britt Wilson
Helen Donnelly	Mary Peduzzi	Maria Zelaya

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

Fortune Tellers

This is becoming an increasingly popular form of entertainment: people seeking comfort and assurance from the dead about their life to come. For Christians, the knowledge that our future is safe in the hands of God should be enough. Jesus paid dearly to give us that assurance and to seek it from any other source is sinful.

God's word is very clear on this subject; Deuteronomy 18:10-12 equates consulting the dead with human sacrifice, as being detestable to God.

The first commandment forbids all dealing with the devil and superstitious practices, such as consulting spiritualists and fortune tellers and trusting in charms, omens, dreams and such like fooleries.

In the light of this growing search for psychic knowledge and phenomena with its resultant disturbance of peace and mind, we need to be given more specific teaching of the subject, especially our young people.

The fact needs to be recognized that it is the devil who is the motivating force, his counterfeit gifts deceive us. The people being used by him need our prayers, their obvious warmth and desire to give comfort are being used by the evil one.

-Catholic Quote. Vol 82, No. 1

2020 Tax Donation Letters



If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2020 tax return, please contact the Parish Office (714-536-6913, ext. 112) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.

Weekly Collections

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

December 25, 2020

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$1,500.00
Building Fund.....	\$6,081.00
Specials	\$221.00
Regular	\$6,296.00

December 27, 2020

Regular	\$5,612.00
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January 3, 2021

Building Fund.....	\$6,000.00
Specials	\$120.00
Christmas	\$1,625.00
Regular	\$6,300.00

Thank you so very much for supporting your Church
during these difficult times. God Bless you all!

Family Blessing

God the Father, bless this house! Thy blessing guide us in and out. Guard Thou husband, wife and child, all with Thee in love united. May each one now around this hearth, one day with Thee in Heaven dwell! Amen.

-Anon.

☆ *All you who are thirsty, come to the water!*

- Isaiah 55:1



THANK YOU...

to those Loyal Stewards who helped Fr. Chu on Friday AM to take down and put away Christmas decorations! It was a beautifully decorated place despite being outside the Church, wasn't it? Did you enjoy the altar, the manger scene, poinsettia tree, festive lights, wreaths and beautiful music playing as we entered Mass? Fr. Chu is a visionary, and how blessed that he is our Pastor!

As we enter our second week of 2021, things in our country have not improved but worsened. This is not a helpless situation for people who have Faith, but a challenge for us to use our Faith together to make our world safer and better. This weeks theme of most Readings this week have encouraged us to rise above corruption, and hatred by loving one another and praying for our enemies instead of judging or condemning them. Can this be done? What a challenge we face today. Most Stewards have continued this New Year using their Faith and prayer to help those who ask for help and those who have died. Can we add loving one another to that mix as part of the challenge? We have no volunteering opportunities except sanitizing after Mass, so use your free time to help..... by your prayers and join fellow Stewards every Thurs. at 1:00 pm here at Church during our Stewardship ministry assigned hour of Adoration to pray together for God's help with this world and each other. Remember to keep Fr. Chu and Fr. Pascal in your prayers as well!

Please Lord, heal this world, bless and welcome our family and friends who have died into your Kingdom and keep us healthy and safe. 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 soul of Reginal Gomes (RIP)

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am Mass for Kristy Kim (L)

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Flora Simpson (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for Rev. Quang Chu (L)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for Francis A. Nottke (L)

4:30 pm Mass for the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased

Monday, January 11

8:00 am Mass for Gerard Lieblang (L)

5:30 pm **Confirmation Class** (til 6:30pm)

7-8:00 pm **RCIA** (for adults)

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am Mass for Sandy Entrican (L)

3:30 pm **First Holy Communion Class Yrs. 1/2**
(til 4:30pm)

5:30 pm **Post Communion Class Levels 6-8**
(til 6:30pm)

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Asdrubal Angulo Romanovich (RIP)

Thursday, January 14

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Edward Orowolowsky (RIP)

9am-3pm **Adoration & Benediction**

Friday, January 15

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Marie Burt (RIP)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am Mass for Elaine Hirayama (L)

3:00 pm **Confessions (only until 4:00 pm)**

5:00 pm Mass for Peace for Families

Sunday, January 17

7:30 am Mass for the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Andrew Paul Pompura (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for Mothers in good health

12:00 pm Latin Mass for Kate Schuff (L)

1:30 pm **Baptism**

4:30 pm Mass for deceased ancestors and relatives (RIP)