

# 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



## LEGACY PROJECT

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

## 2020 PSA

<u># of Pledges</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
(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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John's Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God's call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God's intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God's work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God's call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus' disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

***YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING***

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says "Here I am" to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say "Here I am," but "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own.

Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest "yes," God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

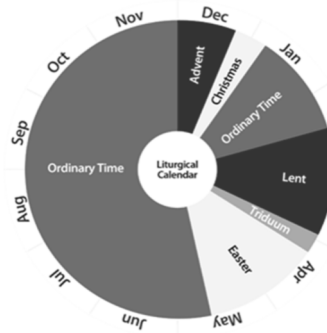
***OUR DEEPEST DESIRES***

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

**Office of Faith Formation Corner**

Every three years, the readings said during Sunday Mass are dedicated to a different **Gospel**.  
**Year A –St. Matthew; Year B – St. Mark; Year C –St. Luke**



The Gospel of St. John is typically used for solemnities and during Holy Week, and the shorter Gospel of Mark is usually supplemented with readings from Matthew and Luke in Year B. One of the simplest ways to determine the cycle year is to **add the digits** of the calendar year and see if they are **divisible by three**. If it is divisible by

three, then it is "Year C." Once you figure that out, the rest of the years are easy to determine.

Here is 2019 to use as an example: 2 + 0 + 1 + 9 = 12.

Since 12 is divisible by 3, 2019 is "Year C." This means our year, **2021 is Year B**, since it is a three-year cycle. Weekly readings are divided into two years, odd and even. Imagine, if you attend Mass every day for three years, you would have read 13.5 percent of the Old Testament (not counting the Psalms) and 71.5 percent of the New Testament. *Catholic-resources.org*

Now, you are invited to take a short 7-question quiz. If you have a perfect score, please email me your address at [emailsterc@yahoo.com](mailto:emailsterc@yahoo.com) and you will receive a gift. Why not take on the challenge? It's fun---and informative!

1. This church season is the beginning of the liturgical year.  
**a) Christmas b) Advent c) Easter d) Lent**
2. Two liturgical seasons the priest wear white vestments are Christmas and \_\_\_\_\_  
**a) Ordinary Time b) Pentecost c) Easter d) Lent**
3. Which Liturgical Season lasts the longest?  
**a) Christmas b) Lent c) Ordinary Time d) Advent**
4. This feast day ends the liturgical calendar.  
**a) Christmas b) Ash Wednesday c) Easter d) Christ the King**
5. Lent begins on \_\_\_\_\_  
**a) Ash Wednesday b) Full Moon c) March 6<sup>th</sup> d) Valentine's Day**
6. What is the most important feast of the Liturgical year?  
**a) Christmas b) Ordinary Time c) Pentecost d) Easter**
7. Readings for Mass change at the start of each liturgical year and are on a 3 year cycle and the weekday cycle is divided into how many years?  
**a) four b) three c) two d) one**

*Answer: The first b followed by mcoc next dcdc*

**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 at (714-536-6913, ext. 112) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, *“The Lord be with you.”* These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our “good mornings,” our “hellos” and “how are yous.” This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words “the Lord be with you” are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response - *“And with your spirit”* - returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord’s presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord’s presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God’s presence transforms us.

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### **Imitation of Mary** **Keys to Growth in Virtue and Grace** by Fr. Quan Tran



**St. Bonaventure Parish Faith Sharing Program on Zoom with Father Quan Tran**

**Begins Thursday Evening,  
Jan. 28, 2021 7-8:30 pm**

A CHAPTER A MONTH  
THE INTRODUCTION

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stbon.legion@gmail.com or call 714-319-8313**

### 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
Earline 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

Cliff Armstrong †

### Statement from the Diocese of Orange

By Bishop Kevin Vann, Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen and Bishop Timothy Freyer - January 6, 2021

We at the Diocese of Orange are dismayed and saddened by the shocking acts of violence and insurrection that occurred today within the U.S. Capitol — our country’s heart, both literal and symbolic, of democratic values and power. We find the actions committed, such as carrying a Confederate flag through the Capitol and the wearing of a Viking hat, reprehensible.

Now is the time for all Catholics to pray for the peaceful transitions that, clearly not without struggle, will occur this month within our revered institutions of democracy, namely the presidency and Congress. Amid these events and a pandemic that continues to strike hard at our everyday lives, our faith, resilience and reverence for peace must be as strong as ever.

Today, as we shudder to recall the events that will linger with us for some time, we should hearken back to the words of Archbishop John Carroll, whom Pope Pius VI named as America’s first bishop in 1789. Two years after his appointment, Archbishop Carroll created a prayer for what was then a newly formed, experimental government. Its guidance and wisdom remain relevant, especially on days like today. This prayer can be found at: [www.rcbo.org/statement-from-the-diocese-of-orange-a-call-for-peace-and-prayer-following-events-at-u-s-capitol](http://www.rcbo.org/statement-from-the-diocese-of-orange-a-call-for-peace-and-prayer-following-events-at-u-s-capitol).

### The Marriage Course

The Marriage Course by ALPHA online and organized by Saint Vincent de Paul Church, is for couples seeking practical support to strengthen their relationship, keep the spark alive and stay connected. The seven-part series starts on **Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** and meets weekly on **Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

It will be conducted **online via Zoom** so participants can join from the comfort of their home.

There is a suggested donation of \$25 to cover the cost of the course books and administrative costs.

For more information, email Deacon Angelo and Cindy Giambone at [angelocindy4wwme@gmail.com](mailto:angelocindy4wwme@gmail.com) or call **(714) 697-5659**. You can also register online at <http://svdphb.org/the-marriage-course>.

### Weekly Collections

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

**January 10, 2021**

<b>Building Fund</b> .....	<b>\$1,603.00</b>
<b>Specials</b> .....	<b>\$1,442.00</b>
<b>Regular</b> .....	<b>\$7,978.00</b>

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

***Saints & Special Observances for the Week***

- Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins  
**Tuesday:** Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)  
**Wednesday:** St. Fabian, *Pope & Martyr*; St. Sebastian, *Martyr*  
**Thursday:** St. Agnes, *Virgin & Martyr*  
**Friday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
**Saturday:** St. Vincent, *Deacon & Martyr*; St. Marianne Cope, *Virgin B.V.M.*  
**Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (1/24/21)



**Stewardship Corner**

**HAPPY SUNDAY LOYAL STEWARDS!**

It's getting difficult to write the Stewardship Corner without any volunteering opportunities except for sanitizing seats after Mass and praying for one another (which are VITAL; THANK YOU! ) So I looked at today's Readings and the first is one of my favorites and easiest to share with others and children. "HERE I AM LORD".

I would like to share an experience: Someone told me once, that if you are wide awake in the middle of the night when you want to be asleep, that it's God's way of saying to you: "We need to talk"! (And in the first Reading, that's what happened to Samuel). I started using those sleepless times to pray about the concerns or problems I was facing and ask for guidance or help from God, in case He was listening. He WAS LISTENING..... I found that some idea would come to me or a phone call from out of the blue with the solution to that problem I prayed to Him about! How did I not know this before??

Because I didn't know HOW to pray and ASK for HIS help and then LISTEN for HIS ANSWER by paying attention to people or things around me. I've also been given instructions by God, to help others and when I listened, I immediately felt better when I decided to help and then did so! Have you? Even with my most difficult or impossible problems, a solution presented itself when I opened my mind and heart to what was put there, by God..... So try this when YOU can't sleep, and do like Samuel did, and say: "HERE I AM LORD" !

God please heal the world and keep us peaceful, 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 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)*

*Monday, January 18*

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office Closed**

8:00 am *Mass for Paul Hirayama (L)*

*Tuesday, January 19*

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Barbara Reiche (RIP)*  
**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 20*

8:00 am *Mass for the Pendergrass Family (L)*

*Thursday, January 21*

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Jim Coleman (RIP)*  
**9am-3pm** **Adoration & Benediction**

*Friday, January 22*

8:00 am *Mass for Linda Alexander (L)*  
9:00 am *Cenacles of Life*

*Saturday, January 23*

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Joe Guerra (RIP)*  
**1:00 pm** **Wedding**  
**3:00 pm** **Confessions (only until 4:00 pm)**  
5:00 pm *Mass for the soul of James Craig (RIP)*

*Sunday, January 24*

7:30 am *Mass for the soul of Greg Wiltz (RIP)*  
9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Kathy Drew (RIP)*  
10:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*  
12:00 pm *Latin Mass for the soul of Jack Robe (RIP)*  
4:30 pm *Mass for Cindy Friendt (L)*