

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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The Office is open from Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm.

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 Mass

ADORATION & BENEDICTION:
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &
Every 1st Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

PERSONAL PRAYER
Mon.-Thurs. 1:30-4:30 pm

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



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

Zebulun and Naphtali, as well as Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, were on the outskirts of Jewish Palestine, outside Judea proper. Here Gentiles lived alongside Jews, bringing a strong Hellenistic influence to the region. People from Judea often looked down upon those who lived outside Judea, much as some people may look down on those who come from outside their own community, society, or country. Isaiah's and Matthew's words declare that it is insiders' negative attitudes toward outsiders, not the outsiders themselves, that bring gloom and darkness to the land. The presence of outsiders can bring either diversity or division; the choice is up to the insiders. Let us not forget that Jesus himself is one of those outsiders.

The first disciples Jesus called—Simon and Andrew, James and John—were all fishermen, one of the most stable occupations of first-century Galilee. Yet they immediately left their way of life to follow Jesus into the great unknown. No longer could they be assured of putting food on their tables or income in their pockets. But as they traveled around Galilee, they were rewarded by seeing firsthand the wonders that Jesus did.

Sunday of the Word of God.

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, established just four years ago to remind us that scripture is central to our faith. Christ is the center of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, for, as John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (1:1). Through stories and myths, histories and testimonies, visions and parables, oracles and letters and songs, God is revealed to us through the Word.

Question of the Week

How can I be a better witness to the truth, to what I see with eyes of faith?

-GIA Publications



Mass for the Protection of Unborn Children **Monday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at Christ Cathedral.**

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Bishop Kevin Vann invites our Catholic community as well as all people of goodwill to join together in prayer for an end to abortion, healing for those involved in abortion, and an increased respect for all human life.

Come pray for an end to abortion with: –Members of the clergy –Members of religious communities –Representatives from all parishes and centers in Orange County's Christ Cathedral –Leadership and representatives of pregnancy centers, clinics and shelters.

CHRIST CATHEDRAL (ARBORETUM)
13280 CHAPMAN AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE

100 Random Acts of Kindness

Are you exhausted from hearing depressing, sad news? Wouldn't a hug feel good?

To commemorate our Centennial Celebration, all parishioners are being asked to try and offer "100 Random Acts of Kindness" throughout the month of February. Most of us intend to be kind. But we can get caught up in our daily lives and forget to do the little things that make a difference in the lives of those around us - family members, coworkers and complete strangers. A truly kind person doesn't pick and choose who they show kindness to.

Kindness is good for you! There are actual health benefits for us when we are kind to someone else. Kindness triggers the release of oxytocin, sometimes referred to as the "love hormone." This hormone, produced in our pituitary gland, helps to lower blood pressure and improve overall heart health. In addition, kindness offers mental health benefits of decreased stress and anxiety while boosting happiness. Relationships often improve with a little kindness!

Kindness is defined as "the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate." There are thousands of ways to practice kindness. Google search "100 Random Acts of Kindness" to get started. Who knows? It may be the beginning of a whole new habit!

-Diocese of Orange (adapted)



Free Series of Online Classes

Norbertine priest, Fr. Jacob Hsieh, has created a free series of online classes about different aspects of the Catholic faith—our Catholic identity, who is Jesus Christ, what is the role of the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Mother, Tradition and Scripture, and much more—to help Catholics better know their faith and grow in their relationship with the Lord. This series is a follow-up to "I Thirst Orange County," presented by Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry at the Christ Cathedral campus on Nov. 19, 2022.

Please visit www.rb.gv/9robjv to listen to an introduction of the online material by Fr. Jacob. To **register for free** and have **immediate access** to Fr. Jacob's presentations, sign up at: www.rb.gv/8r0nzs.

Additionally, registration provides free access to presentations of the 2021 St. Joseph Summit, which featured presentations from 64 prominent Catholic speakers, including cardinals, bishops, priests and laymen.

Our Lady's Comforters

Our Lady's Comforters was founded in 2009 to gather parishioners together and make baby blankets for women and babies in difficult situations. In honor of **St. Mary's by the Sea's Centennial Celebration**, we have set the goal of sewing **100 baby blankets** by the end of this year, which will be donated to the pro-life centers listed below. In order to reach this ambitious target, we need your financial support. On **January 28-29** and **February 4-5**, we will be collecting donations outside the Church after each Mass. ***Please be as generous as possible*** to help us to meet this goal.

Our first actual sewing session will be on **Saturday, February 18** from **9am to 12pm**. Everyone is invited to participate, and ***NO sewing experience is necessary!***

The blankets will be donated to:

- + Horizon Pregnancy Center in Huntington Beach
- + Life Center in Santa Ana
- + Children's Hospital of Orange County
- + His Nesting Place in Long Beach

Volunteer Responders, Ushers, & Greeters **Important Informational Safety Meeting**

On **Wednesday evening, February 1st** at **7:00 pm**, there will be a one hour+ long Safety Committee Informational Meeting in the Church to review protocols and duties. It will also be a refresher session on Evacuation Plans, location of Fire Equipment, Medical Equipment locations and displays, and short films on CPR and AED usage. We hope many of you can attend to get comfortable in being prepared if any emergency situation does occur while on our Church grounds.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

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| Mike Banner | Al Griego | Bill & Carolyn Myrter |
| Bette Barilla | Lorraine Griffin | Steve W. Myrter |
| Ted Beresford | Chin Ha | Thomas Nester |
| Connie Bowles | Nathan Hamby | Rosalie Ocanas |
| Lynn Briggs | Paul Hayes | Joanne Peters |
| Joe Caico | Dave Hedlund | Debbie Ransom |
| Peggy Carrasco | Jody Hedlund | Susan Rocio |
| LaNell Ceballos | Baby Weston Howe | Colleen Rowe |
| Lindsay Ceballos | Diane Hoxsie | Barrett Slavens |
| Miguelito Ceballos | Keri Johnson | Bob Spellmire |
| George Christa | Paula Keating | Bernadette Vanderhorst |
| Rosie Clouse | Maurice Kramer | Fernando Vieyra |
| Rose Delmer | Roger Kunsaitis | Andrea Wall |
| Vicky Derieg | Nam Le | Joe Yadrick |
| Helen Donnelly | Julie Lee | Nancy Yaslik |
| Mary Dunthorne | Arturo Loya | Sam Zappia |
| Ann Erwin | Fr. Eamon Mackin | Maria Zelaya |
| Sandy Gee | Adam Mattocks | |
| Breanna Greene | Ken Mattocks | |

For Those in the Armed Forces

J. Caico, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, S. Miller, T. Pace, J. Pendergrass, Capt. D. Tierney

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of James Craig (RIP)

Sunday, January 22

7:30 am Mass for Elizabeth Bramblett (L)

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Nina Merlino (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Miriam Rodriguez (RIP)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, January 23

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Bartolome Reasol II(RIP)

3:30 pm 1st Communion Year - (til 4:30 pm)

5:15 pm Confirmation Year 1 & 2 (til 6:30pm)

7:00 pm RCIA (til 8:15pm)

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 am Mass for Cindy Friendt (L)

5:15 pm 1st Communion class - Year 2 &

Post Communion class (til 6:30pm)

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Christine McVie (RIP)

9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Thursday, January 26

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Paula Bautista (RIP)

9am-3pm Adoration and Benediction

6:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting

Friday, January 27

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Charlotte Fortune (RIP)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, January 28

8:00 am Mass for Catherine Clark (L)

3:00 pm Confessions (til 4:00 pm)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 29

***Collecting Donations for Baby Blankets**

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Maria Lieu Tran (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for Fr. Eamon Mackin (L)

10:30 am Mass for Medardo Legaspi (L)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for Deborah Spagnoli (L)

12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Office of Faith Formation

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—WHY?



Our parish is preparing for the Centennial Celebration of its establishment. This takes lots and lots of effort and generous contributions from the faithful and friends of our parish. An enriching aspect about this historical moment, however, is that we can celebrate the gift of our parish now, yes, even in its preparation phase. We can say nonetheless that the intimate connection and harmony between the *external church* and the *temple* within each of us beckons renewal. Have you wondered what is depicted in the image above? If you said dirt, you are almost right. It is used coffee grounds coming from several donuts and coffee Sundays. Our pastor, Fr. Chu, has the habit of putting it to use as a fertilizer for the plants on the church campus. Just a couple of lessons drawing from this:

- What seemingly was thought of as dirt could have greater value and efficacy.
- Effort and intentionality is needed in every nurturing act to bring about health—in this instance, the health for plants around the church and the people.
- The dignity of all gifts, magnificent or insignificant in size. There is no size in time, but time is a precious gift that has an expiration date. Psalm 90:12 says:

**“Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.”**

PARISH CENTENNIAL MISSION

Saturday, February 25, noon-6pm.



Join our community and presenter, Fr. Minh Q. Do, for lunch fellowship prior to presentations on THE EUCHARIST. There will be time for reflection, Q&A, Confessions—and the day will conclude with a Mass of thanksgiving at 5pm. Please be sure to prioritize this event and mark your calendar.

EVENING WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Monday, February 6, 5:30pm-6:30pm

At our Marian Shrine towards the back of our church, we will hold the final of the three part Marian Series. Please bring a folding chair and enjoy a relaxed hour of prayer and praise. We will delve deeper into Marian's apparitions focusing also on the adolescent Jesus that she beholds.



CONTEMPLATIVE RETREATS

Jesus invites us to “withdraw and commune” with Him. Retreat dates and topics are up on the bulletin boards at the entrance of the Church. Join us for a day of solitude and reflection, and you will walk away refreshed!

Please be sure to contact our Parish Office for more details or to register.

Stewardship Corner



HELLO STEWARDS!

Happy Sunday! We hope you are enjoying this day. We also hope you are well rested after the busy Advent, Christmas, and New Year's activities. This **Thursday, January 26**, we will have our **1st STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** of the year. This is an **important planning meeting** will begin **promptly at 6pm** in Fr. Johnson Hall. Although this isn't a potluck, we will provide some light refreshments, and you are welcome to bring some snacks to share. We will email a “tentative” list of this year's events prior to the meeting so that you will have some time to look over the schedule and consider which opportunities you are interested and available to participate in, plan, or lead. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact **Debbie** via **officesmbs@gmail.com**. *We hope to see everyone this Thursday!*

As always, we invite you to join us for **ADORATION every Thursday at 12pm** and/or on **FIRST FRIDAYS at 1pm** or whenever your schedule allows. This is a great opportunity for prayer and reflection while offering your private petitions to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please continue to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are facing health, financial, and other personal challenges. Your prayers are powerful and needed! Please remember that you are appreciated and loved! 🙏

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).



2022 Tax Donation Letters

If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2022 tax return, please contact the Parish Office (714-536-6913, ext. 112) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.



Thank You ❤️

Horizon Pregnancy Clinic would like to thank everyone who participated with Christmas Crib baby items for the Horizon baby store or with a monetary donation. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.