

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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(130)	\$571,784	\$568,264

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(Notice: The Office is open 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who speaks for God? How can we determine which are authentic, authoritative expressions of God's intentions, and which are false? Today's readings explore the question of authority in distinct ways. In Deuteronomy, Moses prepares the people of Israel for his coming death, indicating that God will raise up a new prophet to guide them. Mark describes Jesus as God's authentic voice, by the authority of his teaching and the authority he commands over an unclean spirit. In both, authority comes directly from God. Authority comes from an intimate relationship with God and with God's people. God's spokesperson is one who teaches, protects, and heals the people loved by God. As always, there is great need today for leaders in our communities who radically trust God to work through them. Let us pray that each person who performs in a role of leadership may speak for God with an authentic voice.

Prophets in Daily Life

Moses assures Israel of God's continued presence by promising a new prophet. Like Moses, the prophet will be raised up directly by God. But how to distinguish a true prophet from a false one? Many claim to speak for God. The task is complicated by the fact that often, true prophets make waves, cause trouble, and disturb how things are normally done. Many simply don't want to hear what God is saying, because it threatens their privilege, comfort, or sense of identity.

Like the Israelites in today's reading, it can be hard for us to bear the voice of God. For God calls us out of all the ways we avoid opening our hearts to God and to others. And so, God raises up surprise prophets in daily life. These are all the people and events who summon us to fuller maturity in love and in faith. We are called upon to always be ready for the prophetic word that may emerge from God's surprises.

Rescue from Bondage

Uniquely in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' public ministry begins with a direct confrontation with an unclean spirit. Today's Gospel passage reflects a recurring theme in Mark, that Jesus' coming is part of a cosmic battle between God and evil forces. It was commonly believed that many spirits were present in the world, and some sought to control human beings. Mark asserts that in Jesus, God has come to rescue humanity, to free us from every form of bondage.

In today's passage, the unclean spirit does not surrender power quietly. After complaints, convulsions, and screams, the spirit finally departs. As we may witness in own experience, that which binds us—fear, injustice, resentment—often departs only after a mighty struggle. Confronting anything “unclean” in our hearts, our institutions, or our society often involves a long journey toward freedom. May we sustain our efforts and our trust in God, during these long struggles.

Give Yourself to God - 1st Fri. Adoration

Though February 14 is commonly associated with human love, the patron saint of this day, St. Valentine, would encourage you to cultivate a love of God. You can form this relationship by visiting Him at **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, beginning at **9:00 am on Friday, February 5th** and ending at **3:00 pm**.

In addition, for those who would like to spend more time with our Lord, the **Blessed Sacrament** is exposed **every Thursday at 9:00 am** for Adoration and closes with the Rosary during Benediction at **3:00 pm**.

Celebrate National Marriage Week & World Marriage Sunday

Observances of **National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14)** and **World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day this year!)** are opportunities to build a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Especially during this pandemic, marriage and family life have been stretched and challenged. We encourage married couples to strengthen their relationships and highlight the blessing they are to the Church.

For a list of Marriage Enrichment Programs and Resources, please visit **www.rcbo.org/marriage**.

Upcoming Virtual Retreat: Feb. 5-7

Support the Carmelite Sisters at **Sacred Heart Retreat House (www.sacredheartretreathouse.com)** by participating in a Virtual Retreat. They are struggling financially and participation in one of their retreats will help sustain them until they are able to open again.

Their first upcoming weekend retreat, **“Growing in Intimacy with God,”** will be given by Fr. Jeremiah Shryock, CFR on **February 5-7**. It will be a weekend of listening, love and letting go. You'll find that as you let go and root yourself in God's love, the world begins to make more sense. Your life gains a purpose. Form your mind and your heart as you grow in intimacy with God.

The cost of the virtual retreat is \$20. You can register online at **www.sacredheartretreathouse.com/events/020521** or call **(626) 289-1353**.

Saints & Special Observances for the Week

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Blaise, *Bishop & Martyr*; St. Ansgar, *Bishop*

Friday: St. Agatha, *Virgin & Martyr*; *First Friday*

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions, *Martyrs*; *First Saturday*

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life (2/7/21)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Office of Faith Formation Corner

WHAT'S GOING ON... WHAT'S THE HOT TOPIC?

Can you picture our students still diligently coming to class on a weekly basis to learn about God, even during the pandemic? We as a community are doing our best to keep all of our children physically safe. Nonetheless, we are also aware of our mission to nurture their faith, a well-built faith in God—so they may be safe from the evil ones.

Here is a quick snapshot of the topics our children just learned last week, as well as upcoming events for adults in our program. To make this interactive, I invite you to take a quick quiz. Here we go:

- 1. Confirmation**
 - a) Sacrament of Confirmation
 - b) Liturgy of the Word
 - c) The Church as the Sacrament of Salvation
- 2. Post-Communion**
 - a) Adam and Eve and Human's First Fall
 - b) The Passover and the Eucharist
 - c) Church Laws and Precepts
- 3. First Communion**
 - a) God's Love & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - b) Seven Commandments
 - c) The Eucharist
- 4. Topic for the reflection evening for parents on 2/2:**
 - a) Valentine & Jesus
 - b) Covid & Christian Community
 - c) Lenten Love
- 5. Upcoming retreat month for RCIA & Catechists:**
 - a) February
 - b) March
 - c) April

The correct answers are located on the bottom. Let me know how you did, and I will send you a surprise gift! emailsisterc@yahoo.com

CATECHISTS IN ACTION

First Holy Communion students are watching a video on "How to Go to Confession." Our catechists demonstrate those steps in front of them. As you can see here, our dedicated team of catechists are not only excellent teachers but also exceptional actresses as well!



A REFRESHER?

You are invited to join our **RCIA class** as a refresher course. It is held every **Monday evening in Fr. Johnson Hall from 7-8pm**. We all benefit from the "refreshing" truths of our faith, precisely, our encounter with our loving God. In the words of St. Augustine when he fell in love, "*Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created.*"

Answer is c, b & three c's

Statement from the Diocese of Orange

Now that the inauguration, ceremonies and celebrations appropriate to a transition of leadership in our nation are complete, we join with so many people of faith to pray that our most generous God grant wisdom and strength to you, President Biden, as well as your family and leadership team.

We join you in your call for unity in our country. We pledge our willingness to always maintain a relationship of respect as we discuss and support policies and funding that recognize the dignity of each human person - born and unborn. And we will honor our beautiful diversity and work to create a common good that always protects the vulnerable, voiceless and most in need.

You can count on us to continue our ministries in social services, health care and education while partnering with you to build a better America and a better world.

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.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

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

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

Rose Palmer †

Weekly Collections

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

Virtual Marriage Enrichment Experience

Worldwide Marriage Encounter OC invites you to a virtual marriage enrichment experience to restore, rekindle and renew your marriage!

Due to the ongoing public health crisis, the usual weekend retreat has been replaced by virtual experiences via Zoom. It's the same great content to make marriage better, to improve communication, and to deepen the intimacy between husbands and wives.

The next scheduled weekend is **Feb. 12-14**. To register, visit www.ocwwme.org or call (714) 873-5136.

 *The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together.*

-St. John Chrysostom



LOYAL STEWARDS, HAPPY SUNDAY!


Thank you for helping to sanitize chairs after Mass. It is very much appreciated.

And BRAVO to St. Mary's **PRAYER WARRIORS** who continue to be Angels with their prayers for others; *God listens!*

➤Last week we asked for examples of experiences to share with personal prayers to God and outcomes provided by Him, when we were listening. Here's a wonderful example of one of your experiences:

"I was suffering off and on for over a week with severe pain so badly I prayed and prayed to God for relief. I then asked God why I was suffering like this and if he'd help me get through the painful episodes. This is what God Did to help me: HE put a mental image of dear friends of mine in my mind who were going through the worst experience a family could have, and how they were suffering so much more than I was because MY pain would go away whereas theirs would remain forever. I understood God's message and my pain did go away..... I continue to pray for my friends that their suffering would lessen."

Please email YOUR experiences to Rene to share with others here in Stewardship Corner (isclaypool@gmail.com) until we have event information to share again.

God is listening are we? Lord.....Please help heal this world and bring Peace to all. 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 People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*

Sunday, January 31

7:30 am *Mass for the soul of Mary C. Griego (RIP)*
9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Richard Gsanger (RIP)*
10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Jaime Coquia de Vera (RIP)*
12:00 pm *Latin Mass for Bill Harris (L)*
4:30 pm *Mass for Richard & Mary Ann Hoefler (L)*

Monday, February 1

8:00 am *Mass for the Kevin Lieblang Family (L)*
10:30 am **Staff meeting**
5:30 pm **Confirmation Class** (til 6:30pm)
7-8:00 pm **RCIA** (for adults)

Tuesday, February 2

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Curt Cardwell (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, February 3

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of James Resurreccion (RIP)*

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Juan Lopez Vasquez (RIP)*
9am-3pm **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**
9:00 am *Cenacles of Life*

Saturday, February 6

8:00 am *Mass for the Nagorski Family (L)*
3:00 pm **Confessions (only until 4:00 pm)**
5:00 pm *Mass for Bette Barilla (L)*

Sunday, February 7

7:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*
9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Lee Kelter, Knights of Columbus (RIP)*
10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Miriam Rodriguez (RIP)*
12:00 pm *Latin Mass for the soul of Nora O. Meis (RIP)*
4:30 pm *Mass for the soul of Rose Palmer (RIP)*