

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

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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 & 12:00 pm
English Masses

ADORATION & BENEDICTION:

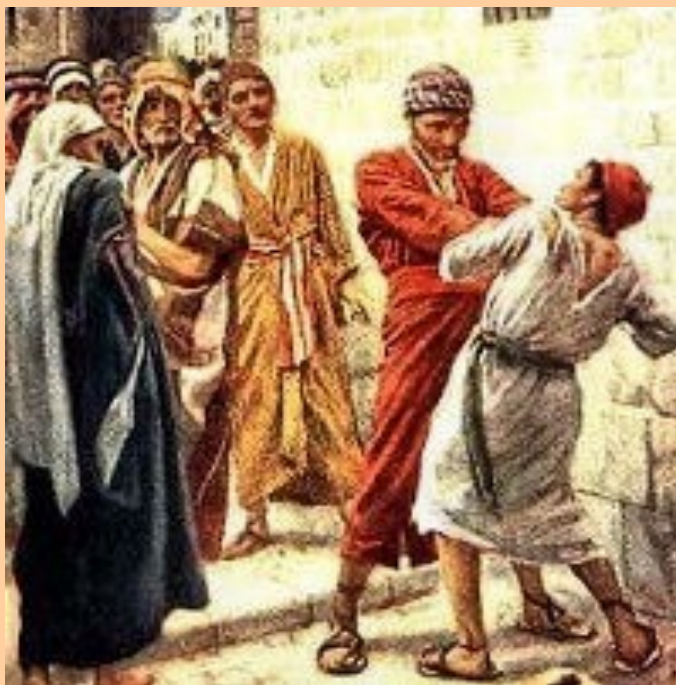
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &
Every 1st Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

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

Peter must have thought he was going overboard when he suggested that he would forgive the person who wronged him seven times. But seven times actually seems doable. Once a day for an entire week isn't that hard. And after all, seven represented completeness. To complete the forgiveness process, if seven times was what it took, okay. But Jesus shocks Peter when he demands forgiving seventy-seven times. Who could possibly do that? But that's the point. Forgiveness isn't something that is tracked on a scorecard, with a certain number of boxes to fill in. The goal of forgiveness is reconciliation. Until that is reached, we need to keep trying, whether it takes seven times, seventeen times, seventy times, or whatever number of times. There is no limit, for your relationship with your brother or sister remains incomplete until you have reconciled.

Forgiveness begins in the heart. Unfortunately, so do wrath and anger, which Sirach urges us to avoid. When we are wronged, especially when it hurts, especially when it has long-term consequences or even changes our lives completely, it is difficult for the heart to make a complete turn from anger to mercy. But, as doctors will say, we need to nurture a healthy heart. When we hug tightly wrath and anger, allowing them to fester into resentment or bitterness, we are unconsciously choosing to have an unhealthy heart. Forgiveness allows us to reconcile with the consequences of the action that hurt us as well as with the cause of that hurt. It allows us to heal the broken relationship with that person, with an apparently unfair world, and with a seemingly unjust God.

Saint Paul can be of help. "We live for the Lord, and . . . we die for the Lord," he tells the Romans (14:8). As God's children, baptized in Christ, we belong to the Lord and so we live and we die for him. As Christians, we are called to look to Christ as a model of forgiveness. Let us make Christian not just a name but part of our very core, our heart.

Question of the Week

How do I see myself letting resentment or bitterness build up in my heart? Who do I need to reach out to and forgive?

-GIA Publications

OCLIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

St. Mary's by the Sea will offer classes for adults who would like to become a practicing Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. This program is also for Catholics who have not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. You can come and prepare to receive these Sacraments in one year at the Easter Vigil. And of course, all Catholics are also welcome to join us as a refresher course. Classes will be held on **Monday evenings from 7:00-8:15pm beginning September 25, 2023.**

To register online, go to www.STMARYSBYTHESEA.NET.

Eucharistic Congress at Christ Cathedral

"I AM" — the revelation of God's name to Moses. Sign up to attend the upcoming **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS** at **Christ Cathedral** this **October 20-21**. Our Diocese will host this free 2-day event to invite people to gather in anticipation of the nearness of God through powerful speakers, transformative prayer, and Sacramental celebrations. Registration is **free**. Register online now at rcbo.org/congress.

Transportation - RSVP's Needed Now

St. Mary's by the Sea will host a **charter bus** to take our parishioners who want to attend to **Christ Cathedral** for the **Saturday, October 21st** events. We will also be providing lunch for them. However, we do need a list of attendees.

Even though you may have already registered to attend the Eucharistic Congress, we need to know **who will be with us going on the bus** and also **who will be joining us for lunch** (but maybe will be driving themselves). Please contact the **Office - (714) 536-6913, x-0** or **Beverly Truzzolino - (714) 642-6455** to let us know your intentions. An **RSVP is requested right away** as seating on the **bus** is limited to the **first 56 people who respond**. Anyone after that will be put on a waiting list in the event of cancellations. However, we can provide more than that number that for lunch requests.



To our Ministry Volunteers

Your dedication to St. Mary's by the Sea is inspiring! Your selfless commitment, whether through time, talent, or treasure, is the lifeblood of our church. Without you, the events that enrich our community year-round would not be possible.

You are vital threads in the tapestry of our church's history, carrying forth its legacy with unwavering devotion. As we journey together, let Saint Francis of Assisi's words resonate: "For it is in giving that we receive."

Thank you, volunteer members, for your boundless love and dedication. Together, we nurture the seeds the seeds of faith, ensuring it shines ever brighter.

Reputation

Touchiness about our reputation is a disease, MOST fatal to our spiritual life, and yet one to which spiritual men are subject to a strange and unexpected degree. Earth may be an unhappy place but it is not the pressure of God's Providence which causes most of the unhappiness, nor the roaring of the devil going about seeking someone to devour. It is the human spirit operating in quarrels, conceit, rivalry, envy, strife, jealousies, misunderstandings, and exaggerated ideas of slights and wrongs. Now the sufferings of all these things, and it is very acute, comes from the fretfulness about our reputation.

But what does this fretfulness bring in its train? It is obviously quite inconsistent with interior peace, the soul of the spiritual life. For how can we be at peace if we make ourselves responsible for what is not in our power, but escapes from us on all sides? It breeds an exaggerated idea of our own importance, and so destroys humility. It causes suspiciousness, and so kills simplicity. It is a daily source of irritability, and so ruins charity. It is the crowned king of distractions, and so drains off our attention from God and eternal things.

The principle remedy for all is to keep our eye steadily fixed on our Blessed Lord in this very respect. The lives of the saints hardly seem wonderful, when we have well studied the excessive humiliations of Jesus with regard to His reputation. Even to those who are far from saints, it may be given by God to know the sweetness of calumny, when we feel ourselves sinking out of man's sight into the divine depths of our Savior's dear and awful passion.

-Fr. W. Faber

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

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| Tony Aragón-Sotelo | Al Griego | Bill & Carolyn Myrter |
| Mike Banner | Nathan Hamby | Thomas Nester |
| Ted Beresford | Paul Hayes | Rosalie Ocanas |
| Connie Bowles | Caleb Hill | Joanne Peters |
| Lynn Briggs | Diane Hoxsie | Michael Pezzaniti |
| Pamela Brown | Keri Johnson | Don Quinn |
| Marciano Ceballos | Paula Keating | Debbie Ransom |
| Miguel Ceballos & Family | Lu Kelce | Susan Rocio |
| George Christa | Roger Kunsaitis | Colleen Rowe |
| Rosie Clouse | Nam Le | Bob Spellmire |
| Vicky Derieg | Arturo Loya | Andrea Wall |
| Helen Donnelly | Fr. Eamon Mackin | Nancy Yaslik |
| Mary Dunthorne | Adam Mattocks | Sam Zappia |
| Ann Erwin | Ken Mattocks | Maria Zelaya |
| | Patricia McKenzie | |

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 Jack LaRue (RIP)

Sunday, September 17

7:30 am Mass for Ross Miller, Jr. (L)
 9:00 am Mass for Sister Catherine Nguyen (L)
 10:30 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
 12:00 pm Mass for Trudi Spagnoli (L)
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, September 18

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Bernadette Vanderhorst (RIP)

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 am Mass for Laura Friendt (L)

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 am Mass for Michelle & Jeff Ponce (L)
9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Thursday, September 21

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Regina Lewis (RIP)
9:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (til 3pm)
6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

Friday, September 22

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Maria Theresa Adamo Nottke (RIP)
 9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, September 23

8:00 am Mass for Paula & Jim Keating (L)
2:30 pm Catechist Team meeting
3:00 pm Confessions (til 4pm)
3:30 pm Parent & Student Faith Formation meeting
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Faith Formation Students & Catechist Team

Sunday, September 24

***Priesthood Sunday**

7:30 am Mass for Zaina Assof (L)
 9:00 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
 10:30 am Mass for the soul of Ron Friendt (RIP)
 12:00 pm Mass for Josiah Giovanni Nottke (L)
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.



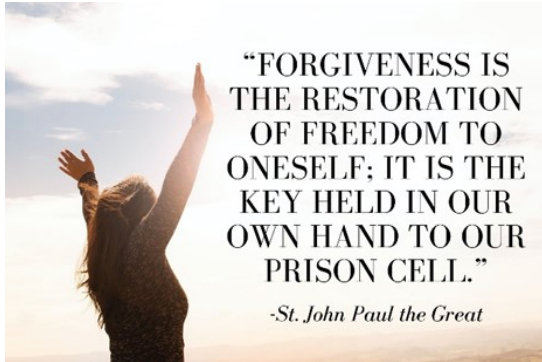
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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| St. Vincent de Paul..... | \$185.00 |
| Specials | \$250.00 |
| Regular Collection | \$8,434.00 |

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Office of Faith Formation

FORGIVENESS



“FORGIVENESS IS THE RESTORATION OF FREEDOM TO ONESELF; IT IS THE KEY HELD IN OUR OWN HAND TO OUR PRISON CELL.”

-St. John Paul the Great

Is there anything you need to let go so to reclaim your inner freedom once again? Bishop Fulton Sheen famously said: “You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no one shall take from you.”

Today, GIVING—FORgiving. It is ForGiving that you receive true freedom.

EUCHARISTIC EVENT OCT 20-21, 2023

Teens, Adults, and Children (special track for kids) <https://www.rcbo.org/congress/> Register today We have forms at the parish office if you wish to register in person and reserve your bus space.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Parent Meeting & Family Mass
Saturday, September 23, 3:30pm-6pm
All students, including OCIA & Sacraments for Adults
FIRST CLASSES Sept. 25 and 26
Registrations closed

PLENARY INDULGENCE, LAST DAY OCT. 1

Do you know that our parish and that of Holy Family in Orange are celebrating our 100 Year Jubilee? Although we do not have the “Plenary Indulgence” granted to our parish but why not attend Mass at Holy Family in Orange and obtain the special grace for your loved ones who have recently passed away or any souls in purgatory you wish to designate?

SILENT RETREATS

November 18 – The Eucharist
December 9 – Mother Mary
December 16 – St. Joseph, in the spirit of Advent
A day away with God in solitude on the hillside in North Tustin/Santa Ana, 9:30am-5pm
RSVP requested two weeks prior to event. Please drop off your name and phone number at the parish office attention to Sr. Catherine or email Sister at emailsisterc@yahoo.com.

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship Committee

HAPPY SUNDAY STEWARDS . . .

➤ There are presently no new events which require our volunteers soon, however Sister Catherine is having a **MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS DAY OF RENEWAL** on **Saturday, October 28, 2023** at **MATER DOLOROSA PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER** located in the beautiful foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains in Sierra Madre. **All are encouraged to attend** and take advantage of this opportunity. Space is limited so please **RSVP as soon as possible**. Although the actual cost is \$55 per person, SMBTS will pay for \$35 of it and you need only pay **\$20 to register**. Please see the email that was sent to all members last week for further details.

➤ Our monthly meeting will be in **two weeks** on **Sept. 28th** at **6:00 pm** in the **Hall**.

➤ We continue to invite you to join us for **ADORATION** every **Thursday** at **12pm** and **FIRST FRIDAY** at **1pm**.

➤ Please continue to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are facing personal or health issues. 🙏

What is a Christian Steward?

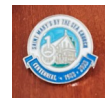
“One who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.”
(American Bishops Pastoral Letter).



Centennial Pins, T-Shirts, Coffee Cups, & Travel Mugs Available

We still have the following Centennial items available in the Office to purchase:

- ☆ **CENTENNIAL PINS:** \$5 each
- ☆ **COFFEE CUPS:** \$10 each
- ☆ **TRAVEL MUGS:** \$25 each
- ☆ **T-SHIRTS:** \$15 each



Quantity & sizes available:
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Let's all wear our t-shirts to the Eucharistic Congress on October 21st at Christ Cathedral!