

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Parish Ministries

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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:

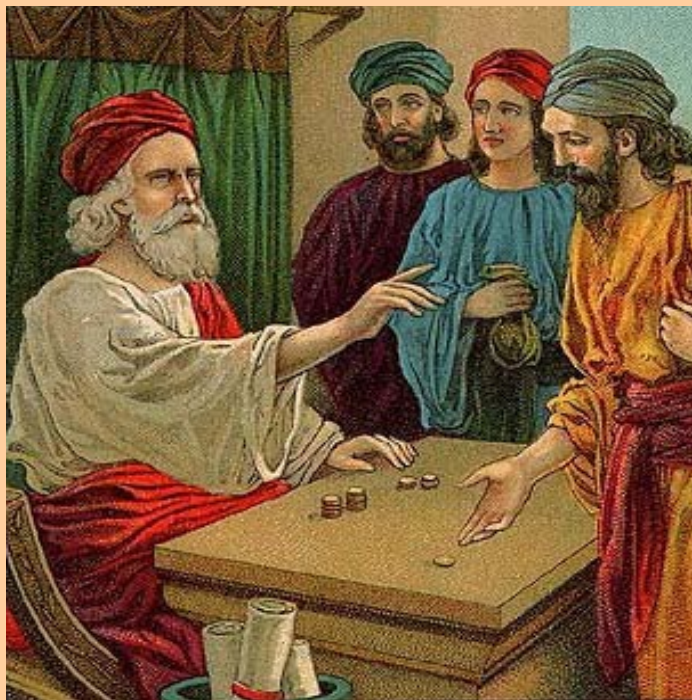
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

### 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**

The parable Jesus tells his disciples relates the story of a landowner and the laborers he hires. But as we know, the details of a parable stand for something else. It is clear that the landowner represents God, that we are the laborers, and that the vineyard is the world. But what work have we been hired to do and what is the customary wage? Perhaps we can find an answer in a passage just a few chapters later in Matthew. At the Last Judgment, Jesus tells his disciples, the Son of Man will welcome into the kingdom those who served the neediest among us: the hungry, the poor, the ill, the imprisoned. This is the work of God's vineyard, and the "usual wage" is eternal life.

A couple of implications of this: First, because our merciful God will reward even those who worked very little, we are not doomed by our previous inaction. There is always hope. Second, because the wage is the same for all, there is no special place in heaven, no extra amount of bliss, no additional access to God's presence among all those whom God has chosen to save. Let us not judge ourselves to be superior because we seem to have done more for a longer period of time.

The resentful laborers who worked all day grumbled because they could not accept generosity favored over fairness. Yes, without a doubt, the landowner was being unfair. Moreover, the landowner teased the ones who worked since dawn by paying the last ones first, raising expectations for the hardest workers. But for God, generosity and mercy are more important than fairness. The landowner's modus operandi is unfathomable to us, but, as Isaiah said, God's ways are so above our ways that we cannot possibly fully understand them.

**Question of the Week**

How can I prioritize generosity over fairness in how I regard and treat others?

-GIA Publications

**2023 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)**

We express our heartfelt appreciation to the **86 families** who have pledged to support the mission of the Church by making a financial contribution to the 2023 Pastoral Services Appeal under the theme "*Together we Build up God's Kingdom.*" Their pledges amount to a **\$60,876**, with **\$54,206** already paid.

We are delighted that since we have met our diocesan goal, any additional payments we now receive **will come straight back to us!** We will utilize these funds to build a new monument sign at the corner of Orange Ave. and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

To make your pledge, please use the special envelopes provided at the back of the church and return them in the Collection Basket or to the Office. You may also make your donation online at [www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now](http://www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now). We welcome any and all contributions, big or small. Your support is crucial in enabling us to continue teaching, preaching, ministering and serving in the name of Jesus.

**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](http://rcbo.org/congress).

**Transportation - RSVP's Needed Now**

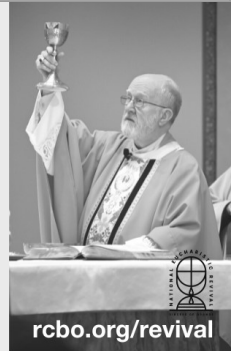
St. Mary's by the Sea will host a **charter bus** to take our parishioners who want to attend to **Christ Cathedral** for the **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** events. We will also be providing lunch for them. However, we do need a list of attendees.

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**. So far, we have **47 confirmed** so anyone who signs up after will be put on a waiting list in the event of cancellations. However, we can provide more than that number that for lunch requests.

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**“Whoever believes in me  
will never thirst.”**

- JOHN 6:35



**Priesthood Sunday - 9/24/23**

Today, **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, is **Priesthood Sunday**. This is a day to recognize the important role priests play in the life of our parish. Pray especially then for our parish priests praising God for their courage and their generosity. A simple note given to them is assurance of your loving care and gratitude for their presence in the life of our church.

Example thoughts for a note: 1) Thank our priests for their dedication, generosity, and leadership in our church. 2) State at least one way our priests have personally enriched your life and thank them. 3) Prepare a Spiritual Bouquet with prayers and/or rosaries that you will say, or have a Mass and prayers said for our priest.

**Fr. Quang Chu** - Pastor of 10 years

**Fr. Pascal Nguyen, O.Praem** - Pastor at St. John the Baptist who helps at SMBTS

**Fr. Jim Hartnett** - Retired Priest who helps at SMBTS

**Pennies From Heaven**



Next week, we start the “**Pennies From Heaven**” collection when we ask you to bring in all of your **loose change (and bills)** to support several Orange County pro-life organizations. Some of these include Horizon Pregnancy Center, Toby’s House, Casa Teresa, the Precious Life Shelter, the Life Center, Birth Choice and Mary’s Shelter. You may bring your donation **anytime during the month of October**, and put it in the container near the church doors marked “**Pennies From Heaven.**” You can also bring your donations to the Church office Monday through Thursday.



**Life Chain**

Join thousands of pro-lifers throughout the United States **next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** by participating in the **LIFE CHAIN**, where you pray for full protection of the unborn child and the pro-life future of America.

The Life Chain will be held on the corner of **Beach Blvd. and Hazard Ave. in Huntington Beach/Westminster** from **2:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

**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

*Jesus, I Trust in You!*



**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

- St. Vincent de Paul.....\$55.00  
 Specials .....\$700.00  
 Regular Collection .....\$5,232.45

*Thank you very much for supporting your Church!*

**This Week at St. Mary’s by the Sea**

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.

**Monday, September 25**

- 8:00 am Mass for Fr. James Altman (L)  
 3:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class-Year 1 (til 4:30pm)  
 5:15 pm Confirmation class-Year 1 & 2 (til 6:30pm)  
 7:00 pm OCIA & SA Adult class (til 8:15pm)

**Tuesday, September 26**

- 8:00 am Mass for the soul of Luis Fernando Huertas (RIP)  
 3:45 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class—Year 2 (til 5:00pm)

**Wednesday, September 27**

- 8:00 am Mass for the soul of Brenda Armour (RIP)  
 9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

**Thursday, September 28**

- 8:00 am Mass for Laura Friendt (L)  
 9:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (til 3pm)  
 6:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting

**Friday, September 29**

- 8:00 am Mass for Georg Christa (L)  
 9:00 am Cenacles of Life

**Saturday, September 30**

- 8:00 am Mass for the souls of Maria & Joseph Vang Pham (RIP)  
 10:30 am Pastoral Council meeting  
 3:00 pm Confessions (til 4pm)  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
 6:00 pm Youth & Young Adult Group (til 7:30pm)

**Sunday, October 1**

**\*Respect Life Sunday**

- 7:30 am Mass for the soul of Dominador de Ocampo (RIP)  
 9:00 am Mass for the soul of Patricia Costa (RIP)  
 10:30 am Mass for the soul of Ron Friendt (RIP)  
 12:00 pm Mass for Ava Carpentier & Family (L)  
 12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

**Office of Faith Formation**

**COME ♦ COME ♦ COME**

Do you know that the Armenian Christian heritage traces back to the apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, who introduced the Gospel leading to Armenia's distinction as the first nation to officially embrace Christianity as the state religion in 301 A.D.? Because of its Christian identity, about 90% currently, Armenia has faced relentless persecution and oppression throughout its history. Currently there are 120,000 people, 2,000 of which are pregnant women, 30,000 are children, 20,000 elderly and 9,000 persons with disabilities, who are struggling from malnourishment and waiting every day for the Lachin Corridor, the road of life, to be unblocked. Humanitarian convoy is still here waiting to reach people to meet their very basic needs and to stop hunger. (<https://nrb.org/>)

The theme for the Catechetical year is "Come to me..." (Mt. 11:28) to receive Jesus' promise of rest, but as we all know many are suffering greatly, especially for faith in Him. It seems that there are more questions than answers but *we must do all that we can* to love and support one another, through prayer, sacrifice, and financial assistance. In practical terms, prayer means we must rely on the Eucharist for sustenance; sacrifice—give up of ourselves as an offering to intercede for others; and share our income with charities that will alleviate the pains of the suffering, especially those in Armenia. Which one is God is calling you to begin or to do more of? .

**FAITH FORMATION FIRST CLASSES**  
Sept 25 and 26

**PLENARY INDULGENCE, LAST DAY OCT 1**

Do you know that our parish and that of Holy Family in Orange are celebrating the centennial, the 100 Year Jubilee? Plenary Indulgence is granted at Holy Family in Orange. You are encouraged to take advantage of the grace given and receive the Indulgence for your loved ones or even for yourself. Details are at <https://www.hforange.org/>.

**RETREATS – A TIME TO PAUSE & RECEIVE GOD THROUGH SILENCE AND REFLECTION**

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. RSVP by dropping off a note with your name and phone number at the parish office attention to Sr.

**Stewardship Corner**



**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 this **Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 21<sup>st</sup> at Christ Cathedral!***