

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 & 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."

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Reflections of the Week

What makes a Holy Family?

If you are reading this, there is a good chance that you meet the definition of a "holy family," given that this may be at least the second Mass of at least four that you and your family will have participated in over a very short period of time.

Meeting a religious obligation, like attending Mass on Sundays and holy days, is not the only criterion for a holy family, of course, but as today's Gospel reminds us, it's one of them.

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple portrays his parents as devout Jews who took him to Jerusalem as the Law of Moses required. According to the Law, the mother who gives birth to a boy is not to touch anything sacred or enter the Temple for forty days. At the end of this time she is to offer a year-old lamb and a pigeon or turtledove as an atonement for sins. Mary offered a pair of birds, as was permitted a person who could not afford a lamb.

Meeting Obligations

If only it were that easy to be holy. If only holiness could be determined solely by our attendance at Sunday liturgy and fulfilling a list of rules.

But as any Christian knows, the way to holiness passes by way of the cross. Holiness is never a state of being that we reach or achieve, but a constant personal and communal battle that embraces penance, mortification, and suffering, which only then lead to peace.

Mary knew that. Simeon--the prophet who held the infant Jesus and put into words what Mary must have felt, that the child is "destined for the fall and rise of many . . . a sign that will be contradicted"--also knew (Luke 2:34).

Many in our own families have tripped over the stumbling block of faith that is Jesus. Yet they remain with our families and may even have shared our holidays together. We pray for these wayward ones and always remember that they, too, help make our families holy.

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A Christmas Gift!

Thank you the **Legion of Mary** for giving away **free books** (by Matthew Kelly and others) to everyone **after each of the Christmas Masses.**

God bless your ministry always!

A Wish for the New Year

Enough happiness to keep you tranquil,
Enough trouble to keep you strong;
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy;
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager;
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs, and
Enough determination to make
Each day a better day than yesterday.

—Anon.

Thank You, from your Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I would personally like to thank all parishioners who are a member of one of our ministries here at St. Mary's by the Sea Parish. I realize that being part of a ministry may require one to put aside their own interests for the greater good of the Church. Some members may spend many hours away from home to fulfill their mission. For this, I am grateful to have such a dedicated flock. Our Parish could not flourish without you and all you do. I encourage everyone to consider joining one of our ministries where they can offer their time, talent and treasure. Once again, I thank you, and at the beginning of this New Year, may God bless each and every one of you.

Fr. Quang Chu - Pastor

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11. Is the Holy Eucharist exposed for the purpose of private devotion?

No. The liturgical rites for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are found in the ritual book *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass* and presume the presence of a number of people during the period of adoration. The rites require that during the period of exposition there should be prayers, songs, and readings to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of Christ the Lord. The Liturgy of the Hours may also be celebrated during the period of exposition, or the Rosary may be prayed.

31 Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(#11 of a 31 part series)

Look to Mary, the Queen of Peace

How appropriate that on the first day of every year we honor Mary, the Holy Mother of God, for it was her willing obedience to God's plan that enabled the Incarnation and therefore initiated what in time became Christianity. Monday is the first day of the New Year, the World Day of Peace and so we look to Mary, the Queen of Peace—who bore the Prince of Peace—as our model and inspiration for holding peace in our hearts, our communities, and in our world.

Wise Men & Women Still Seek Him 12-Hour First Friday Adoration

The ancient wise men undertook much trouble to visit the baby Jesus. We on the other hand do not have to travel nearly as far to see Him. However, we can equal their devotion by visiting Him in 12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which begins at the conclusion of the 8am Mass this **First Friday, January 5**, and concludes at 9pm with the rosary and benediction.

Thank you to all and without your commitment, this program would not be possible.



***The Solemnity of Mary,
The Mother of God***

(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

Jan. 1, 2024: 8:00 am Mass

Jesus & the Eucharist:

Small Group Study - Coming in January!

Please join fellow parishioners in a 7 Week Small Group Eucharistic Study. Deepen your understanding of the Eucharist and the Mass, come to know the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and embrace your role as an active participant in the Mass and disciple of Christ in the world.

Each week offers a different topic: 1) What's Our Story? 2) Who is Jesus? 3) Am I Saved? 4) Why a Church? 5) God is With Us. 6) The Story of the Eucharist 7) Bread for the Journey.



Come and See! Contact

the church office to sign up or after all Masses next weekend Dec. 30/31.

End of the Year Donations

As you review your 2023 tax planning, please consider a year-end gift of support to St. Mary's by the Sea Church. The deadline for year-end gifts to qualify as charitable contributions for your 2023 income tax return is Saturday, Dec. 31, 2023. As the year comes to a close, open yourself up to new possibilities and success achieved through giving and receiving. Your faithful response in sharing your gifts is truly a blessing to our community.

For more information, or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office at (714) 536-6913, x-112.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Al Griego	Thomas Nester
Mike Banner	Nathan Hamby	Rosalie Ocanas
Ted Beresford	Paul Hayes	Joanne Peters
Mike Bolong, Sr.	Caleb Hill	Michael Pezzaniti
Connie Bowles	Keri Johnson	Don Quinn
Lynn Briggs	Paula Keating	Debbie Ransom
Pamela Brown	Lu Kelce	Susan Rocio
George Christa	James Kosai	Colleen Rowe
Rosie Clouse	Nam Le	Liese Rugo
Dina DaSilva	Arturo Loya	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Vicky Derieg	Adam Mattocks	Andrea Wall
Helen Donnelly	Ken Mattocks	Nancy Yaslik
Mary Dunthorne	Patricia McKenzie	Sam Zappia
Ann Erwin	Bill & Carolyn Myrter	

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 souls of Michael Reyes (RIP)

Holy Family, December 31

7:30 am Mass for Mary Ann & Richard Hoefler (L)
9:00 am Mass for the soul of Joe & Bette Barrilla (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

12:00 pm Mass for Althea & Danny Santucci (L)

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

Monday—Mother of God—January 1

10:30 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 am Mass for the souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Rafael Carlos & Deceased Family Members

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

Thursday, January 4

8:00 am Mass for Andy Edmond (L)

9:00 am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed (til 3:00 pm)

4:00 pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:30 pm)

Friday, January 5

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Bob Costabile (RIP)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

9:00 am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed (til 9:00 pm)

Saturday, January 6

8:00 am Mass for Laura Friendt & Family (L)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Connie Bowles & Family

Sunday, January 7

7:30 am Mass for Colleen & Harold Rowe (L)

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Diane Hoxsie (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Miguel R. Aragon (RIP)

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

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

*Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year!*

Mary Mother of God



Mother Mary brought life to Jesus in human form, bringing Him into the world. In turn, Jesus gifts Himself to feed the world from internal hunger. Our Savior Jesus nourishes us with His own life, Body, and Blood, which allows us to partake in His Divinity.

The upcoming New Year 2024 marks not just an ordinary renewal but serves as a reminder of the superb and eternal commitment from God to us in His covenant of love and faithfulness. Let us, then, never cease to revive and renew the wonders He has done in the world and in each of our lives.



We continue to pray for peace in our world, especially in the birthplace of Jesus, Israel. May all soon realize God's love and acknowledge Him as sovereign."



**PRINCE OF PEACE, HAVE MERCY ON US.
HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR**

Reflections on Mary, Mother of God

On this first day of a new year, we look forward to new beginnings, hopeful that this year will be better than the last. The Chosen People were looking forward to a new beginning in the promised land when Aaron and his sons called down God's blessings, God's grace, and God's peace upon them. The shepherds realized a new beginning was taking place in Bethlehem and hurried there to see the newborn king. Mary embraced the new beginning her life had taken after she was visited by the angel. May we look forward to our new beginning, assured that we have a God with us who chose to become incarnate in the world, who chose to share in our humanity, who chose to redeem us from our sins. The shepherds are Jesus' first evangelizers, proclaiming the "good news of great joy" given them by the angels (Luke 2:10). Ironically, the first people they tell are Mary and Joseph themselves, who already know the good news from the angel's visits. But now they realize that this good news is already spreading throughout the countryside, bringing great joy to those who hear it. Just as we treasure the memories not only of wonderful events but also of the way that they were shared among our loved ones, Mary treasured all that happened the night on which her Son was born.

Luke says that Mary reflected on the shepherds' visit and their message. Reflection is a habit we seem to have lost in today's world. Because we are constantly connected to the whole world and to everyone we know, we have developed a sense of immediacy that makes anything we learned more than a few minutes ago old news. We check for updates on our phones 24/7, obsessively watch for likes and retweets, look to see what our friends are doing. How often do we take the time to power down our electronics and spend some time in prayerful reflection? Sounds like a good resolution for 2024!

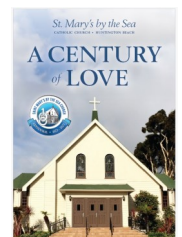
Question of the Week

What happened in my life in 2024 that I treasure in my heart? How do I recognize God's role in these blessings?

-GIA Publications

"A Century of Love" ***A Book About St. Mary's by the Sea***

For those people who pre-ordered the book about St. Mary's by the Sea or would like to purchase a copy, you can pick them up in the **Office on Monday-Thursday from 9am-12pm & 1-5pm.**



Weekly Collections

The collection for December 24 and 25, 2023 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!