

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."

Reflections of the Week

Sometimes God's voice comes out of the clouds loud and clear, as when Jesus is baptized. But when God calls one of us, it is often soft and unclear, as it is in today's first reading. Only after twice mistaking God's voice for his guardian Eli's does Samuel respond to the LORD, and only then because Eli realized what must be happening. Much later, Elijah has a similar experience when he hears God's voice in a tiny whispering sound. There was no fanfare when Jesus called for Andrew and his friend to come and follow. We should not wait till we are thrown to the ground like Paul or hear a thunderous voice from the clouds like Moses. God often calls in faint and subtle ways.

Andrew clearly was enthralled with the Lord, for he stayed all day with him and recognized him as the Messiah. He could have stayed the night and chosen not to share Jesus' attention with anyone else. But he didn't. Late that afternoon he sought out his brother, told him that they had found the Messiah and brought him to Jesus. The invitation we receive is meant to be shared.

Disagreements happen: differences of opinion or seemingly irreconcilable conflicts, and two people or two groups stop speaking to each other. Years go by and they end up forgetting how it came to this. Centuries go by and we wonder how we ever became separated. When Jesus called out, "Come, and you will see" (John 1:39), he did not lead his disciples to different places following different pathways. During this upcoming week of prayer for Christian unity, we would be wise to keep in mind that Jesus calls each of us to follow him and work to find a unified response to that call.

Question of the Week

What will I do during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be one with other Christians?

-GIA Publications



Let Us Pray for the Sick...

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

For the Deceased & For Those in the Armed Forces

Nathan Hamby ✠	J. Caico, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, T. Ihnot, T. Pace, J. Pendergrass, Capt. D. Tierney
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2nd Collection for the Church in Africa/Latin America/Eastern Europe

This weekend, there will be a 2nd Collection for the Church in Africa/Latin America/Eastern Europe. Many unique challenges face the Churches in those regions. A lack of priests and trained lay ministers, high emigration rates, and the alarming pace at which parishioners are leaving the faith make it difficult for the region's churches to provide for the faithful. It is more important than ever that we keep faith with the Churches in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

Please be as generous as possible!

Jesus & the Eucharist Study



"...In this world, I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."

- St Francis

There are seventy parishioners participating in the Jesus and the Eucharist Study. We ask all to pray that Our Lord will continue to bless each of them during their study and that St. Mary's by the Sea parishioners grow more into true Eucharistic people.

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

13. What forms might Solemn Exposition take?

In many places, this exposition takes place for a period of "forty hours," during which the faithful join with local clergy in a continuous period of prayer for forty hours. In other places, shorter periods of continuous prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament take place, accompanied by appropriate sacred songs, readings from Scripture, and other forms of liturgical prayer.

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

2023 Tax Donation Letters



If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2023 tax return, please contact the Parish Office (714-536-6913) with your name and Parish ID #, if known, to request one.

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

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

- ★ **BOOK ABOUT SMBTS:** \$25
 - ★ **CENTENNIAL PINS:** \$5 each
 - ★ **COFFEE CUPS:** \$10 each
 - ★ **TRAVEL MUGS:** \$25 each
 - ★ **T-SHIRTS:** \$15 each
- Sizes available in **Small-2XL**



Fortune Tellers

An increasingly popular form of entertainment has been occurring: people seeking comfort and assurance from the dead about their life to come. For Christians, the knowledge that our future is safe in the hands of God should be enough. Jesus paid dearly to give us that assurance and to seek it from any other source is sinful.

God's word is very clear on this subject: "Let there not be found among you anyone who causes their son or daughter to pass through the fire, or practices divination, or is a soothsayer, augur, or sorcerer, or who casts spells, consults ghosts and spirits, or seeks oracles from the dead. Anyone who does such things is an abomination to the LORD, and because of such abominations the LORD, your God, is dispossessing them before you" (Deuteronomy 18:10-12).

The first commandment forbids all dealing with the devil and superstitious practices, such as consulting spiritualists and fortune tellers and trusting in charms, omens, dreams and such like fooleries.

In the light of this growing search for psychic knowledge and phenomena with its resultant disturbance of peace and mind, we need to be given more specific teaching of the subject, especially with our young people.

The fact needs to be recognized that it is the devil who is the motivating force, his counterfeit gifts deceive us. The people being used by him need our prayers, their obvious warmth and desire to give comfort are being used by the evil one.

-Catholic Quote. Vol 82, No. 1



Weekly Collections

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Building Fund\$1,653.00
Regular Collection\$7,168.25

DECEMBER 25, 2023

Christmas\$26,272.00

DECEMBER 31, 2023

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$55.00
Regular Collection\$8,865.80

JANUARY 7, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$15,057.00
Building Fund\$1,003.00
Specials\$105.00
Regular Collection\$8,017.25

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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

***2nd Collection for Church in Africa/Latin America/
Eastern Europe**

Sunday, January 14

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Eastern Europe**

7:30 am Mass for Mary Ann & Richard Hoefler (L)

9:00 am Mass for the soul of J.R. Williams (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Fr. Eamon Mackin (RIP)

12:00 pm Mass for the soul of Francis Anthony Nottke (RIP)

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

Monday, January 15

***Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Andrew Pompura (RIP)

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Robert Spellmire (RIP)

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 am Mass for Elijah Orr & all Relatives Living & Deceased

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

7:00 pm 1) Eucharist Small Group Study in Hall (til 9pm)

Thursday, January 18

8:00 am Mass for the souls of Frank & Rosa Panzitta (RIP)

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)

6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

Friday, January 19

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Marie Burt (RIP)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, January 20

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Fr. Eamon Mackin (RIP)

9:00 am 2) Eucharist Small Group Study in Hall (til 11am)

10:30 am Pastoral Council meeting

3:00 pm Confessions (til 4pm)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Thomas Bowles (L)

Sunday, January 21

7:30 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Robert Reilly (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Andrea Irvine (RIP)

12:00 pm Mass for the soul of Teresa Short (RIP)

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

Office of Faith Formation

JESUS GETS BAPTIZED, TOO?

When Jesus' cousin John the Baptist spotted Jesus the Messiah coming to be baptized, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God." Bishop Barron helps us understand the important historical contexts as follows:

"No first-century Israelite would have missed the meaning of that: behold the one who has come to be sacrificed. Behold the sacrifice, which will sum up, complete, and perfect the Temple. Moreover, behold the Passover lamb, who sums up the whole meaning of that event and brings it to fulfillment... The preparatory work of Israel is over, and now the Messiah will reign."

How grand is the arrival of the long-awaited Christ! There has never been anyone in recorded history whose birth and life were anticipated for centuries by God-sent prophets and priests. Of course, Jesus, as we know, is not ordinary, but He became one with us that His arrival is sometimes overlooked.

John the Baptist facilitated the baptism of repentance, but what is there to repent in our pure and perfect God, who took on human flesh in Jesus? He chose to be baptized in the same river where his brothers and sisters made resolutions to let go of their sinful past and be faithful to God. (Doesn't it sound like what we hear when we receive ashes at the beginning of Lent?) As humans, we often forget our baptismal promises and need to be reminded of our beliefs and firmly attest to that with our lives:

V. Do you reject Satan?

V. And all his works?

V. And all his empty promises?

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ.

... "to be a holy priesthood" (1 Peter 2:5). By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. They are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people ..." (1 Peter 2:9). *Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers* (CCC, 1267, 1268).

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship
Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! I just read the following quote from Blessed Carlo Acutis, who was just 15 when he died:

"Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend."

This is so true. We sometimes forget that we should be thanking our guardian angel all the time. He constantly watches over us, maybe steering us in different directions for our own good or protection. If you ever need to meet with someone and have a serious conversation with them, ask your guardian angel to go to that person's guardian angel and prepare them ahead of time. Saint John Paul II was said to have done this always.

➤ So it is the start of a new year and we can already start planning for our upcoming events. Our **MONTHLY MEETING** where we will discuss these events is on **Thursday, January 25th at 6:00 pm** in the **Hall**. We hope to see many of you there. Our first volunteering opportunity will be on **February 10-11** for the **MARDI GRAS MINISTRY FAIR**. Also on **Feb. 11th**, there will be a **SUPERBOWL PARTY** later in the afternoon. Then, **Ash Wednesday** is early this year - on **February 14th**, so we will have our **LENTEN MEALS**. In **March**, we have the **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**, and in **April or May**, the **LADIES TEA**. We need to have people commit to these events and coordinators to lead them.

➤ And just an FYI, the photos from the **100-YEAR CENTENNIAL CONCERT & DINNER** are now posted on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StMarysByTheSeaCatholicChurch. In addition, the Orange County Catholic Newspaper just wrote a beautiful article about our celebration. You can read it online at www.occatholic.com/a-century-of-love.

➤ Please continue to pray 🙏 for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are facing personal or health issues. Your prayers are more powerful than you realize! Always 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).

Join us.....
after Sunday Mass

