

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### Parish Ministries

ADORATION MINISTRY - THE LIEBLANG FAMILY

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE - SUSAN SIZLO

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OUR LADY'S COMFORTERS - ELIZABETH LIEBLANG

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RETREATS - DIANE MILLER

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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

It is interesting that Mark chooses not to write anything about what Jesus taught in the synagogue, but only about how he taught. Twice he says that Jesus taught with authority. Teaching with authority can mean two different things. The obvious meaning is reflected in the way Jesus confronts the unclean spirit: he orders it to come out of the man and the unclean spirit obeys. But teachers also speak with authority when they know the subject inside and out. Clearly, no one knows the subject of God or faith better than Jesus. This is the authority the unclean spirit recognizes. Jesus is able to interpret the law beyond measure because he himself has come to fulfill it.

Mark also contrasts Jesus' teaching with the scribes, much maligned in the Gospels. It is not their fault; no matter how much the scribes studied the law, they could not truly understand it as Jesus could. Therefore, when we attempt to discern what Jesus would teach us today about our current issues and problems, we look to his authority in both senses: inspiring obedience and knowing God's will.

"Have you come to destroy us?" asks the unclean spirit in the Gospel, knowing that without a person to reside in, it was doomed (Mark 1:24). Indeed, Jesus only expels the unclean spirit from the poor man; he does not slay it. In a way it is destroyed, however, because it no longer has a host. The unclean spirit is made powerless and the man is freed of his torment. But the man would be wise to avoid the vulnerability that could lead to this demon returning to him, for it is only defeated for now, not destroyed forever. We too depend upon a higher power to exorcise our demons, but forever taking care to resist their reappearance later.

### Question of the Week

Can I identify an unclean spirit in me that seeks to destroy me? Can I find the courage to ask God to free me from this demon?

-GIA Publications



### The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**15. May Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion be deputed to expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration?**

Yes, such ministers may open the tabernacle and also, if suitable, place the ciborium on the altar or place the host in the monstrance. At the end of the period of adoration, they replace the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. It is not lawful, however, for them to give the blessing with the sacrament.

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



### Pancake Breakfast

The parish **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are sponsoring a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** today, **Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>** after the **7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses**. Join your fellow parishioners for a breakfast of sausage, eggs, pancakes, coffee and juice after the first three morning Masses. **Adults \$5, children \$4 and families (up to 5 members) \$20**. Proceeds benefit our Seminarian Scholarship Program. In addition, we will still have coffee and donuts for those who do not want breakfast.

### Give Yourself to God 12-Hour First Friday Adoration

Though Valentine's Day is commonly associated with human love, the patron saint of this day, St. Valentine, would encourage you to cultivate a love for God. Form this relationship by visiting Him this **FIRST FRIDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, during **12-HOUR ADORATION WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EXPOSED** from **9am to 9pm**.



### St. Blaise - Blessing of the Throats

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3<sup>rd</sup> AFTER THE 8:00 AM MASS**  
St. Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. On St. Blaise's feast day, many parishes, including St. Mary's by the Sea, bless the throats of their parishioners in a special ceremony.

St. Blaise reminds us of the importance of taking care of our health and also to thank God for doctors and medicines that can help us to recover from illnesses. We honor St. Blaise for his faith and care for his people.

### I Promise...

I solemnly promise to always speak in a kind, friendly, and affectionate manner, and never to utter an angry, mean, bitter, or spiteful word that would wound anyone or hurt my spouse or family.

A word once spoken can never be recalled. A sword can be put back into its scabbard, but a word once uttered can never be caught again and imprisoned once more behind the lips that have uttered it.

-Anon.

### National Needs 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

The annual **NATIONAL NEEDS 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** will be held **next weekend, February 3-4**. This collection combines four national collections into one:

- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Catholic Home Missions

### **Jesus and the Eucharist Study**



Continues on Wed. evening 7pm - 9pm and/or Sat. 9 am-11am. The study is part of The National Eucharistic Revival movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

### **World Marriage Day**

The annual diocesan celebration of **NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK** and **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** will be on **Friday, February 9, 2024** at **6:00 pm** in the **Arboretum** at **CHRIST CATHEDRAL (13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove)**. For this year's celebration, married couples are invited to mass with a special blessing by Bishop Timothy Freyer and renewal of their commitment. Bring the whole family!

- \* Date Night kits will be provided for couples to take with them to continue their evening date offsite after Mass.
- \* Childcare will be available at the cathedral campus after Mass so couples can enjoy their date night out on their own.
- \* A link to nearby restaurants are listed on the web page for your dinner date after Mass. Make your own reservations in advance.

Your **RSVP** is appreciated by **February 5** so they can prepare for your date night kit and/or childcare needs: [www.rcbo.org/marriage-week](http://www.rcbo.org/marriage-week).

### **Let Us Pray for the Sick...**

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

### **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 Jean Markham (RIP)  
6:00 pm Youth & Young Adult Ministry in Hall

### **Sunday, January 28**

**\*Pancake Breakfast (after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 Masses)**

7:30 am Mass for the soul of James Craig (RIP)  
9:00 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
10:30 am Mass for the soul of Daniel Derieg (RIP)  
12:00 pm Mass for the soul of Jean Simpson Markham (RIP)  
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

### **Monday, January 29**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Beatriz Ellis (RIP)  
10:30 am Staff meeting  
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, January 30**

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

### **Wednesday, January 31**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Mark Pierce (RIP)  
9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.  
7:00 pm #4 Eucharist Small Group Study in Hall (til 9pm)

### **Thursday, February 1**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Michael Irvine (RIP)  
9:00 am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed (til 3:00 pm)  
4:00 pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:00 pm)

### **Friday, February 2**

8:00 am Mass for the Williams Family (L)  
9:00 am 12-Hour First Friday Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed (til 9 pm)  
9:00 am Cenacles of Life

### **Saturday, February 3**

**\*Blessing of the Throats at the end of the 8am Mass**

8:00 am Mass for Rosemarie Clouse (L)  
9:00 am #4 Eucharist Small Group Study in Hall (til 11am)  
3:00 pm Confessions (til 4pm)  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of James Resurreccion (RIP)

### **Sunday, February 4**

7:30 am Mass for Mary Ann & Richard Hoefler (L)  
9:00 am Mass for the soul of Tommy Keogh (RIP)  
10:30 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
12:00 pm Mass for the soul of Cesar Resurreccion (RIP)  
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.



**JANUARY 21, 2024**

**St. Vincent de Paul..... \$50.00**  
**Regular Collection ..... \$5,548.27**

*Thank you very much for supporting your Church!*



## Office of Faith Formation

### FAITH FORMATION?

Back in the day, actually not too long ago, any sort of religious education or CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) aimed at instilling faith through learning, especially using the method of repeating and memorizing as well as asking questions and getting clear answers. Then came the newer term, 'faith formation,' which has become more prominent, defining the entire spectrum of one's living faith.

As time evolves, many families no longer play a prominent role in the growth of their children's faith. Parents think that religious education at church precisely plays that role; however, study shows that parents have nonetheless been *most impactful* for one's faith.

Let us enumerate the **Six Tasks of Faith Formation** and see how that informs us—and then focus on one that you need to focus on and start to nurture this aspect with prayer and study.

- 1-Promotes knowledge of the faith.
- 2-Promotes knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the Sacraments.
- 3-Promotes moral formation in Jesus Christ.
- 4-Teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ.
- 5-Prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the Life and mission of the Church.
- 6-Promote a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society.

U. S. Catholic Bishops. *National Directory for Catechesis*. 2005. #20.

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



After the 5PM VIGIL MASS 1/27  
Do invite friends and family to our next  
Event, the last Saturday next month, Feb 24

### CONTEMPLATIVE RETREATS



On the 10-acre hillside, the Lord desires to renew our souls through the shortcuts of solitude and reflection.

**February 24-Grace**-in the wilderness and darkness of our experiences, God's presence and faithfulness still accompanying us. In His passion, we find true

passion to live and live to the fullest.

**March 2- Lenten Retreat: Mercy**-the unfathomable love of God is relentless and we can receive all this now as we are invited to be agents of mercy.

**April 20-Divine Mercy**-experience God's unconditionally love pouring out for you and His promise of peace and rest materialized in your readiness to receive Him.

For more information [emailsisterc@yahoo.com](mailto:emailsisterc@yahoo.com) or leave your contact information for Sr. Catherine at our parish office.

## Stewardship Corner



Stewardship  
Committee

### DEAR STEWARDS . . .

**Happy Sunday!** Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last week's **MONTHLY MEETING**. We discussed some of the upcoming events that we will be volunteering for. The first event we need volunteers for will be in two weeks on **February 10-11** for the **MARDI GRAS MINISTRY FAIR**. Also on **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a **SUPERBOWL PARTY** later in the afternoon. Then, **Ash Wednesday** is early this year - on **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, so we will have our **LENTEN MEALS**. And in **May**, the **LADIES TEA**. We need to have people commit to these events and coordinators to lead them.

➤ 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



### 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.