

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,

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent after the 8:00 am Mass

Reflections of the Week

Only Abraham's tremendous trust in God's plan made him willing to sacrifice his own son. It couldn't possibly have made sense. He must have asked himself how he could have descendants as numerous as the stars if his only son is dead. But he trusted in God and God transfigured an occasion of human sacrifice to one of animal sacrifice. Significantly, each time God calls Abraham in this passage, he answers at once, "Here I am!" (Genesis 22:1, 11). This response in Hebrew is a single word: hineni. It is used again by Moses, by Samuel, and by Isaiah, when each of them is called by God, and is used even now in Jewish prayers. May we have such trust in God that we too respond, "hineni," when we hear God's voice, allowing our lives to be transfigured.

Whenever Jesus chooses a handful of disciples to accompany him at a particularly special time, he selects Peter, James, and John. Today he takes these three up a mountain to see him transfigured in glory and hear his Father's affirmation. Much later, after the Last Supper, he will take these three to the garden of Gethsemane with him. There he will be "transfigured" in agony as he pleads with his Father to spare him. On that occasion, his closest friends—the only ones to witness him in his glory—will fall asleep, causing them to miss Jesus' final hours before he is arrested. What they couldn't have known then but what we know now is that Jesus will give all the disciples, including these three, the opportunity to see him in his true glory, his risen glory, after his resurrection. This is how we all know his glory now.

Though we do not witness Christ's glory in as dramatic a way as Peter, James, and John do, we witness his risen glory in other ways, and most especially as we gather in this holy place. After all, Jesus told us that when two or more are gathered in his name, he is with them in their midst. May we exclaim as Peter does, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" (Mark 9:5).

Question of the Week

How do I think God would want my life to be transfigured this Lent? Am I willing to say "hineni" to accept that change to my life?

-GIA Publications

Local Penance Services

Monday, Feb. 26St. Bonaventure—H.B.
" St. Vincent de Paul—H.B.
Tuesday, Mar. 5Sts. Simon & Jude—H.B.
Monday, Mar. 11.....Holy Spirit—Ftn. Vly.
Monday, Mar. 18.....St. Mary's by the Sea—H.B.
Wednesday, Mar. 20St. Joachim—Costa Mesa
Tuesday, Mar. 26St. John the Baptist—Costa Mesa

Thanksgiving and Gratitude

Christ, the Son of God, died ignominiously on the cross to save each and every one of us. Let us at least visit Him in the Eucharist during St. Mary's by the Sea's **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**, beginning at **9:00 am** after the 8am Mass on **March 1st**. **On this week only, Adoration will be ending at 3:00 pm.**

2024 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

"Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted - together we can be the hands and feet of Christ."

Thank you to the (21) families who have made their pledge/payment to the 2024 PSA. As of right now, we have received \$17,385 in pledges with \$14,875 paid!

Our parish goal for the **2024 Pastoral Services Appeal** is \$73,500, with pledges from 551 of our parish families to support the ministries of our Diocesan Church in all of our parishes and centers, and help to strengthen the bonds of communion and family in our local parish, as well. **Gifts made over \$40,000** (our 2024 diocesan goal) **will come straight back to us** which we will use to replace the many pieces of rotten wood on the Church and Rectory, and paint the exterior of the Church and Rectory, as well.

We are only asked once each year to make this special pledge. The PSA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of the Church.

It is important you listen to your heart and prayerfully discern how God wants you to use the gifts He has entrusted to your care. You may make your pledge by using the special envelope which you received and putting it in our collection box, sending it by mail, or going online at www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now. There are also extra pledge envelopes in the pews. Your pledge may be paid all at one time, quarterly or spread out over a ten month period. Any gift you can give will be appreciated; every pledge is important and none too small. Let us continue our mission: ***"Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted - together we can be the hands and feet of Christ."***



Knights of Columbus Campaign

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's by the Sea are conducting their annual campaign to **benefit children and adults with special needs THIS WEEKEND**. All of the money collected stays in Huntington Beach and supports the **Therapeutic Riding Center in Central Park**. The riding center strives to empower children with intellectual and developmental challenges to discover their greatest strengths and gain a sense of self-confidence and self-reliance through the special relationship with a horse. Your donation will provide scholarships for the children.

They will be collecting outside of the Church after all the Masses. Checks may be made out to **T. Riding Center**. You may also make a credit card donation.

Lenten Meal/Fish Fry

Make sure you plan to attend St. Mary's by the Sea **LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRY** on **March 1st and March 15th** from **5-7 pm**. (Please note that takeout will only be offered after 6:30pm if still available.) Don't miss out on this fun and delicious event. Come share with fellow parishioners in our Lenten journey.



YOUR MENU CHOICES ARE:

#1) 2-pcs. Battered Fish (and we only use delicious high-end fish from Santa Monica Seafood)

#2) Salmon Burger

#3) Clam Chowder

#4) Kids Meals—Choice of Mac N Cheese *or* 1-pc. Fish (And all meals include Coleslaw, Holy Rice & Noodles, Dessert & Drink)

The cost is \$10-adult, \$5-child and \$25-family (2 adults & 2 children).

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Caleb Hill	Sue & Marshall
Mike Banner	Keri Johnson	Pieczentkowski
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
Miguel Ceballos	Adam Mattocks	Katie Stapleton
George Christa	Ken Mattocks	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Rosie Clouse	Dan McKelvie	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



Weekly Collections

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul	\$80.00
Building Fund	\$2,323.00
Specials	\$152.00
Regular Collection	\$8,145.25

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul	\$60.00
Specials	\$2,489.00
Regular Collection	\$6,229.57

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Rosalie Ocanas (L)

***Knights of Columbus Campaign Drive**

6:00 pm Youth & Young Adult Ministry in the Hall (til 7:30pm)

2nd Sunday of Lent, February 25

***Knights of Columbus Campaign Drive**

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Fr. Eamon Mackin (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Helen Donnelly (RIP)

12:00 pm Mass for the soul of Eugenia Vial (RIP)

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

Monday, February 26

8:00 am Mass for Linda Alexander (L)

3:30 pm 1st 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, February 27

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Brian David Pawlowski (RIP)

3:45 pm 1st Communion class - Year 2 (til 5:00pm)

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 am Mass for the soul of John Sullivan (RIP)

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

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

Thursday, February 29

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Helen Donnelly (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, March 1

****Lenten Meal/Fish Fry 5:00-7:00 pm**

8:00 am Mass for Patricia Flathers (L)

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:00 am First Friday Adoration (til 3:00 pm only)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, March 2

***NO Confessions at 3:00 pm today**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Diane Hoxsie (RIP)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of James Michael Grant (RIP)

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 3

***Knights of Columbus Campaign Drive**

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Catalina Ebue (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for Riley Ransom and Family (L)

***1st Scrutiny for the Elect**

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

12:00 pm Mass for Rosalie Ocanas (L)

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

4:00 pm Eucharistic Reflection and Adoration in Church

Office of Faith Formation **OCIA & Preparing for Full Communion**



Every year, those preparing to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil receive prayers, blessings, and official recognition from the local ordinary, the Bishop of a given Diocese. Depicted here is our group with Bishop Kevin Vann, following the Rite of Election. A couple of articles back, we shared with you the meaning of being 'elected' into the fold. This *external* ritual marks the beginning of the final stage of one's preparation *inwardly*. One is resolved to belong to Christ, be open to continual conversion, and be ready to shine as a light to the world. All Catholics are invited to immerse into the mystery of God's love during these weeks of Lent, to turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel, the same words we hear when we receive the ashes on Wednesday. Let us do all things joyfully because the Bridegroom is with us and we are journeying through Lent to honor Him alone!

Support the Youth & Young Adult Ministry at our Parish by:

- encouraging those you know to participate in an upcoming gathering, which is March 16 @ 6pm (Attend Mass at 5pm first!)
- praying for them and keep an open dialogue with them about faith
- introducing them to various Catholic online materials, including podcasts, too!

Lenten Day of Prayer "The Passion"

3/23@9am-1pm, in Alhambra & Glendale

An inspirational talk by the cloistered Carmelite Sisters in Alhambra & concluding at Forest Lawn Glendale with a contemplative gaze at the largest painting in the world: RSVP to our parish office by March 1 at the latest.

A Quiet Lenten Day of Prayer

March 2- Lenten Retreat: Mercy-the unfathomable love of God is relentless and we can receive all this now as we are invest in exploring, knowing and experiencing His mercy in our lives.
9:30am-5pm, in North Tustin. For more information emailsisterc@yahoo.com or leave your contact information for Sr. Catherine at our parish office.

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! Thank you to everyone who showed up for our **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** meeting this past Thursday. We were able to discuss upcoming events and get sign-ups. Look for an email with details of the meeting if you weren't able to come.

➤ So our second **LENTEN MEAL** is this **Friday, Mar. 1st**. Thank you **Geri D**, for agreeing to run the meals. Hopefully, we will have as many volunteers as last time because they made it run very smoothly. Again, look for an email with times needed for volunteers to set-up, cook, serve, and clean-up. Thank you to you all!

➤ As always, we invite you to join us for **ADORATION** every **THURSDAY** at **12pm** and **FIRST FRIDAYS** at **1pm** or whenever your schedule allows. Please consider setting aside this special time with Jesus as part of your Lenten practices this year.

➤ 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!

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).

Jesus and the Eucharist

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, which will culminate in a **Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis**, organizers have created a free **"REVIVAL SPARK SERIES,"** featuring nine days of Eucharistic reflections at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved>.

Simply sign up online, and each day a daily reflection will be emailed to you. An excellent opportunity for the beginning of Lent, too.



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).