

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

On Christmas Eve, we heard the prophet Isaiah's words that a great light has come to shine through the darkness. We believe that light is Jesus, the Messiah, who came into the world on that holy night. Today we hear John say that some people preferred the darkness. After all, they were used to it. They didn't have to worry about their actions in the darkness. They could do things that, if exposed to the light, would be seen as wrong. But we are called to value what is good and true and holy, and so we come to the light, to the Christ, so that our works may be seen, may be imitated, and may lead others to God.

Nicodemus would be such an example. We hear Jesus address him in the Gospel today but what we don't hear is that this monologue happens when Nicodemus comes to the Lord after night fell. Why did he come at night? Not because his works were evil, but because he was a member of the Sanhedrin and he feared that his position would be in danger if he was seen meeting with Jesus. So Jesus, the light of the world, was directly addressing him with his words. How did Nicodemus take Jesus' challenge? Well, we will see Nicodemus again in a couple of weeks, on Good Friday. It is he and Joseph of Arimathea, both secretly disciples (not any of the Twelve) who dare to ask Pilate for permission to remove Jesus' body from the cross, anoint it with myrrh, and bury it in a newly made tomb. "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his [or her] works may be clearly seen as done in God" (John 3:21). Nicodemus chooses to live the truth and come to the light.

While exiled in Babylon, the Chosen People found it challenging to continue to worship the LORD and live holy lives. Whether out of fear or shame or convenience, many people chose to forget their faith as they tried to survive in a pagan land. But not the faithful ones. Hence the psalmist plaintively recalling their native land, even as their songs and memories are fading.

Question of the Week

Am I willing to live out my faith in the light of day, even when it makes me uncomfortable because I am ridiculed or rejected by much of society?

-GLA Publications

Perpetual Adoration of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament

20. Who regulates the practice of perpetual exposition?

The local Ordinary (*in our case, this is Bishop Vann*) has the responsibility for the regulation of perpetual exposition. He determines when it is permissible and establishes the regulations to be followed in regard to perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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



Penance Service ***Monday, March 18th at 7 pm***

✠ EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

What are you hiding behind in your life?

- ♦ An inordinate pride that keeps you hiding from God or an unwillingness to depend on God in all things?
- ♦ Failure to pray as you should?
- ♦ To think before you speak or to leave unsaid those words that hurt more than physical blows?
- ♦ Holding back words of love you couldn't bring yourself to say?
- ♦ Comfort suppressed?
- ♦ A friendship left to wither?
- ♦ Relationships unattended?
- ♦ Children neglected as you pursued the better life... for *them*, of course?
- ♦ Moral lapses?
- ♦ Little white lies, the face-saving untruths?
- ♦ Suppression of really revealing your spiritual yearnings, your terrible hunger for God for meaning, for love?



ATTEND THE PENANCE SERVICE ON MARCH 18th.

There will be (5) Priests available to hear your confession.



Lenten Meal/Fish Fry

Make sure you plan to attend St. Mary's by the Sea's last **LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRY** on **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 cod 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).

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 (46) families who have made their pledge/payment to the 2024 PSA. As of right now, we have received \$35,396 in pledges with \$27,336 paid!

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. **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.

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 or going online at www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now. There are also extra pledge envelopes in the pews.

Local Penance Services

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

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

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

4th Sunday of Lent, March 10

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Helen Donnelly (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for Mary Kelly (L) & *2nd Scrutiny

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Josette Greuling (RIP)

12:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving

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

Monday, March 11

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Mary Ette (RIP)

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, March 12

8:00 am Mass for Bishop Joseph Strickland (L)

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

Wednesday, March 13

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

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

Thursday, March 14

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Cesar Resurreccion (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)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall

Friday, March 15

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

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Maria Theresa Adamo Nottke (RIP)

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, March 16

8:00 am Mass for Rev. Quang Chu (L)

2:30 pm Confirmation 2 & OCIA Reflection & Mass

3:00 pm Confessions (til 4:00 pm)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Amber Nguyen (L) & *3rd Scrutiny

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

5th Sunday of Lent, March 17

7:30 am Mass for Kathleen McDonald (L)

9:00 am Mass for the souls of Robert & William Gibson (RIP)

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

12:00 pm Mass for the soul of John Baesch (RIP)

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



MARCH 3, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$55.00
Fish Fry.....\$966.00
Regular Collection\$6,864.92

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!

Office of Faith Formation

WHY A RETREAT?

Did you know that eight children preparing for First Communion on May 6 this year just had their retreat and First Confession on Saturday, 3/9? Jesus shows us during his three years of public ministry the importance of setting aside very special time for prayer. "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk 6:31). Let us pray for these children by name: Sarah, Angel, Sebastian, Giacomo, Eveleen, Slater, Reagan, and Paolo.



A day of Lenten retreat that enveloped us in the Word of God, while also leaving us awe-inspired in the Blessed Sacrament. How many of them look familiar to you?

OCIA BROTHERS AND SISTERS

This Sunday, the Church everywhere is celebrating the second Scrutiny with those preparing for the Sacraments. Please join us in praying for them—while also renewing our own commitment to be active and passionate members of Christ's Church. The Church is Jesus' Bride, His Mystical BODY. We are ONE with him, in life and in death. Through death to this world, we rise to eternal life.



PRACTICAL PRACTICES OF LENT



Prayer: Commit to daily prayer, maybe before each meal, a moment of silence to adore and share in our Lord's passion.

Fasting: We deny ourselves of our cravings and willfulness, instead, we consciously put aside our wants and channel our energy into glorifying God and building his kingdom.

Almsgiving: Lenten practices should bring us closer to Jesus, so that we may resemble him even more like sharing our resources with those who are less fortunate than us. Please make a donation indicating clearly "CRS."

PRAYING & SINGING MEDITATIVELY?

The Taizé prayer service is known for its ability to help one remain in the present moment, praising God with simple repetitive songs that fill hearts with love and peace. Please join our neighboring parish, Sts. Simon and Jude in Huntington Beach, on March 15th from 7pm-8pm.

OCIA & CONFIRMATION SPONSOR & CANDIDATE REFLECTION/CONFERENCE

March 16@2:30pm-5pm, 3rd Scrutiny at 5pm Mass.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Upcoming gathering, March 16@6pm-7:30pm

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! Well only one more **FISH FRY** which is scheduled for **Friday, March 15th**. Volunteer times will be as before. 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).



Easter Food Basket Sign-Ups

We are now accepting sign-ups for our Easter food baskets for the needy. Please contact the **Office** at (714) 536-6913 with your name and phone number. The date to pick them up is **Thursday, March 28th**, from **4:00-5:00 pm** only. You must be present to pick up your food.



"...be persons for whom the Holy Mass, Communion, and Eucharistic adoration are the center and summit of their whole life."

- Pope St John Paul II

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).