

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

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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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

by Rev. Fr. Allen Baclor Abadines

"Very truly, I tell you, unless
a grain of wheat
falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain,
but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

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

Jeremiah makes a bold statement when he says that the centuries-old covenant that God made with Abraham would be superseded by a new covenant. The main difference that he foresaw between the old and the new is that the new covenant would be internal. We will not have to look up the answer or feel disconnected from God's will. With the law written upon our hearts, it becomes part of us.

As we approach Holy Week and our Lord's Passion, we hear Jesus talk about death and eternal life. He realized that he himself was approaching that time, but he also wanted those he loved to know what he expected of them. Therefore, he said that anyone who is willing to sacrifice their life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. It all comes down to love. Remember, when Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he said that the entire law—the law that Jeremiah said would be written upon our hearts—could be summed up in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. So now when Jesus says, "Whoever loves his [or her] life loses it," he contrasts them with one who "hates his [or her] life in this world" (John 12:25). But he could also contrast one's true loves: one's own life or God and neighbor. Our challenge is to love God and love neighbor more than our own life.

Witness a grain of wheat, or truly a seed of any kind. If kept in a jar and prevented from germinating, it will lose its power to generate new life and eventually rot. But planted in soil, it will break open and grow into a plant that dwarfs its original size. This is what Jesus envisions for us. If we are willing to sacrifice our own self-interest, we can act out of love for others, producing much fruit in the garden of the kingdom.

Question of the Week

What part of myself that I've become attached to in a self-centered way can "die" so that I will clear more space in my heart and my schedule for love of neighbor?

-GIA Publications

Perpetual Adoration of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament

21. When and where should perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament take place?

Speaking at the forty-fifth International Eucharistic Congress held in Seville, Spain, in June 1993, Pope John Paul II expressed his hope that "in all parishes and Christian communities, there would be established some form of ongoing adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament." Whether this adoration takes the form of perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at the discretion of the diocesan bishop.

31 Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (#21 of a 31 part series)



Monday, March 18th at 7:00 pm

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

- * Do I pray daily?
- * Do I receive the sacraments regularly?
- * Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?
- * Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?
- * What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?
- * Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?
- * Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?
- * Have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?
- * Am I ever angry with those I love?
- * Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?

The Church urges us to make frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance and, at a minimum, to receive it once each year to fulfill our Easter Duty. ***So join us at the Penance Service tomorrow night at 7:00 pm. There will be (5) Priests available to hear your Confession.***

Holy Thursday Adoration - Overnight

On Holy Thursday, just after the 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, we have **Adoration before the Altar of Repose** in Fr. Johnson Hall. It will **continue throughout the night until 8am the following day.**

We would like you to recall our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and His rebuke to His disciples: "What? Could you not watch one hour with me?" Please make arrangements to spend an hour with Our Lord, and **USE THE BOARD AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO SIGN-UP.**



Easter Lily Sale



The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling Easter Lilies **after all the Masses on March 23rd and 24th.** Each Lily is beautifully wrapped and only **\$15 each or two for \$25.** Plants may be taken home **or donated to the Church** to decorate the Altar and dedicated to a loved one if you so desire. All campaign proceeds will be donated to the Pro-Life **Horizon Pregnancy Center** of Huntington Beach. The Center saved over 180 babies last year and provides free ultrasounds and support to women in need. Please make checks out to K of C Council 14699. Thank you.



TRIDIUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Penance Service

*Monday, March 18 - 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday, March 28

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service Only
- ♦7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ♦Adoration before the Altar of Repose - After Mass until 8:00 am on Good Friday

Good Friday Services, March 29

(Fast & Abstinence)

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service Only
- ♦12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
- ♦3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena then Celebration of the Lord's Passion (with Holy Communion)

Holy Saturday, March 30

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service Only
- ♦8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31

♦7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm - English Masses

***PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Confessions heard on Saturday, March 23 or Saturday, March 30, 2024

Local Penance Services

Monday, Mar. 18..... St. Mary's by the Sea—H.B.

Wednesday, Mar. 20 ... St. Joachim—Costa Mesa

Tuesday, Mar. 26..... St. 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	Colleen Stenglein
Rosie Clouse	Dan McKelvie	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Dina DaSilva	Patricia McKenzie	Ryan Truong
Vicky Derieg	Carolyn Myrter	Roberta Velasquez
Mary Dunthorne	Thomas Nester	Andrea Wall
Ann Erwin	Rosalie Ocanas	Nancy Yaslik
Al Griego	Joanne Peters	Sam Zappia
Paul Hayes	Michael Pezzaniti	

For the Deceased & For Those in the Armed Forces

Frances Lulu † J. Caico, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, T. Ihnot, T. Pace, J. Pendergrass, Capt. D. Tierney

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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.

Monday, March 18

☞ 7:00 pm - PENANCE SERVICE

8:00 am Mass for Debbie Ransom (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, March 19

8:00 am Mass for Rhinnon Maria Nottke (L)

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

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Emmett Jerome O'Sullivan (RIP)

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

Thursday, March 21

8:00 am Mass for the soul of James 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)

6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

Friday, March 22

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Luis Fernando Huertas Pava (RIP)

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, March 23

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Teofilo Acebes (RIP)

3:00 pm NO Confessions

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Leroy Hammond (RIP)

Palm Sunday, March 24

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

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

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Dr. Joseph Cangelosi (RIP)

12:00 pm Mass for Margaret Hark (L)

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



MARCH 10, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$80.00
Regular Collection\$7,612.26

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!

Office of Faith Formation

BEST HOLY WEEK

Some ideas to help you celebrate Holy Week

1-Participate in all events of the Holy Triduum. Details are in the parish bulletin.

2-Pray the Stations of the Cross like never before. Allow each station to speak to your mind, but pay attention to the most illuminated station that helps you to enter deeply into the *heart* and *soul* of the Crucified.

3-Place yourself in the passion of Christ in the Gospels, particularly the passages from Matthew 26:15-27:66, Mark 14:12-15:47, Luke 22:7-23:56, and John 13:1-19:42

4-Performs acts of love daily in honor of His passion. Recall also how He loves you daily and highlight those moments in your spiritual journal as well.

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS

Sat at the last supper with Jesus.



Joining in the event also were the youth leaders, parents, catechists and our pastor.



OCIA BROTHERS AND SISTERS

This week during the vigil Mass, the Church everywhere is celebrating the final Scrutiny with those preparing for the Sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers and join them for the Easter Vigil Mass this year.



Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! We would like to thank all those who volunteered last Friday for our Fish Fry (and all the previous ones). We could not have done it without you!

➤ *On a more somber note, we ask that you please pray 🙏 for the soul of one of our former members, **Frances Lulu**, who recently passed away. Before Covid, Frances was active in just about everything - the Rummage Sale, Ladies Tea, countless dinners, cleaning the Church. If volunteers were needed—Frances would be there! She was a “one-of-a-kind” woman, and our hearts go out to her family in their time of sorrow. Frances, you will be greatly missed by all. Rest in peace (and say “Hi” to your sister for us)!*

➤ Our **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** for March is **cancelled** since it falls on Holy Thursday. We will need volunteers, though, to help **decorate the Church on Holy Saturday, March 30th**, after the morning prayer service. After that, our next opportunity for volunteering will be our **CINCO DE MAYO** celebration on **May 5th**.

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

➤ 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!

Jesus and the Eucharist

Congratulations to the 61 participants that completed the Jesus and the Eucharist Small Group Sessions. All were enriched with a deeper understanding of the Eucharist and the Mass.

The 7 sessions are available to review for free at: <https://rb.gy/6pln4q>.

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.”

— ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

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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).