

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

Just a few months ago we celebrated the night that Jesus was born, God's Son becoming part of humanity. Today we hear a horrible account of the inhumanity of nearly everyone around our Lord. One of his closest friends betrays him, another denies him, the rest abandon him, the crowd turns on him, the soldiers torture him, the authorities condemn him, Pilate sentences him. In Mark's Gospel, even both of those crucified with him abuse him. Greed, fear, cowardice, hatred, and cruelty win out over all the virtues Jesus embodied. Jesus was not able to rid the earth of inhumanity. But he gave us a model of how to oppose it, endure it, and conquer it. For in remaining faithful and obedient to the will of the Father, the One revealed today to truly be the Son of God showed humanity the way to truly be human.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he replied that it was to love God and to love neighbor as yourself. All of the law and the prophets could be summed up in this command: love. For love of God and love of neighbor, Jesus was born into the world, lived out his mission, and died on the cross. Despite the horror of being nailed to a cross and left to die, Jesus accepted it out of love for the Father and love for those he was sent to save. Through his death, he showed us the depth of his love and the value of that love.

Jesus makes a bold statement about the woman who anoints him with oil just days before he is killed: "Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her" (Mark 14:9). She alone does something loving and merciful for him in the days before his death. Some scoff at her action, regarding it as a waste of precious oil. They say that it was worth nearly a year's wages, a huge sum that could have been given to the poor. Perhaps they have a point. Perhaps her actions were extravagant. But Jesus teaches us that such extravagance for those you love is not a waste at all. After all, if one were to look at the life of the Messiah, ending his life not as the healer of every ill, the benefactor of every beggar, and the victor over every opponent, but on the cross, condemned as a criminal, one would see his life as a waste. What could God have had in mind to send him into the world only to die a condemned man, with the world objectively not any better than it had been? With eyes of faith, we know that his life was not a waste, for he healed our every spirit, paid for our every sin, and won the victory over death. As this woman who lowered herself to enter a leper's home and wasted her entire jar of priceless oil, Jesus emptied himself to enter sinful humanity's home and spent his entire life to give us the priceless gift of eternal life. This is the gospel proclaimed.

Question of the Week

In what ways can I show my love for others in a way that might seem extravagant to observers, but meaningful to them and for me?

-GLA Publications

Local Penance Services

Tuesday, Mar. 26..... St. John the Baptist—Costa Mesa

Holy Thursday Adoration - Overnight

On Holy Thursday, just after the 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will have **Adoration** 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.**

Please note: We need at least (2) men to sign-up per hour between 12am-6am.

Easter Lily Sale



The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling Easter Lilies **after all the Masses this weekend.** 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.

Easter Flowers



We like our church to be particularly beautiful at this special time of the year. If you would like to help decorate, please plan to bring lilies and tulips to the Office **by this Thursday, March 28th.**

2024 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

Thank you to the (61) families who have made their pledge/payment to the 2024 PSA. As of right now, we have received \$49,436 in pledges with \$36,826 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 once we receive \$40,000** (our 2024 diocesan goal) **will come straight back to us** which we are using 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 at the end of the pews.



TRIDIUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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 30, 2024

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Paul Hayes	Michael Pezzaniti
Mike Banner	Caleb Hill	Sue & Marshall
Ted Beresford	Keri Johnson	Pieczentkowski
Mike Bolong, Sr.	Jim & Paula Keating	Don Quinn
Connie Bowles	Lu Kelce	Debbie Ransom
Lynn Briggs	James Kosai	Susan Rocio
Pamela Brown	Nam Le	Colleen Rowe
Stuart Campbell	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

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

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).



MARCH 17, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$55.00
Specials	\$305.00
Fish Fry.....	\$1,143.00
Regular Collection	\$6,612.16

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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.

Monday, March 25

- 8:00 am Mass for Taryn Ransom (L)
- 5:00 pm Chrism Mass at Christ Cathedral

Tuesday, March 26

- 8:00 am Mass for the Maldonado Family (L)
- 6:30 pm OCIA Rehearsal (til 8pm)

Wednesday, March 27

- 8:00 am Mass for the souls of Everett & Ella Shipman (RIP)
- 9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Holy Thursday, March 28

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer Service
- 4:00 pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:00 pm)
- 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper for our Priests, the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased, & Guests

Good Friday, March 29
Fast & Abstinence

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer Service
- 9:00 am Cenacles of Life
- 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena then Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer Service
- 3:00 pm NO Confessions
- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass for our Priests, the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased, & Guests

Easter Sunday, March 31

- 7:30 am Mass for our Priests, the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased, & Guests
- 9:00 am Mass for our Priests, the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased, & Guests
- 10:30 am Mass for our Priests, the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased, & Guests
- 12:00 pm Mass for our Priests, the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased, & Guests

Office of Faith Formation

CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK & HOLY TRIDUUM



With hearts and minds attuned to God's revelation. Let us pray for a greater openness and capacity to experience God's extravagant love for each of us.

PRAYERS FOR OUR OCIA CLASS



Thirteen sisters and brothers are preparing to receive the Sacraments this upcoming Easter Vigil. Let the prayers of the community strengthen their yes to our Lord and commitment to the Holy Church, Christ's Bride.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST CONTINUES



St. Paul in his letter to the Romans (10:15) says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings..." This is true as the Church continues its mission. Like the image above, the children hold a made-by-hand monstrance as a symbol of God's nearness in the Eucharist.

As we join in the procession on this Palm Sunday, we keep in our hearts Jesus' beautiful feet and his complete presence before us in its entirety in gratitude. He processed into Jerusalem on the donkey as the King of Peace, meek and humble of heart; unlike one riding on a horse, which symbolizes war.

HEARTS OF SERVICE



Young adults serving the Fish Fry Fridays. Thanks to all for celebrating Lenten Friday evenings with us. May you all immerse in the Passion of Christ so to Rise with Him in Easter. No dying no rising. Let us together strive to die to ourselves so Christ can rise in us.

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Palm Sunday, and Holy Week begins on Monday. May God continue to bless each one of us on our Lenten journey in Faith. Our busy first half of Lent with the 3 Lenten Meals are done for another year, and each of the events were wonderful! The work we put into these events helps to grow our community and parish family. The bond and love between us is evident, and people are drawn to this kind of camaraderie in a ministry and parish.

➤ This **Thursday** is **HOLY THURSDAY**, and after the **7:00 pm Mass** (around **8:00pm**) we will process from the Church into the Hall where Father has prepared a beautiful and special Altar to have Adoration with our Lord all through the night until the Friday 8 a.m. Prayer Service. **There is a sign-up board for volunteers who will stay with our Lord throughout the night at the back of the Church now.** Please consider attending (especially men for security in the wee hours of the night). The famous quote by Jesus before his arrest on Holy Thursday: "Could you not stay awake with me for one hour?" is our model for this night's Adoration... *can WE stay awake with Him for one hour?*

➤ 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** (except on Holy Thursday) and **FIRST FRIDAYS** at **1pm** or whenever your schedule allows. Plan to set aside this special time with Jesus.

➤ 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!



"...strengthened by the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, they could overcome any persecutions and sufferings..."

- FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL

