

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

The covenant that led to the ten commandments is not one based on force or coercion. If it was, it would have been broken immediately and repeatedly, as the Chosen People broke commandments left and right even before reaching the promised land, as we do ourselves. But the covenant God made with the human race is based on love, the infinite love that allows God to sustain the repeatedly and seriously broken covenant, the infinite love that led God to send the Son for our salvation, the infinite love that allows us to trust in God's ultimate mercy.

In the Gospel narrative, Jesus does not say that he would rebuild the temple in three days. He says "I will raise it up" (John 2:19). But rebuilding is what his audience pictures, so they are understandably incredulous. Jesus, however, is referring to the temple of his body, and it indeed will be raised up three days after it is destroyed. During Lent we may try to rebuild our own lives. We may choose to rebuild it around the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. We may rebuild it through penitence, reconciliation, and changed behavior. But our ultimate hope is that God will raise up our lives and the lives of all who look to Christ crucified and raised up.

God's love extends infinitely, continuously inviting us to reconciliation without expecting anything in return. While we may lack the ability to reciprocate this divine generosity, we can pay it forward by extending kindness to others, especially those unable to repay us. In doing so, we mirror God's boundless love and participate in the covenant grounded in love.

Question of the Week

Who can I invite to reconcile with? How can I view my relationships based more on love than on reciprocity? How does that affect how I act?

-GLA Publications (adapted)

Perpetual Adoration of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament

19. What is the difference between perpetual adoration and perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament?

The Blessed Sacrament may be adored while contained in the tabernacle for an extended period of time; this is called "perpetual adoration." Perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a liturgical act whereby the consecrated host is placed in a ciborium or in a monstrance outside of the tabernacle for an extended period of time so that the faithful may gather together to pray before the exposed Eucharist.

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

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 (32) families who have made their pledge/payment to the 2024 PSA. As of right now, we have received \$25,585 in pledges with \$22,575 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.

Growth in Character

Are your feelings easily hurt? The expected telephone call didn't come? Someone forgot your birthday? You weren't invited to something?

Everyone gets his ego bumped now and then. What matters is how you handle the bruise. Disappointments can help one to develop both character and charm.

Every time you resist the temptation to feel sorry for yourself, you increase your stature.

Every time you refuse to whine or sulk, you improve your personality.

Every time you demonstrate that you have what it takes to rise above such situations, you gain the silent respect of others.

In emergencies of this kind, do this: Keep your mouth shut, and resist the perfectly natural impulse to pour abuse upon the heads of those to blame for your disappointment.

If you must nurse your injured feelings, do it in private - even though you won't enjoy it as much that way.

Finally, resolve that you will do your best never to bring that kind of unhappiness on anybody else.

-Anon.



Local Penance Services

Tuesday, Mar. 5 Sts. Simon & Jude—H.B.

Monday, Mar. 11 Holy Spirit—Ftn. Vly.

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

Parish Faith Formation

THE SCRUTINIES - A RITE BELONGING TO THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

Over the past year, we have had adults attending our OCIA (adult religious education) class each week who have expressed a desire to enter the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. These people are called our "elect," and for the next three Sundays, they will be celebrating the "scrutinies,"

The scrutinies, which we do here at the 9:00 am Mass beginning this Sunday and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water, the light of the world, and the resurrection and the life. From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

In the rite of exorcism, which is celebrated by a priest, the elect, who have already learned from the Church the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior.

The priest carries out the celebration in such a way that the faithful in the assembly will also derive benefit from the liturgy of the scrutinies and join in the intercessions for the elect. Let us pray for our elect!

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 3

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

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

***1st Scrutiny**

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

Monday, March 4

8:00 am Mass for Joseph & Johnny Chavez (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 5

8:00 am Mass for Grace Orr & Family (L)

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

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 am Mass for Jocelyn Aquino (L)

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

Thursday, March 7

8:00 am Mass for Elaine Hirayama (L)

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 8

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Carmen Melencion (RIP)

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, March 9

8:00 am Mass for Filie Cullen (L)

12:00 pm Communion Year 2 Retreat (til 6pm)

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

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.



FEBRUARY 25, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$50.00
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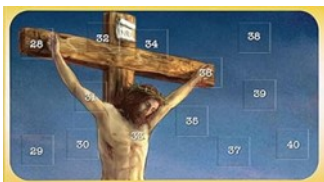
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Office of Faith Formation

NO COMMOTIONS AT THE WELL, ONLY AN ENCOUNTER, that which TRANSFORMATIVE

The Scrutiny Year A Reading this third Sunday of Lent focuses on a woman of Samaria who came to draw water at midday, and Jesus approached her, initiating a conversation: 'Give me a drink,' as if he were truly thirsty. Indeed, he thirsted for her 'homecoming,' as she was so lost in life with five failed marriages. How many failures and disappointments do we each experience? Jesus is willing to go there and claim our experiences, inviting us to accept his gift: the living water that quenches our heart for all eternity."

PRACTICAL PRACTICES OF LENT



In our Faith Formation Program we are intentional in 'WINNING' the competition while growing in faith and love for Christ, who gave up heaven for us! We strive for the following:

Prayer: Each of us has received a calendar with a Scripture to read and a challenge to undertake. Today, 3/3, marks the 19th day of Lent, and the Scripture is Jn 3:37-38. The challenge is to read Psalm 23 as a family.

Fasting: We deny ourselves of our cravings and willfulness, refusing to insist on 'It must be my way—or no way.' Instead, we consciously put aside our wants and channel our energy into glorifying God and building his kingdom.

Almsgiving: Another CRS 'rice bowl' provides a means to share our crops by sacrificing a little of ourselves, thus mastering our desires, while also benefiting those who have less. *Lenten practices should bring us closer to Jesus, so that we may resemble him even more.*

PRAYING & SINGING MEDITATIVELY?

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, March 15th
7:00pm - 8:00pm

A Taize worship service includes sung and chanted prayers, meditation, sacred silence, liturgical readings, and icons. It is a perfect time to spend some time with God during Lent.

The Taize 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. This candlelight prayer practice was originated in France but has now been adapted all over the world. You can easily find this online and pray along, but why not join a live event at our neighboring parish, Sts. Simon and Jude in Huntington Beach, on March 15th?

FIRST COMMUNION YEAR 2 RETREAT

March 9 @ 12pm-6pm, Mass included

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
(Mass at 5pm then gather for a faith-life-night, concluding at 7:30pm)

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! Thank you to everyone who helped at our second **LENTEN MEAL**, this past Friday. Now we only have one more scheduled for **Friday, March 15th**. Once again, thank you **Geri D.** for agreeing to run the meals. Having many volunteers make the dinners go very smoothly. 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 Small Groups Celebration

The Wednesday and Saturday small groups will come together in the Church **today, Sunday, 3/3** at **4pm** for an opportunity to share their experience from the Eucharistic sessions with Holy Adoration. It will conclude with a light meal and fellowship in the Hall afterwards. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert if you would like (not required to attend).

“In receiving the Eucharist, then, we must see the poverty of the One who has emptied himself on our behalf. And we must ourselves seek to be poor in spirit.”

- DR. JAMES PAULEY



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).