

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, embracing all in Christ under the mantle of "Our Lady."

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Reflections of the Week

Listening to the first reading, one would have no idea how difficult it was to be a Christian in the first century. Christians were persecuted by the state, making it dangerous to publicly be a witness to one's faith. And yet, Saint Luke—the author of Acts—writes as if the early church was a sort of utopia, with everyone sharing what they had and holding everything in common so that no one was in need. Perhaps the danger from outside led them to rely on each other all the more. Perhaps they attached less value to anything beyond the bare necessities because they were so concerned with staying alive. Or perhaps material goods did not hold much value because they expected the second coming was right around the corner. No matter the reason, they did more than share a common faith. They shared a common life.

John writes that the disciples locked the doors of the upper room “for fear of the Jews” (John 20:19), but it may well be that they were afraid of more than the religious authorities who had turned Jesus over to Pilate. After all, hadn't they all pretty much abandoned him at the end when he was in danger? No one was there to oppose the mob who chanted for his crucifixion. Peter had even denied him three times. An unfortunate Cyrenian had to help carry his cross. Perhaps what the disciples really feared was God's judgment. Mark admits that they were afraid after seeing the empty tomb. John says they didn't yet understand what “rising from the dead” meant. Perhaps when they began to understand, they feared that he would return disappointed in them or angry at them. But Jesus disarms them when he greets them, “Peace be with you” (20:19), repeating it as their fear turns to joy.

With these four words, Jesus forgives them, offering the divine mercy we celebrate today. When we say these four words to someone—be they close family or a casual acquaintance—we share that divine mercy with them, assuring them that in the risen Lord our hearts are at peace. They may have hurt us, we may have fought with them, we may have made it a point to avoid them, but with these four simple words we reconcile with them, extending the mercy that forgives past wrongs, realizing that God's mercy is showered on us all.

Question of the Week

In what way do I notice the gift of God's mercy today? To whom do I need to extend mercy?

-GLA Publications



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).



Divine Mercy Sunday

There will be **ADORATION & BENEDICTION** in the Church **today, Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 pm** while the Divine Mercy Novena & Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are recited.

All are welcome to participate.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast was established by St. John Paul II to ask Jesus to have mercy upon all of us who are sinners and to make known His love and mercy to those who lack faith, hope and love.

Jesus revealed Himself to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that “Jesus, I trust in You” be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish” (Diary, no.48).

The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: “Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you” (Diary, no.1541). “Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ...Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy” (Diary, no.687).

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Opening Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Repeat three times:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Pray:

The *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, & *Apostle's Creed*

For each of the five decades of the Rosary

On the *Our Father* bead, **pray:**

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 *Hail Mary* beads, **pray:**

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Prayer (repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

-USCCB.org



**April Showers
Baby Bottle Campaign**

This weekend is the start of our *April Showers Baby Bottle Campaign for Pro-Life*. Parishioners can **take home a baby bottle** provided by us, fill it with all of your spare change, and **return the bottle to the large silver box** (which will be at the back of the Church) **by May 4th**. In addition, if you cannot pick up a bottle in person, you can save your change in a bag or just make your donation and drop it off to the Office when convenient. Online donations can also be made at our website—just designate it for April Showers.

All of your donations to this worthy cause will go towards helping women who have chosen life for their babies.

**Special Intentions of Pope Francis
For April 2024**

For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

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| 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 Dunthome | 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



Weekly Collections

MARCH 31, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$60.00
Building Fund	\$503.00
Specials	\$1,562.00
Holy Land Collection.....	688.00
Easter Collection	\$16,410.25

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!

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

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

- 7:30 am Mass for the soul of Charron Beaver (RIP)
 9:00 am Mass for Diane & Ross Miller and Family (L)
 10:30 am Mass for Taryn Ransom and Family (L)
 12:00 pm Mass for Patricio & Dhanne Villa de Lara (L)
 12:00 pm Legion of Mary
 3:00 pm **Divine Mercy Novena & Adoration and Benediction in the Church**

Monday, April 8

- 8:00 am Mass for The Felipe & Lage Families - Living & Deceased
 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, April 9

- 8:00 am Mass for the soul of Janis Wallace (RIP)
 3:45 pm **1st Communion class - Year 2 (til 5:00pm)**

Wednesday, April 10

- 8:00 am Mass for Diane Miller (L)
 9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Thursday, April 11

- 8:00 am Mass for Diane Ponce (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)
 7:00 pm **Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall**

Friday, April 12

- 8:00 am Mass for John & Lynn Campbell (L)
 9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, April 13

- 8:00 am Mass for Gerard Lieblang (L)
 9:30 am **Legion of Mary Acies - Mass & Hall afterwards (til 2:00 pm)**
 3:00 pm **Confessions**
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Lisa Downey (RIP)

Sunday, April 14

- 7:30 am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
 9:00 am Mass for the soul of Nathan Hamby (RIP)
 10:30 am Mass for the soul of Frances Lulu (RIP)
 12:00 pm Mass for the soul of George "Skip" Shutt (RIP)
 12:00 pm Legion of Mary

Office of Faith Formation

**DIVINE MERCY'S
INSPIRING FACTS**



I desire that the whole world know My Infinite Mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.
-Jesus to St. Faustina, 687

1-St. John Paul II dedicated an entire section in his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia* to the **merciful love of God in the Old Testament**. In 2000, he canonized St. Faustina Kowalska, and officially renamed the Second Sunday of Easter “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

2-God Himself commissioned someone to paint Him. He also provided the signature: “Jesus I trust in You.”

3-One receives “glory” from this devotion: “At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet...”

4-Jesus revealed the “Secret Struggles” to St. Faustina and showed her how to achieve victory in this warfare.

YOUR'RE INVITED

Please join us for dinner and discussion on **Spiritual Warfare** as revealed by **Jesus**. And together with St. Faustina, we can confidently prepare our weapons to fight and win!

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 5:15pm-7pm

RSVP requested by April 14 via

emailsisterc@yahoo.com or drop off your name at the parish office as soon as you can or by the deadline.

**WHO ARE THE RB CHAMPIONS
SUPERBOWL OR RICE BOWL?**

Are you familiar with the Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowls, which our Faith Formation program participates in each year? Well, the champions this year are Austin Tran among the students and Cindy Friendt among the catechists. We had 30% participation, about one in three. Here are some of the spiritual exercises they pledged to carry out during Lent while saving and offering every dollar to provide food for the hungry via CRS along with other Lenten fasts such as focusing more on Christ, pray the rosary more often, fast from flour tortillas, chicken, snacks, sweets, red meat, chocolate, and procrastination... How precious and courageous! We have a record-breaking donation this year. The previous amount was \$400; this time, it is \$630. Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit! Thanks for the sweetness of this fruit that will quench many people's thirst and hunger, especially in third world countries.

The concrete fasting efforts enlarge our spiritual appetite for heaven for our true food that feeds our soul: JESUS our only source of Divine Mercy from our Father's heart.

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

➤ Well we made it through another Lent and the Church couldn't have been any more beautiful on Easter! Thanks be to God as we praise His Name!

➤ Well we don't have any volunteer opportunities for April but in **May** we will! **May 5th** is **CINCO DE MAYO** from 3:00-6:00 pm; **May 12th** is **MOTHER'S DAY** when we give out roses after the Masses; and **May 18th** is the **LADIES TEA** (this we will need to start planning soon). Thank you to all our volunteers who make every event at St. Mary's by the Sea a time to remember!

➤ As always, we invite you to join us for **ADORATION** every **THURSDAY** at **12pm** 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!



“O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble himself like this and hide under the form of a little bread, for our salvation.”

- ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI



2024 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

Thank you to the (67) families who have made their pledge/payment to the 2024 PSA. As of right now, we have received \$52,436 in pledges with \$38,826 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.