

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday-Saturday at 8:00am

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

5:00pm

### SUNDAY MASS

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Thursday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

With Divine Mercy, Rosary, Benediction

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm

With Benediction

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm



## 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THE BEATITUDES

Here are two for our reflection: Jesus' hope for us is to be **poor in spirit**. He does not want us to be consumed with our own plans, even if we think they are his. We need to have the poverty of spirit to be open to his will for us. When the kingdom of God is your ultimate concern, not only will you *not* become addicted to material things, you will in fact be able to use them with great effectiveness for God's purposes. You will be happy in the measure that you have given your life over to the will of God.

"Blessed are **they who mourn**, for they will be comforted." Which one of us is attracted to mourning? Who desires to be sorrowful? The imaginative vision of our culture tells us to do what will make us happy, do what is pleasurable and will bring good feelings. At the same time, Jesus isn't telling us to be sad and morose. We think about this in a deeper way, we could say "how blessed you are if you're not addicted to good feelings." Of course, good feelings are not bad in and of themselves, but when we try to order our lives to protect our feelings or try to reject all negative feelings, it does not end up making us happy.

We need to be willing to set aside good feelings for the will of God. Happiness, after all, *is not the ultimate good*."

Choosing to follow Jesus first means spending time pondering his word and listening for his voice in the silence of our hearts. By starting from this posture of receptivity to his will... in this way will lead us to peace and joy [and blessedness].

*Excerpts from <https://sf catholic.org/the-beatitudes-the-master-plan-to-following-jesus>*

**Reflection**-What touched your heart as you read the reflection above? Take a moment to reread the eight Beatitudes from the Missalette, and allow yourself to linger with the one that resonates most with you at this point in your life. Give God space to fill your heart with fresh and inspiring thoughts.

Listen to His word, and open yourself to His presence.



### PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

*Our Faith. Our Future.*

**Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)** by the Diocese of Orange supports various programs and ministries that further the mission of our Catholic faith, helping others find a path toward Jesus Christ. These ministries and services include Catholic education, Catholic Charities of Orange County, seminarian formation, vocations, the permanent diaconate, priest retirement and so much more.

All registered parishioners should have received information by mail on the 2025 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA). It is important that 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 you receive and returning it either in the Collection Basket or to the Office. We will also have extra pledge envelopes in the pew racks. Your pledge may be paid all at one time, quarterly or spread out over a ten month period. Any gift you can give will be appreciated. Every pledge is important and no monthly pledge is too small. Jesus is always calling out to us in love. How will you faithfully respond for our Church's future?

Catholic Men's  
Fellowship of California  
*"Changing Men's Lives"*

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**SUPER SATURDAY**

**MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**"YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH"**

MATTHEW 5:13

**8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

Christ Cathedral Arboretum  
13280 Chapman Ave.  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

### THRIVING MARRIAGES SERIES

WITH DR. JOHN & CLAIRE YZAGUIRRE, MFT

Sunday, March 30, 2025m 2:15pm-4:45pm  
St. Bonaventure Parish Hall -Huntington Beach



### Enjoy a happier and strong marriage

Walk-ins are welcome. Please register at  
[adperez1629@gmail.com](mailto:adperez1629@gmail.com) or call 707-280-0717

Click [www.ThrivingFamilies.com](http://www.ThrivingFamilies.com) for more information

### Weekly Collections

**FEBRUARY 9, 2025**



**Regular Collection .....\$9,046.71**

VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS, PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO MAKE ONLINE DONATIONS (EITHER ONE TIME OR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATIONS).

**WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY**



# FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE BY POPE FRANCIS

### *A journey of hope*

5a. This interplay of hope and patience makes us see clearly that the Christian life is a *journey* calling for *moments of greater intensity* to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus. I like to think that the proclamation of the first Jubilee, in the year 1300, was preceded by a journey of grace inspired by popular spirituality. How can we fail to recall the various ways by which the grace of forgiveness had been poured out upon God's holy and faithful People? We are reminded, for example, of the great "Pardon" that Saint Celestine V granted to all those who visited the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio in Aquila on the 28th and 29th days of August 1294, six years before Pope Boniface VIII instituted the Holy Year. The Church was already experiencing the grace of the Jubilee as an outpouring of divine mercy. Even earlier, in 1216, Pope Honorius III granted the plea of Saint Francis for an indulgence for all those visiting the Porziuncola on the first two days of August. The same can be said of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: in 1222, Pope Callistus II allowed the Jubilee to be celebrated there whenever the Feast of the Apostle James fell on a Sunday. It is good that such "dispersed" celebrations of the Jubilee continue, so that the power of God's forgiveness can support and accompany communities and individuals on their pilgrim way.



*Pilgrimage* is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, *pilgrims of hope* will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full. In Rome itself, along with the usual visits to the catacombs and the Seven Churches, other itineraries of faith will be proposed. Journeying from one country to another as if borders no longer mattered, and passing from one city to another in contemplating the beauty of creation and masterpieces of art, we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works.

—The papal bull, *Hope Does Not Disappoint*

### *Let Us Pray for the Sick*

Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Paul Hayes	Tim Ransom
Mike Banner	Jim & Paula Keating	Susan Rocio
Ted Beresford	Tiesha Kelley	Colleen Rowe
Connie Bowles	James Kosai	Eldora Sellars
Pamela Brown	Nam Le	Colleen Stenglein
Rosie Clouse	Arturo Loya	Sally-Ann Thomas
Debra Conklin	Theresa Martin	Ernesto Aragón-
Shirley Costello	Dan McKelvie	Trevino
Vicky Derieg	Patricia McKenzie	Roberta Velasquez
Ann Erwin	Joe Mungari	Andrea Wall
Rachel Ferrarie	Thomas Nester	John Waldron
Molly Flaherty	Rosalie Ocanas	Gavin Watkins
Cindy Friendt	Derrick Peront	Baby Brooks Webb
Al Griego	Don Quinn	Nancy Yaslik
Nancy Grijalva	Debbie Ransom	

### *For Those in the Armed Forces*

J. Caico, G. Campbell, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, S. Miller, J. Pendergrass, N. Sanchez, Capt. D. Tierney, T. Pace

## *This Week at St. Mary's By the Sea*

### Saturday, February 15, 2025

5:00pm Mass for Geogina DeSantis (L)

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

7:30am Mass for the soul of Robert Gibson (RIP)  
 9:00am Mass for Riley Ransom (L)  
 10:30am Mass for the Priests, and the People of the Parish-Living and Deceased  
 12:00pm Mass for Sujin Marks (L)  
 12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

### Monday, February 17, 2025

**St. Mary's Office Closed for Presidents' Day**

8:00am Mass for Reverend Pascal Nguyen, O Praem (L)  
**Faith Formation—Holiday, No class**

### Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8:00 am Mass for Reverend Quang Chu (L)  
**Faith Formation—No class**

### Wednesday, February 19, 2025

8:00 am Mass in Thanksgiving from the Tran Family  
 9:45am Legion of Mary meeting in the Conf. Rm.

### Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:00am Mass for the soul of Dennis Clarke (RIP)  
 9:00am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed (til 3:00pm) and Benediction  
 4:00pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:00pm)  
 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting

### Friday, February 21, 2025

8:00am Mass for the soul of William J. Feeney (RIP)  
 9:00am Cenacles of Life

### Saturday, February 22, 2025

8:00 am Mass for Dolores Garcia (L)  
 3:00pm Confessions (til 4pm)  
 5:00pm Mass for the soul of Virginia Lee Pierpoint (RIP)

### Sunday, February 23, 2025

7:30am Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased  
 9:00am Mass for the soul of Mary Dunthorne (RIP)  
 10:30am Mass for Matthew John Pfohl (L)  
 12:00pm Mass for Reverend Martin Smith (L)  
 12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA



## THE PARISHIONERS ENCOUNTERED GOD IN SILENCE

Sometimes, we wonder if God exists and whether He is interested in us, our daily doings and struggles. Just last week, five from our parish attended the Jubilee Year of Hope silent retreat. One described his encounter of God as a dear friend, not just someone who 'loves' him, but someone who also 'likes' him. We all know the warm feeling of spending time with a friend we like because we *genuinely enjoy their company*. Another person felt God communicating with her through a slimy snail that attached itself to the Divine Mercy statue. While beautiful birds and other flying creatures may fly by, they do not 'cling' to the statue. It's a reminder to simply 'cling' to God and *focus not* on how insignificant we are. And here is another encounter:

"A life changing experience! It was an amazing adventure encountering Jesus at the retreat center in an unforgettable retreat that moved my heart and soul. It was truly one of the best days of my life, and that's not an exaggeration! I experienced real serenity for the first time in many years and I didn't want the day to end. In today's world of clutter, distraction and chaos bombarding us from all directions, I imagined myself gasping my cellphone and flinging it rock skipping style off the side of the hill just so I could remain in that day touched by the finger of God.

As we journey on our earthly path to our Heavenly home, where, as Jesus stated in John 14:2, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Admittedly, before the retreat I needed a course correction. While I hadn't given up on my faith, not by a long shot, I realized that I let the allure of the bright, shiny objects of this world dim the glorious light that Jesus offers to each of us. I actually felt that light while praying before the Divine Mercy statue along the path. I was drawn back to that statue three times and each time I felt the warmth of that light.

All five of my senses, and probably some others that are hidden in plain sight, sprang to life during the retreat. I enjoyed a life changing experience, a true epiphany, that was food for the soul and a Divine gift I wish everyone could experience. At times it may sound trite to hear someone say, "God loves you," but during the retreat, **especially the silent times of prayer and meditation, those words became the tangible stroke I felt on the top of my head when I contemplated and gazed at the Divine Mercy statue.** The words that echo through my brain this morning were spoken by one of the retreat participants, "Jesus doesn't just love you, He wants to be your friend." How profound!"

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Saturday, March 1, at 3:30pm

concluding with Mass 5pm (teens & college students)

**"LENT ♦ A SEASON OF HOPE"**

Food-Fellowship-Discussion-Sharing-Inspiration

We celebrate the great LOVE of God on Valentine's Day



### Promise of hope

offer hope to those who are suffering, oppressed, or treated poorly.

### Challenge to change

challenge people to adopt attitudes that oppose violence and greed.

### Teach a new way of life

teach people to live according to values like compassion, justice, and peace.

### Show that God cares

show that God cares for those who are humble, meek, and promote peace.

### Teach that hope comes from God

that hope comes from trusting in God's promises, even when life is difficult.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Hello Stewards,

Happy Sunday!

Please contact Jacky if you would like to help at **Mardi Gras & Ministry Fair on Mar 2.**

Please contact Colleen if you would like to help with **St. Patrick Dinner on Mar. 15.**

Please contact us if you would like to help with **Lenten Meals on Mar. 28 & April 11.** We are very grateful for your joyful participation & we could not do these events without you.

As always, we would like to invite you to join us for **Adoration on Thursdays at noon and this 1st Friday at 1pm.** Please spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during our time slots or whenever your schedule allows. Please remember to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are facing personal, financial, or health challenges. Your prayers are powerful and needed! Always remember you are loved and appreciated!



Stewardship Committee

Join us... after Sunday Mass

