

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 1st Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm
With Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent after the 8:00am Mass



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.

Reflections of the Week

In the person of Jesus, God becomes vulnerable, ultimately sacrificing his life on the cross for our sins. But God also became vulnerable many centuries before, in the presence of Abram. The ritual we hear described in the first reading, featuring two parties walking between the carcasses of animals that were sacrificed, split in half, and placed opposite each other, was often used in ancient cultures from this era to ratify a significant covenant. The tradition symbolized the seriousness of the covenant: if one party broke their promise, they would meet the same fate as these animals. Note that though Abram constructs the passage, he does not walk through it. Only God passes through it. Only God is bound by the covenant. Only by God's grace can Abram and his descendants keep the covenant.

God, appearing as fire, consummates the covenant with Abraham and his descendants. As the new covenant, Jesus sacrifices himself on the cross, making possible a communion between God and humankind. At Pentecost, God will again appear in the form of fire: as the Holy Spirit, descending upon the disciples. Out of love for us, God has continually renewed and expanded this foundational promise.

Luke uses the word *exodus* to describe what Jesus would accomplish in Jerusalem, recalling the Chosen People's flight from Egypt, for which the book of Exodus is named. As Moses and the Chosen People's exodus from captivity led them to the promised land, Jesus' exodus from his life here on earth led him to life in heaven with his Father. Now we are able to make this exodus as well, in one sense from sin and worldly values, and in another sense when our life here on earth ends. The promise of salvation and new life anchors our ultimate hope in life eternal with the source of all life.

Question of the Week

Looking at my Lenten journey as an exodus from sin and worldly values, what specifically is holding me captive and preventing a truly new life in the risen Lord?

-GLA Publications

Weekly Collections



ASH WEDNESDAY.....\$ 2,355.29

MARCH 9, 2025\$12,970.00

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

WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY

2025 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

Thank you to the **(42) families** who have made their pledge/payment to the 2025 PSA. However, we have **593 families registered with this parish**. These **42 families** equals **ONLY 7.08%** of the parish who have contributed to the PSA! We understand we are early in the appeal, but this reminder is to sincerely ask each and every one of you to listen to your heart and prayerfully discern how God wants you to use the gifts He has entrusted to your care.

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 2025 diocesan goal) **will come straight back to us** which we are using to continue paying off last year's project of replacing the many pieces of rotten wood and painting the exterior on the Church and Rectory.

You may make your pledge by using the special envelope which you received in the mail and returning it to us or going online at www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now. There are extra pledge envelopes at the end of the pews.

Local Penance Services

(All at 7:00 pm)

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| Monday, Mar. 17 | St. Bonaventure-H.B, |
| Monday, Mar. 24 | Holy Spirit-Fountain Valley |
| Monday, Apr. 7 | St. Mary's by the Sea-H.B. |
| Wednesday, Apr. 9 | St. Joachim-Costa Mesa |
| Tuesday, Apr. 15 | St. John the Baptist-Costa Mesa |



Let Us Pray for the Sick



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| Tony Aragón-Sotelo | Jim & Paula Keating | Debbie Ransom |
| Mike Banner | Tiesha Kelley | Susan Rocio |
| Frank Barrera | James Kosai | Colleen Rowe |
| Ted Beresford | Nam Le | Y vonne Ruiz |
| Rowyn Bolinger | Arturo Loya | Colleen Stenglein |
| Connie Bowles | Theresa Martin | Carol Summerfield |
| Devin Briggs | Dan McKelvie | Sally-Ann Thomas |
| Pamela Brown | Patricia McKenzie | Ernesto Aragón-Trevino |
| Rosie Clouse | Teresa Myrter | Roberta Velasquez |
| Vicky Derieg | Joe Mungari | Andrea Wall |
| Ann Erwin | Tracy Murray | John Waldron |
| Rachel Ferrarie | Teresa Myrter | Gavin Watkins |
| Molly Flaherty | Erin Nakamoto | Baby Brooks Webb |
| Cindy Friendt | Thomas Nester | Nancy Yaslik |
| Al Griego | Rosalie Ocanas | |
| Nancy Grijalva | Derrick Peront | |
| Paul Hayes | Don Quinn | |

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

Jubilee Year of Hope by Pope Francis

11. Signs of hope should also be shown to the *sick*, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable.

Inclusive attention should also be given to all those in particularly difficult situations, who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, especially those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their personal independence and freedom. Care given to them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole.

12. Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless. Escaping into drugs, risk-taking and the pursuit of momentary pleasure does greater harm to them in particular, since it closes them to life's beauty and richness, and can lead to depression and even self-destructive actions. For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

-The papal bull, *Hope Does Not Disappoint*

Lenten Meal/Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for St. Mary's by the Sea Lenten Meal/Fish Frys on **March 28th** and **Apr. 11th** from **5:00-7:00 pm**. Don't miss out on these fun and delicious events! Come share with fellow parishioners in our Lenten journey.



Special Intentions of Pope Francis
For March 2025

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

This Week at St. Mary's By the Sea

5:00pm *Mass for the soul of Kelly Jane Ford (RIP)*
6:00pm **St. Patrick's Dinner** (til 7:30pm)

Sunday, March 16

7:30am *Mass for the souls of Robert & William Gibson (RIP)*
9:00am *Mass for the souls of Minh & Hoa Chu (RIP)*
10:30am *Mass for the soul of Elizabeth Lee (RIP)*
12:00pm *Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*
12:00pm **Legion of Mary in Conf. Rm.**
1:30pm **Baptism**

Monday, March 17

8:00am *Mass for the soul of James Gould (RIP)*
3:30pm **Faith Formation-Year 2** (til 4:45pm)
5:15pm **Confirmation class-Year 1&2** (til 6:30pm)
7:00pm **OCIA class** (til 8:15pm)

Tuesday, March 18

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Rev. Daniel Johnson (RIP)*
3:30pm **Faith Formation-Year 1** (til 4:30pm)

Wednesday, March 19

8:00 am *Mass for Rev. Al Baca (L)*
9:45am **Legion of Mary meeting in the Conf. Rm.**

Thursday, March 20

8:00am *Mass for Nancy Ellsworth (L)*
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 Committee meeting**

Friday, March 21

8:00am *Mass for the soul of Emmett Jerome O'Sullivan (RIP)*
Stations of the Cross following Mass
9:00am **Cenacles of Life**

Saturday, March 22

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Peggy Ford (RIP)*
3:00pm **Confessions** (til 4pm)
5:00pm *Mass for the soul of Gloria Lugo (RIP)*

Sunday, March 23

7:30am *Mass for Tim Marten and Family (L)*
9:00am *Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*
-First Scrutiny
10:30am *Mass for the soul of Jenni Martin (RIP)*
12:00pm *Mass for Don and Marge Erickson (L)*
12:00pm **Legion of Mary in Conf. Rm.**
1:30pm **Baptism**

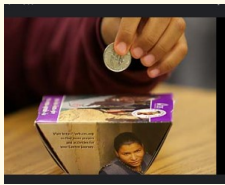


FIRST CONFESSION AND RETREAT

Thanks to everyone, especially parents and family members, for your love and prayerful support of the eleven children who celebrated their First Reconciliation last week during their Eucharist Retreat. We also extend our gratitude to Fr. Quang and our dedicated catechists for being such loving witnesses of Christ. May our Lord, through the intercession of all Saints and Angels, guide these precious children as they seek GOD as their only true happiness, now and always. Please join them for their

First Communion Mass on May 3 at 5 p.m.

LENTEEN PRACTICES



Parents and students are invited to participate in the Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. This includes the sacrificial daily offering through "the RICE BOWL" to support those in need.

Children are also asked to return their Lenten Practice Tracker Sheet. They will exchange their "points"—representing their successes in living out the Lenten Practices, which acts of love and sacrifices—for raffle tickets. At the end of Lent, we will hold a drawing for meaningful religious items.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Happy Second Sunday of Lent!



We hope your Lenten journey has been productive and fruitful. Thank you everyone for helping out our **St. Patrick's Dinner this past Saturday.**

Also, our upcoming **Lenten meals will be on March 28 and April 11—please reach out to Geri** if you'd like to assist with these events. We will send additional information about upcoming events via text and email.

We can't emphasize enough how much we appreciate all you do for this ministry in our parish. Thank you for sharing your time with us as we strive to grow deeper in faith and closer to Christ through these community events.

As always, we would like to invite you to join us for **Adoration on Thursdays at noon and 1st Friday at 1pm.** 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!



RITE OF ELECTION AT THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE

Every year, the Office of Worship hosts the Rite of Election on behalf of our ordinary, Bishop Kevin Vann. As other years, we have six gatherings and each is attended by about 1000 catechumen and candidates and their godparents and sponsors. This year we also have our own small community participating with our own pastor. Their next "Order/Rite" is called First Scrutiny and it will take place at our parish on March 23@9am Mass.