

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflections of the Week

A long trek across a desert is dangerous without provisions. One can imagine the grumbling people complaining to Moses, “While telling us how to slaughter a lamb and eat the Passover, why didn’t you say something about packing up some food and water?” Notwithstanding the fact that he didn’t know what would happen after they fled from Egypt, Moses also trusted that God would remain with them. Indeed, throughout their long and difficult journey, God provided what they needed: water from the rock, manna on the ground, quail from the sky. God continued to give them the sustenance they needed to live.

The town of Sychar was absolutely the last place in need of water, for it was the site of Jacob’s well, a source of drinking water for centuries. What Jesus offers to provide goes beyond sustaining us in this life. His living water will well up in us to eternal life. As water satisfies our thirst in this life, living water satisfies our thirst for eternal life. As water is needed to live, Jesus—our living water—needed to sacrifice his life for us to have eternal life.

Water is essential for our bodies when we are suffering from extreme thirst. Similarly, water is symbolically important when our spiritual lives are parched and dry. Saint Paul speaks of “the love of God [being] poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5). Like water, the love of God helps sustain us. It softens a hardened, cynical heart. It cleanses a sinful, repentant soul. It reinvigorates a lifeless, despairing life. The Samaritan woman’s life changed that day, as did the lives of her many neighbors who began to believe in Jesus. May we seize the opportunity to drink plenty and often of the love of God.

Question of the Week

When do I get the feeling that my spiritual well has run dry? How do I reinvigorate myself spiritually?

-GLIA Publications



Weekly Collections

MARCH 16, 2025



REGULAR COLLECTION\$8,068.30
ST. PATRICK’S DINNER\$821.00

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

We always appreciate your Generosity!

Lenten Meal/Fish Fry



Make sure you plan to attend St. Mary’s by the Sea’s **LENTEN MEAL/ FISH FRY** this **Friday, March 28th** and also **April 11th** from **5-7 pm**. (Please note that takeout will only be offered after 6:30pm if still available.) Don’t miss out on this fun and delicious event. Come share with fellow parishioners in our Lenten journey.

YOUR MENU CHOICES ARE:

- #1) 2–pcs. Battered Fish** (and we only use delicious high-end cod from Santa Monica Seafood)
- #2) Salmon Burger**
- #3) Clam Chowder**
- #4) Kids Meals**—Choice of Mac N Cheese or 1-pc. Fish (All meals include Coleslaw, Holy Rice & Noodles, Dessert & Drink)

***Cost is \$12-adult & \$6-child**

Local Penance Services

(All at 7:00 pm)

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

2024 Tax Donation Letters

If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2024 tax return, please contact the Parish Office (714-536-6913).



Let Us Pray for the Sick



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

2025 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

Thank you to the **(50) families** who have made their pledge/payment to the 2025 PSA. However, we have **593 families registered with this parish**. These **50 families** equal **ONLY 8.4%** of the parish who have contributed to the PSA! We 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. You are only asked **once each year** to make this special pledge. And remember, once we receive **\$40,000** (our 2025 diocesan goal), **all payments will come straight back to us**.

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.

Jubilee Year of Hope by Pope Francis

13. Signs of hope should also be present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence. Exiles, displaced persons and refugees, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, the means they need to find their place in a new social context.

May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future. May the Lord's words in the great parable of the Last Judgement always find an echo in our hearts: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" for "just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Mt 25:35.40).

14. The *elderly*, who frequently feel lonely and abandoned, also deserve signs of hope. Esteem for the treasure that they are, their life experiences, their accumulated wisdom and the contribution that they can still make, is incumbent on the Christian community and civil society, which are called to cooperate in strengthening the covenant between generations.

Here I would also mention *grandparents*, who represent the passing on of faith and wisdom to the younger generation. May they find support in the gratitude of their children and the love of their grandchildren, who discover in them their roots and a source of understanding and encouragement.

-The papal bull, *Hope Does Not Disappoint*

This Week at St. Mary's By the Sea

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

Monday, March 24

8:00am Mass for Raymond & Delia Chavez (L)
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 25

8:00am Mass for Taryn Ransom (L)
3:30pm Faith Formation-Year 1 (til 4:30pm)

Wednesday, March 26

8:00am Mass for the Filipppe & Lage Families—Living & Deceased
9:45am Legion of Mary meeting in the Conf. Rm.
10:30am Funeral for Eldora Sellars

Thursday, March 27

8:00am Mass for Jocelyn Suzette Dee (L)
9:00am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed (til 3:00pm) and Benediction
4:00pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:00pm)
6:00pm Stewardship Committee meeting in Hall

Friday, March 28

8:00am Mass for the soul of Everett Shipman (RIP)
Stations of the Cross following Mass
 Cenacles of Life
5:00pm Lenten Meal/Fish Fry (til 7:00pm)

Saturday, March 29

8:00am Mass for Paul Hirayama (L)
1:30pm Wedding
3:00pm Confessions (til 4pm)
 5:00pm Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 30

7:30am Mass for the soul of Shirley Costello (RIP)
 9:00am Mass for Pamela Rapp (L) and the soul of Stanley Randall Brown (RIP)
-Second Scrutiny
 10:30am Mass for Peter and Sasha Mograbi (L)
 12:00pm Mass for the Chris Banner Family (L)
12:00pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Rm.



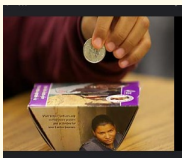
CONFIRMATION STUDENTS GOING ON RETREAT

This weekend our Confirmation students are on retreat. The focus of the event is to make space for God to speak to them directly and through our every day experience and our relationships. They learn to let go, let God, and lean on Christ!

We thank everyone, especially parents and family members, for your love and prayerful support of the young people in our community. May they all feel at home and empowered to live out their faith most radically. These teens will be Confirmed at Easter Vigil in less than a month. Please keep them in your prayers.



LEN TEN PRACTICE



The children—and all of us—are encouraged to engage in acts of charity (almsgiving), prayer (connecting with God in worship and everyday living), and fasting (denying ourselves of comfort) to benefit others through sacrificial love. We

aim to imitate God, who **left everything** to be with us, sinners, drawing us from darkness into light. Our daily "yes" to living like Jesus requires strong will and discipline. Therefore, we strive to keep Christ at the center of our lives, never losing sight of the finish line. After suffering our own crosses with Him, we shall rise with Him!

**CANDIDATES/SPONSORS CONFERENCE
Saturday, April 5, 2:30pm-6pm**

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
Saturday, April 5, 6pm-7:30pm**

Theme: Accompanying Jesus/Holy Triduum

Celebrate with us the two NEW Saints this April
Teenager Saint, Carlo Acutis (15 years old) and
Young Adult Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati (24 years old)

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! We hope your Lenten journey is becoming more productive and fruitful. Once again, we would like to thank **everyone** who helped with our **ST. PATRICK'S DINNER** on March 15th. A special thank you to **Colleen and her team** for hosting this fun event!



➤ Our next event(s) will be our **LEN TEN MEALS**. The first one is this **Friday, March 28**. The next one is on **April 11**. Please contact **Geri** if you would like to help with these events. We will be discussing them at our **MEETING**, this **Thursday, 3/27** at **6 pm**. We will also send additional information as needed via texts and emails. **Once again, we want to thank you for all you do to help make these events fun and successful!**

➤ As always, we invite you to join us for **ADORATION** on **Thursdays at noon** & on **1st FRIDAYS** at **1pm**. Please plan to spend time with **JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** during our time slots or whenever your schedule allows.

➤ Please continue to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are in need of prayer. *Always remember you are loved and appreciated!*

What is a Christian Steward?

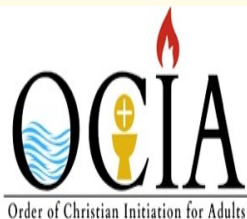
"One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."
(American Bishops Pastoral Letter).



FIRST SCRUTINY (OCIA)

This Sunday at the 9 a.m. Mass, our brothers and sisters in OCIA will undergo their First Scrutiny. This is a time for prayer, reflection, and self-examination, helping the Elect focus on conversion by examining their lives, turning away from sin, and embracing new life in Christ.

The Scrutiny offers an opportunity to **seek purification and redemption** through Christ, while strengthening their faith and deepening their commitment to Him.



The liturgy includes prayers of **exorcism and intercession**, asking God to **protect the Elect from evil and to strengthen** them in their faith. The celebrant's laying on of hands signifies the grace and power of God.

During the Mass, **the Creed will be presented** to the Elect, who are to commit it to memory and recite it publicly before their baptism.

Symbolism: The Gospel reading for the First Scrutiny features the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42). This passage symbolizes the living water Christ offers to those who thirst for spiritual truth.