

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## PARISH MINISTRIES

ADORATION MINISTRY - THE LIEBLANG FAMILY  
BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE - SUSAN SIZLO  
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OUR LADY'S COMFORTERS - ANNE LIEBLANG  
PRO-LIFE - JACKY ROZA  
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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

### 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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)**

**Reflections of the Week**

Food is one of the most basic human needs. We would not last long without it. In the desert, lack of it drove some to rage and others to despair. Only after God provided manna were the Chosen People able to complete their journey to the promised land. There, as we hear in the first reading, they can eat of the produce of the land of Canaan. Whether directly or indirectly, God's providence supplies a famished people with food. In sacrificing his body and blood, Jesus provides a spiritually famished people with sustenance.

The prodigal son is starving just the same as the Chosen People in the desert. He is willing to eat as poorly as one of his father's hired workers. Instead, his father spends his own wealth (for he'd already given his son half his legacy) to provide a feast for him, a banquet of reconciliation. The prodigal son sinned in every way possible, spurning his father and living a dissolute life. Yet the father welcomes him back with open arms. We recall this feast as we approach the Eucharistic table as sinners today, which itself foreshadows the banquet of reconciliation we are promised when we at last are united with God.

We can likely relate to each of the characters in this parable in some way. At times we have sheepishly returned to someone we've wronged and asked forgiveness. Other times we've resented that someone unworthy was rewarded and we've refused to be placated. We may also recall celebrating a loved one's apologetic return. Knowing that we have a heavenly Father who does this continually, let us adopt the attitude of the penitent son, who is rewarded with true reconciliation.

**Question of the Week**

How can I be merciful like the father in this parable? What resentments do I need to overcome? Can I be truly forgiving to someone who has hurt me or those I love?

*-GLA Publications*

**Easter Food Sign-Ups**

Our **Easter Food** will be given out to the needy on **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** between **4:00-5:30 pm**. **Sign-ups are required** ahead of time by calling the **Office** at **(714) 536-6913**.

**Weekly Collections**

**MARCH 23, 2025**



**REGULAR COLLECTION ..... \$5,904.67**

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

*We always appreciate your Generosity!*



***Penance Service***  
**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

✠ **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

***What are you hiding behind in your life?***

- ◆ An inordinate pride that keeps you hiding from God or an unwillingness to depend on God in all things?
- ◆ Failure to pray as you should?
- ◆ To think before you speak or to leave unsaid those words that hurt more than physical blows?
- ◆ Holding back words of love you couldn't bring yourself to say?
- ◆ Comfort suppressed?
- ◆ A friendship left to wither?
- ◆ Relationships unattended?
- ◆ Children neglected as you pursued the better life... for *them*, of course?
- ◆ Moral lapses?
- ◆ Little white lies, the face-saving untruths?
- ◆ Suppression of really revealing your spiritual yearnings, your terrible hunger for God for meaning, for love?



***ATTEND THE PENANCE SERVICE ON APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>.***  
***There will be (5) Priests available to hear your confession.***

**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***



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

**2025 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)**

**Thank you** to the **(61) families** who have made their pledge/payment to the 2025 PSA. However, we have **593 families registered with this parish**. These **61 families** equal **ONLY 10.3%** 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. 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](http://www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now). There are also extra pledge envelopes at the end of the pews.

**Lenten Meal/Fish Fry**

Mark your calendars for St. Mary's by the Sea's last Lenten Meal/Fish Fry on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00-7:00 pm**. Don't miss out on this fun and delicious event! Come share with fellow parishioners in our Lenten journey.



**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 their spare change, and **return the bottle to the large box** (which will be at the back of the Church) by **April 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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**.

In addition, this weekend, we will have **Debra Tous**, the **Director at Horizon Pregnancy Clinic**, here with us to speak about their wonderful cause. They have also brought their mobile clinic to view which provides ultrasound and testing where young women who are pregnant can immediately be shown that the child they carry is already a precious life. These women are welcomed to get the help and support needed immediately and through their pregnancy regardless of their income or family status.

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

**Local Penance Services**  
(All at 7:00 pm)

- 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

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

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.**

**Monday, March 31**

- 8:00am *Mass for Dominic Coffey (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, April 1**

- 8:00am *Mass for Melissa Greenway (L)*
- 3:30pm Faith Formation-Year 1 (til 4:30pm)**

**Wednesday, April 2**

- 8:00am *Mass for the souls of Minh and Hoa Chu (RIP)*
- 9:45am Legion of Mary meeting in the Conf. Rm.**

**Thursday, April 3**

- 8:00am *Mass for Arabella Charlize Schlaerth (L)*
- 9:00am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed (til 3:00pm) and Benediction**
- 4:00pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:00pm)**

**Friday, April 4**

- 8:00am *Mass for Diane H. (L)*
- Stations of the Cross following Mass**
- 9:00am 12-Hour Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed (til 9:00pm) and Benediction**
- 9:00am *Cenacles of Life*

**Saturday, April 5**

- 8:00am *Mass for the soul of Michael Pezzaniti (RIP)*
- 10:30am Funeral (Shirley Costello)**
- 2:30pm Confirm.2 & OCIA Candidates/Sponsors Conference, w/ Mass at 5pm (til 6pm)**
- 3:00pm Confessions (til 4pm)**
- 5:00pm *Mass for the soul of Laura Friendt (RIP)*  
**\*3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny**
- 6:00pm Youth & Young Adults meeting in Hall**

**Sunday, April 6**

- 7:30am *Mass for Danny and Althea Santucci (L)*
- 9:00am *Mass for Mona O'Toole (L)*
- 10:30am *Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*
- 12:00pm *Mass for the soul of Maria Nguyen Thi Tieu (RIP)*
- 12:00pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Rm.**



### ENCOUNTER WITH GOD AT RECENT RETREAT

This past weekend, our Confirmation students went on a retreat. They described their experience as one of deepening their relationship with God, growing in understanding of their Catholic identity, and gaining a greater appreciation for the love and support of their families and faith community. During the retreat, the teens cherished the relationships they built with peers from other parishes, and they returned with lingering warmth of beautiful and memorable experiences. May the fruit of the Holy Spirit be richly expressed in their lives. Please pray that these teens continue to grow in the love of Christ and His Holy Church.

### LENTEN PRACTICE

The children—and all of us—are encouraged to engage in acts of charity, prayer, and fasting. 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 clear vision, will and discipline. But as St. Paul said, we can do all things empowered by grace!

**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)



### THE SECOND SCRUTINY (OCIA)

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT– THE MAN BORN BLIND

The key point in the Gospel and the Second Reading is turning from darkness to light, as symbolized in the healing of the man born blind. For example, examination of conscience, especially in the light of God's Word, leads to enlightenment, and thus enables people to do as St. Paul says, "Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness."

Please join our OCIA community in turning to God for light and prepare to meet Him, as a bride awaits her bridegroom's return from the wedding banquet.

### Stewardship Corner



#### DEAR STEWARDS . . .

**Happy Sunday!** We would like to thank **everyone** who helped with our **LENTEN MEAL** this past Friday. A special thank you to **Geri D.** for hosting this fun event!

➤ Our next event(s) will be our **2<sup>nd</sup> LENTEN MEAL** on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact **Geri** if you would like to volunteer your help. We discussed the details at our **MEETING** this past **Thursday** and will send out an email with a summary for those of you who were not able to attend. **Once again, we want to thank you for all you do to help make our events fun and successful!**

➤ As always, we invite you to join us for **ADORATION** on **Thursdays at noon** & on **1<sup>st</sup> 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).

### Reparation to God

#### 12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*"Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, in order to make reparation by our faith and love for the acts of carelessness and neglect, and even the insults which our Savior must endure in many parts of the world."* (St. John Paul II)

St. Mary's by the Sea has **12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** this **First Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**, from **9 am to 9 pm**, beginning with the Stations of the Cross **after the 8 am Mass**. Come and adore Jesus during this opportunity to make reparation for the sins for which Christ was crucified.

