

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

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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.

Dealing With Temptations

Friends, in our Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, Luke gives us the story of the temptation in the desert. At every point in the Gospels, we are meant to identify with Jesus. God became man that man might become God. We participate in him and thereby learn what a godly life is like.

Jesus has just been baptized; he has just learned his deepest identity and mission. And now he confronts—as we all must—the great temptations. What precisely is entailed in being the beloved Son of God? First, the tempter urges him to use his divine power to satisfy his bodily desires, which Jesus dismisses with a word. Having failed at his first attempt, the devil shifts to perhaps the greatest of the temptations: power. Power is extremely seductive. Many would gladly eschew material things or attention or fame in order to get it. Jesus’ great answer in Matthew’s account of this story is “Get away, Satan!” To seek power is to serve Satan—it is stated that bluntly.

Finally, the devil plays a subtler game—he tempts Jesus to manipulate his Father, encouraging him to jump from the temple and let angels save him. It is the temptation faced by Adam and Eve in the garden: deciding how and when God will act.

-Bishop Barron

Reflection

When confronted with temptations, do you turn to God and pray right away, or do you give in to the voice of the tempter? Pray to God for the gift of discernment, that you may recognize when you’re being manipulated in one way or another by evil forces from without and within. We need to be whole and holy for the mission. What is our first mission? To RUN to God and obtain our heavenly ammunition for the cause of truth, goodness, and righteousness.

2025 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

Thank you to the **(31) families** who have made their pledge/payment to the 2025 PSA. After only two weeks, we have received **\$24,653 in pledges** with **\$22,753 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 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.

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.

Lenten Fasting Regulations

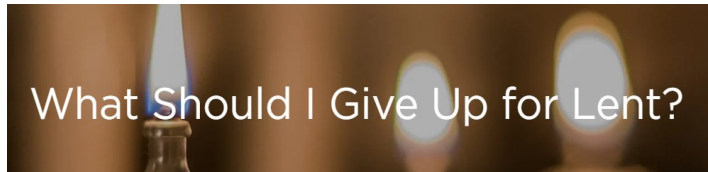
1. Those 14 years of age and older is to be observed on all Fridays throughout the year. He/she is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

2. Everyone who is at least 18 years of age and not yet 60 is bound also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals on these days is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Where health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

THE TRADITIONAL PRACTICES OF LENT

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—These are practical ways to shed ourselves of our own desires so we can be clothed in God’s holiness this Lent. May we be intentional and arduous in seeking our Lord and BE with Him this Lenten season.



25 Creative Ideas

to make your Lenten practice more meaningful and fruitful: **25 Great Things You Can Do for Lent** by **Busted Halo**. We invite you to consider going through the list and choose three practices that you feel especially drawn to and motivated to tackle starting this week. Reflect not only how each helps you to be better at Prayer, Fasting, or Almsgiving but more importantly, to connect intimately with Christ and His 40-day of desert experience all for you. With Jesus, we may have the courage to die and the power to rise.



Weekly Collections



MARCH 2, 2025

Regular Collection\$7,652.25

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

Jubilee Year of Hope by Pope Francis

10. During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. I think of *prisoners* who, deprived of their freedom, daily feel the harshness of detention and its restrictions, lack of affection and, in more than a few cases, lack of respect for their persons. I propose that in this Jubilee Year governments undertake initiatives aimed at restoring hope; forms of amnesty or pardon meant to help individuals regain confidence in themselves and in society; and programs of reintegration in the community, including a concrete commitment to respect for law.

This is an ancient appeal, one drawn from the word of God, whose wisdom remains ever timely. It calls for acts of clemency and liberation that enable new beginnings: “You shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants” (*Lev 25:10*). This institution of the Mosaic law was later taken up by the prophet Isaiah: “The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (*Is 61:1-2*).

Jesus made those words his own at the beginning of his ministry, presenting himself as the fulfilment of the “year of the Lord’s favor” (cf. *Lk 4:18-19*). In every part of the world, believers, and their Pastors in particular, should be one in **demanding dignified conditions for those in prison, respect for their human rights and above all the abolition of the death penalty**, a provision at odds with Christian faith and one that eliminates all hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. In order to offer prisoners a concrete sign of closeness, I would myself like to open a Holy Door in a prison, as a sign inviting prisoners to look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.

—The papal bull, *Hope Does Not Disappoint*



Let Us Pray for the Sick



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| Tony Aragón-Sotelo | Tiesha Kelley | Susan Rocio |
| Mike Banner | James Kosai | Colleen Rowe |
| Ted Beresford | Nam Le | Colleen Stenglein |
| Connie Bowles | Arturo Loya | Carol Summerfield |
| Devin Briggs | Theresa Martin | Sally-Ann Thomas |
| Pamela Brown | Dan McKelvie | Ernesto Aragón- |
| Rosie Clouse | Patricia McKenzie | Trevino |
| Debra Conklin | Teresa Myrter | Roberta Velasquez |
| Vicky Derieg | Joe Mungari | Andrea Wall |
| Ann Erwin | Tracy Murray | John Waldron |
| Rachel Ferrarie | Teresa Myrter | Gavin Watkins |
| Molly Flaherty | Thomas Nester | Baby Brooks Webb |
| Cindy Friendt | Rosalie Ocanas | Nancy Yaslik |
| Al Griego | Derrick Peront | |
| Nancy Grijalva | Don Quinn | |
| Paul Hayes | Debbie Ransom | |
| Jim & Paula Keating | Tim 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, March 8, 2025

- 5:00pm Mass for the soul of Paul Sang Tran (RIP)
Family Mass for 1st Confession Students

Sunday, March 9, 2025

- 7:30am Mass for the Priests, and the People of the Parish-Living and Deceased
 9:00am Mass for Matthew John Pfohl (L)
 10:30am Mass for the souls of Reynaldo and Gloria Lugo (RIP)
 12:00pm Mass for the Todd Banner Family (L)
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, March 10, 2025

- 8:00am Mass for Lois Gray and Family-Living & Deceased
3:30pm Faith Formation-Year 2 (til 4:45pm)
5:15pm Confirmation class-Year 1&2 (til 6:30pm)
No OCIA class (Rite of Election)

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 8:00 am Mass for Patti Bearce and Family-Living & Deceased
3:30pm Faith Formation-Year 1 (til 4:30pm)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- 8:00 am Mass for Annalise Marie Schlaerth (L)
9:45am Legion of Mary meeting in the Conf. Rm.

Thursday, March 13, 2025

- 8:00am Mass for the soul of Frances Lulu (RIP)
9:00am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed (til 3:00pm) and Benediction
4:00pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:00pm)

Friday, March 14, 2025

- 8:00am Mass for the soul of Mrs. Nobuko Bencivengo (RIP)
Stations of the Cross following Mass
 9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, March 15, 2025

- 8:00 am Mass for Elaine Hirayama (L)
3:00pm Confessions (til 4pm)
 5:00pm Mass for the soul of Kelly Jane Ford (RIP)
6:00pm St. Patrick’s Dinner (til 7:30pm)

Sunday, March 16, 2025

- 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.



FIRST CONFESSION AND RETREAT

Eleven children who celebrated their First Reconciliation this past Saturday during their retreat. We pray that their hearts remain pure and open to the love and invitation of Jesus throughout their lives. They will receive their First Communion on May 4th at the vigil Mass. All are invited. We appreciate your continual prayer and support for all children in our parish and our faith formation program.

LENTEN PRACTICES

Parents and students are asked to participate in the Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, including the sacrificial daily offering via “the RICE BOWL” to help those in need.



CHRISTIAN INITIATION RITE OF SENDING

Our brother and sisters in OCIA class are prepared to take part in the Rite of Election this Monday with thousands of OCIA members across the Diocese of Orange at Christ Cathedral. May the Lord grant each of them an unwavering heart to heed the voice of the Good Shepherd and to turn away from all the distractions of the world.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

It is essentially living out your faith through actions, like attending Mass regularly, receiving sacraments, serving others, and contributing to the community, all while following the teachings of the Church and striving to live a Christian life; it's about being an active member of the Church and not just passively belonging to it. (Cf. CCC 2472)



Stewardship Corner

Happy Sunday! We hope your Lenten journey has been productive and fruitful so far. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Mardi Gras and Ministry Fair such a successful and welcoming event for both new and existing parishioners. A special note of gratitude goes to Jacky for her leadership in organizing this annual event.

We look forward to seeing some of our new sign-ups at upcoming events. Speaking of which, our **St. Patrick's Dinner will be held this Saturday, March 15.** If you'd like to help, please contact Colleen. We'll also be hosting **Lenten meals 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!

