

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



321 10<sup>th</sup> Street ♦ Huntington Beach ♦ CA 92648

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

ADORATION MINISTRY - THE LIEBLANG FAMILY  
BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE - SUSAN SIZLO  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - MIKE BANNER  
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LECTORS - MIKE BANNER  
LEGION OF MARY - JOANNE PETERS  
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

Good Friday at 12:00pm



### 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.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### Reflections of the Week

Paul points out the paradoxical way in which Jesus lived his life on earth. Though he was God, “he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave” (Philippians 2:7), yet now, at his name “every knee should bend” (2:10). His complete obedience to the Father’s will, which makes him seem servile, gives him the strength to face the physical and psychological torture he must endure. His complete obedience to the One with the power to “greatly exalt” him and “bestow on him the name which is above every name” (2:9) enables him in the end to become the king that his disciples had proclaimed as they entered Jerusalem.

When Jesus entered the provincial capital of Jerusalem, he proclaimed that the very stones would cry out if the authorities tried to silence his disciples. But when Jesus was put on trial, no one spoke up for him. Peter denied even knowing him, the rest of the disciples fled, and the stones themselves remained silent. Was Jesus mistaken? Or was he speaking of a more distant show of support? Indeed, over the course of the last two millennia, millions of congregations such as ours have sung out virtually the same words as his disciples, recalling this very event. We are the ones who will not keep silent.

Luke’s version of the Passion includes three examples of Jesus’ mercy toward sinners that are not mentioned by the other evangelists. First, for Peter: Even as Jesus tells Peter that he will deny him three times, he also tells him that when he turns back, he must strengthen the other disciples. Implicitly he forgives Peter for the cowardice he knows that he will show under duress, going so far as to rely on this disciple who will show terrible weakness to be a source of strength in the future. Later, Luke alone writes that when the cock crowed, Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Without saying anything more, we know that Jesus did not look at him in anger or disappointment, but with sympathy and mercy. Second, for those who played a role in his death sentence: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). Finally, for the penitent criminal on the cross, whom he assures will be with him in heaven. Right up until his final breath, Jesus offered unconditional mercy to those who needed it. We are those sinners in need now.

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### April Showers Baby Bottle Campaign

Please participate in our **April Showers Baby Bottle Campaign for Pro-Life** where parishioners **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**.

### Holy Thursday Adoration - Overnight

On Holy Thursday, **4/17**, just after the 7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper, we have **Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament** in Fr. Johnson Hall. It will **continue throughout the night until 8am on Good Friday**.

We would like you to recall our Lord’s agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and His rebuke to His disciples: “*What? Could you not watch one hour with me?*” Please make arrangements to spend **an hour** with Our Lord, and **USE THE BOARD AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO SIGN-UP**.

➤**NOTE:** We need at least **2 men** signed up for each hour from **12am-6am**.

### Visitation of Seven Churches

You are invited to participate in the “Visitation of Seven Churches” hosted by parishes throughout the Diocese of Orange. After the Holy Thursday Mass, after or before spending time in Adoration here (see the article above) you will continue to six other churches throughout the night to pray and meditate on the Lord’s Passion. Bring a friend or family member to take part in this special tradition.

Please go to [www.rcbo.org/visitation](http://www.rcbo.org/visitation) for a list of participating churches and meditations you can use.



### Easter Flowers

We like our church to be particularly beautiful at this special time of the year. If you would like to help decorate, please plan to bring lilies and tulips to the Office **by this Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**.



### Let Us Pray for the Sick



Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Jim & Paula Keating	Susan Rocio
Mike Banner	Tiesha Kelley	Colleen Rowe
Frank Barrera	James Kosai	Carmela Rugel
Ted Beresford	Nam Le	Yvonne 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	Tracy Murray	Andrea Wall
Ann Erwin	Erin Nakamoto	John Waldron
Rachel Ferrarie	Thomas Nester	Gavin Watkins
Molly Flaherty	Rosalie Ocanas	Baby Brooks Webb
Nancy Friedman	Derrick Peront	Nancy Yaslik
Cindy Friendt	Don Quinn	
Al Griego	Debbie Ransom	
Paul Hayes	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



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



**Daily Mass: April 14, 15 & 16**

8:00 am - Holy Mon., Holy Tues., Holy Wed

**Holy Thursday, April 17**

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service
- ♦7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ♦Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -

After 7pm Mass until 8:00 am on Good Friday in the Hall

**Good Friday Services, April 18**

(Fast & Abstinence)

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service
- ♦12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
- ♦3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena then Celebration of the Lord's Passion (with Holy Communion)

**Holy Saturday, April 19**

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service
- ♦8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 20**

♦7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, & 12:00 pm

*\*Please Note: There will be NO confessions on Saturday, April 12 or April 19.*

**Local Penance Services**

(At 7:00 pm)

Tuesday, Apr. 15 ..... St. John the Baptist-Costa Mesa

**Easter Lily Sale**



The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling Easter Lilies **after all the Masses this weekend**. Each Lily is beautifully wrapped and only \$15 each or two for \$25. Plants may be taken home or **donated to the Church** to decorate the Altar and may be dedicated to a loved one if you so desire.

All campaign proceeds will be donated to the Pro-Life **Horizon Pregnancy Center** of Huntington Beach. The Center saved over 180 babies last year and provides free ultrasounds and support to women in need. Please make checks out to K of C 14699. Thank you.

**Weekly Collections**

APRIL 6, 2025



REGULAR COLLECTION ..... \$9,258.00

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

*We always appreciate your Generosity!*

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

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Dolly Pocsik (RIP)

**Palm Sunday, April 13**

7:30am Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased

9:00am Mass for the souls of Reynaldo & Gloria Lugo (RIP)

10:30am Mass for the David Banner Family (L)

12:00pm Mass for Bill & Olga Escobar (L)

12:00pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Rm.

**Holy Monday, April 14**

8:00am Mass for Jeremy and Michelle Ponce (L)

**Holy Tuesday, April 15**

8:00am Mass for Victims of the California Wildfires

6:30pm OCIA Rehearsal (til 8:15pm)

**Holy Wednesday, April 16**

8:00am Mass for the soul of Charles Gray (RIP)

9:45am Legion of Mary meeting in the Conf. Rm.

**Holy Thursday, April 17**

8:00am Morning Prayer Service

7:00pm Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased & Visitors

8:30pm Overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Hall (til 8am on Good Friday)

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**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.



**LOTS OF BAGS WITH SPECIFIC INTENTIONS**  
Before taking two weeks off for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations, the students were invited to receive several bags, each containing significant symbols representing the key moments of the Holy Week observances, such as Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. It's tempting to give in to curiosity and open the bags ahead of time, but Mrs. Richter encourages the students to resist, allowing them to open each bag on the day assigned. Through these visual symbols, she aims to help the students anticipate entering into the life of Christ—His Passion and Death—and, in doing so, celebrate His Resurrection more meaningfully and intentionally



**THOSE TO BE CONFIRMED THIS EASTER VIGIL, AT THE 8PM MASS**  
We praise our loving God for our brothers and sisters preparing to be fully initiated Catholics this Easter Vigil, on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 8pm. We thank the sponsors and godparents for their courage to take on the crucial responsibility to accompany and guide these souls in their spiritual journey. We invite the community to pray for all of them. May they all be richly blessed during these very final days of preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God, the Giver of all good gifts.



### Stewardship Corner

#### DEAR STEWARDS . . .



*Happy Palm Sunday!* Believe it or not, Holy Week is upon us and Easter Sunday is next week. This past Friday was our final **LENTEN MEAL** of the season. We want to thank everyone who generously donated their time, talents, and treasure to make our delicious meals successful, community events. We especially, would like to thank Geri for leading these meals again this year. We want to remind you that we will have more volunteer opportunities next month on **May 11** when we sell roses **after weekend Masses** for **MOTHER'S DAY**, and **May 17** at our **LADIES TEA**. Please contact **Debbie** or **Mary** if you would like to help with these events. We will share more details about these opportunities at our **APRIL MEETING**. In case you missed it, Debbie emailed this link for **"VISITATION OF SEVEN CHURCHES"** <https://www.rcbo.org/visitation/>. It contains meditations and locations of local parishes participating this year.

- And as always, we invite you to join us for **ADORATION** on **Thursdays** at **noon** and 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!*

### 2025 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

*Thank you* to the (79) families (13.3% of the parish) who have made their pledge/payment to the 2025 PSA. Also, we are happy to let you know that we have now exceeded our \$40,000 diocesan goal so **all additional payments we receive will come straight back to us**. You may make your pledge by using the special envelope at the end of the pew and returning it directly to us, mailing it, or going online at [www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now](http://www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now).