

# 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 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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

**Reflections of the Week**

What if all the apostles had been in the locked room and seen the risen Lord on that first evening? Without one who had missed the opportunity and who doubted what he didn't experience himself, we would not have had the practical effect of hearing Jesus "prove" his bodily existence after his death. We also would not have been directly blessed by the Lord as ones who have believed without having seen. Unlike Thomas, we do not have the opportunity to see Jesus in the flesh at all. However, we do have opportunities to see his presence again and again: in each other, in the Eucharist, in those in need, or when we receive the gift of divine mercy.

John's Gospel does not tell us why Thomas wasn't there the first time. Perhaps he was grieving in his own way and wished to mourn Jesus alone. Everyone responds to grief differently. He may have imagined that seeing the others would make the loss more real. Or perhaps he was more fearful of the religious authorities than the others and felt that even a locked room wasn't safe. Perhaps he was so discouraged that he wanted to abandon his faith just as he had abandoned Jesus on that fateful day. What we do know is that he came the following week and without even making good on his challenge to feel Jesus' wounds, he believed.

It is significant that Jesus returned with his wounds intact. Not only hadn't they healed, they were just as visible and palpable as on the day he was taken from the cross. Even after he had been raised from the dead, brought to heaven, and returned to appear to the disciples in his resurrected body, he retained the wounds inflicted upon him on the day he was crucified. The Body of Christ, which we receive in the Eucharist, which is made manifest in the Church, is also physically wounded, remains physically wounded. These very real wounds continue to be present today in our sinfulness, in our suffering, and in those in need. How necessary is the gift of divine mercy we receive from one who remains wounded himself!

**Question of the Week**

Where and when do I recognize Christ's wounds in the body of Christ? What can I do to heal those wounds?

*-GIA Publications*

**Weekly Collections**

**APRIL 20, 2025**



**REGULAR COLLECTION ..... \$14,269.08**

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

*We always appreciate your Generosity!*



**April Showers  
Baby Bottle Campaign**

This is the last weekend for 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 it back. You can also return your bottle (or donation) to the Office during this week. Online donations can be made at our website—just designate it for **April Showers**.

**First Holy Communion Mass  
Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass**

Our First Communion students will crown the statue of Mary at the beginning of the Vigil Mass when they make their First Holy Communion. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and rejoice as we receive these newest members into our community.

**The Bible and the Mother of God Series**

The Legion of Mary is presenting a video series in the **Hall** from **9-11 am** on **Saturdays in May** (*except May 17<sup>th</sup>*) featuring Dr. Brant Pitre that explores why Mary is so important to Catholics and why she has inspired devotion for centuries. This program combines beautiful visuals with a detailed study, engaging questions, answers to common misconceptions, and personal reflections. It is designed to deepen participants' understanding and love for Mary within the context of the Christian faith.

**Sign-ups will be taken after all the Masses.**

**Special Mother's Day Offering**



For this Mother's Day (**May 11<sup>th</sup>**), please consider a monetary gift to honor a special mother or other loved one in your life, whether alive or deceased.

If you would like to participate, use one of the special "**Mother's Day Offering**" envelopes located in the pews. Include the name of your mother (or other special person) and enclose your donation. You may put your envelope in the Collection Basket. If received by **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will put the name of your loved one in the Mother's Day bulletin.

**Mary's Month  
12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

In May, the month in which we honor Mary the Mother of God, let us show our appreciation for our heavenly mother by visiting her Son in the Blessed Sacrament during **12-Hour Adoration** this **First Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from **9am-9pm**.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to spend time with Jesus. If you would like to sign-up for an hour, please contact the **Office** at **(714) 536-6913**.



**Statement from the Bishops of Orange**

With heavy yet prayerful hearts, we mourn the passing of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis. In this moment of great loss, we give thanks for the life of a shepherd who embodied the Gospel with humility, mercy and an unwavering faith in God’s boundless love.

From the very beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis called us to embrace the Lord’s command to evangelize, urging us in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) to go forth boldly, reaching out to all people and proclaiming the Good News with renewed fervor. His witness has profoundly shaped our own mission as a diocese, inspiring us to be a Church that is not turned in on itself but one that goes out, serving the poor, welcoming the lost and walking alongside all who seek Christ.

As we grieve, let us also find hope in the promise of the Resurrection and in the enduring impact of Pope Francis’ ministry. May his call to missionary discipleship continue to guide our diocese as we seek to live out the Gospel in both word and action. United in prayer, let us commend him to the infinite mercy of our loving Father, trusting that the light of Christ now shines upon him in eternal glory.

Reflecting on Pope Francis’ legacy, Bishop Vann shared: “*As I reflect on the ‘journey to the house of the Father’ of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, several thoughts come to mind. Like Pope Saint John Paul II, he was called to Eternal Life during the Octave of Easter—the Resurrection of the Lord. His most recent Encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Corde Amoris (Dilexit Nos), is especially appropriate to read and reflect on at this time. And throughout his papacy, his faithful witness as a Shepherd—especially in the face of physical struggles—remained a powerful example to us all.*”

May the soul of Pope Francis, our faithful shepherd, rest in peace and may the Church he so deeply loved continue to bear witness to the joy of the Gospel.

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

5:00pm *Mass for the soul of Linda Henson (RIP)*

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27**

7:30am *Mass for Ross and Diane Miller & Family (L)*  
 9:00am *Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*  
 10:30am *Mass for the Joseph Banner Family (L)*  
 12:00pm *Mass for the souls of Minh and Hoa Chu (RIP)*  
**3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Adoration and Benediction in the Church**

**Monday, April 28**

8:00am *Mass for the Filippe & Lage Families - Living and Deceased*  
**12:30pm Funeral**

**Tuesday, April 29**

8:00am *Mass for the souls of Michael & Angelina Borrelli (RIP)*  
**10:30am Staff meeting**

**Wednesday, April 30**

8:00am *Mass for the soul of John Senoski, Jr. (RIP)*  
**9:45am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**

**Thursday, May 1**

8:00am *Mass for the soul of Kathleen Hyde (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, May 2**

8:00am *Mass for Lois Gray & Family - Living & Deceased*  
**9:00am 1st Friday Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed til 9:00pm w/ Benediction**  
 9:00am *Cenacles of Life*

**Saturday, May 3**

8:00am *Mass for Rosalie Ocanas (L)*  
**9:00am The Bible & the Mother of God series (til 11am)**  
**10:30am Funeral**  
**3:00pm Confessions (til 4:00pm)**  
**3:30pm Youth & Young Adult Ministry meeting in Hall (til 5pm)**  
**5:00pm Crowning of Mary & 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**  
*Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*  
**\*Parishes in Collaboration 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

**Sunday, May 4**

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7:30am *Mass for James Griffith (L)*  
 9:00am *Mass for the souls of Reynaldo & Gloria Lugo (RIP)*  
 10:30am *Mass for the soul of Stanley Randall Brown (RIP)*  
 12:00pm *Mass for the soul of Stuart Campbell (RIP)*  
**12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**



**Let Us Pray for the Sick**



Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Al Griego	Debbie Ransom
Mike Banner	Paul Hayes	Susan Rocio
Frank Barrera	Jim & Paula Keating	Colleen Rowe
Ted Beresford	Tiesha Kelley	Carmela Rugel
Rowyn Bolinger	James Kosai	Yvonne Ruiz
Connie Bowles	Nam Le	Colleen Stenglein
Devin Briggs	Arturo Loya	Carol Summerfield
Pamela Brown	Theresa Martin	Sally-Ann Thomas
Rosie Clouse	Dan McKelvie	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Vicky Derieg	Patricia McKenzie	Robertta Velasquez
Bryan Donnelly	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	

**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

**ENCOUNTER WITH A 15-YEAR OLD MILLENNIUM SAINT**



Today, on the Feast of Divine Mercy, we celebrate the beatification of Carlo Acutis, a young Italian computer programmer, who had a deep devotion to the Eucharist, which reminds us of the incredible gift we've been given—the Real Presence of Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

What a profound act of mercy—that we, finite beings, can partake in the fullness of God Himself. Let us spend this day in

thanksgiving for this immense gift of mercy.

In response, God has entrusted us with the task of praying for the conversion of each of us and the world. Let's strive to live mercifully and be faithful in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, just as Jesus asked.

From the Heart of Christ in the Eucharist flow the rays of Divine Mercy—bringing cleansing, healing, and eternal life.

[Just two months ago, Sr. Catherine returned to Assisi to visit this modern-day saintly role model for holiness that she's been joyfully sharing her enthusiasm about at our parish, reminding us all that sainthood is within reach, even in today's world.



**ENCOUNTER WITH GOD—IT'S REAL!"**

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we gather in the House of Mercy—the Holy Catholic Church. God, in His infinite love, founded His Bride, the Church, and gives Himself completely to her. As beneficiaries of this great and unfathomable act of mercy, we are given and fed with His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

In response to such gratuitous love, we are called to offer our daily "yes" to His invitations—to be with Him, in Him, and through Him, making Him our everything.

Today, we're blessed to share a moving testimony from Greg, a parishioner here at St. Mary's, reflecting on his experience during The Passion of Christ Retreat, held just last Sunday:

"I've heard it said that certain saints have been blessed with the gift of bi-location. In a sense, I got a taste of that. Moved by the Holy Spirit, the Gospels came alive during the Passion of Christ retreat. Imagine being transported back in time to the most sorrowful, yet wonderful, event in all of history. The meal we shared with new friends around the table while silently contemplating the Last Supper. Being with Jesus during his agony in the garden. Gazing at, and contemplating, the picture of St. Veronica handing the towel to Jesus to wipe his face on the way to his crucifixion. Witnessing his body replicated from the Shroud of Turin.

The retreat was all that and much, much more. It will have a deep and lasting effect on me as I attend each Mass. As I drove away from the retreat center I looked up at the full moon, a "pink moon", and the irony was not lost as pink is a symbolic color during Lent. The Pink Moon is also referred to as the Paschal Moon as it determines the date of Easter. Wow! Just wow!"

**Stewardship Corner**



**HELLO STEWARDS!**

**Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!** This feast day is such a blessing. We hope you take time to day to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet **today** at St. Mary's at **3pm**. Below is a quote from St. Faustina's Diary:

*(Jesus said) The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is - trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.*" (Diary, 327).

➤ We would like to thank everyone who attended our **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** last Thursday. We will send notes from the meeting this week. We discussed our upcoming volunteer opportunities selling roses for **MOTHER'S DAY** on **May 11<sup>th</sup>** and the **LADIES TEA** on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Debbie or Mary if you would like to help with these events.

➤ As always, we invite you to join us for **ADORATION** every **THURSDAY** at **noon** and on **FIRST 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!*

**Parishes in Collaboration 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

Next weekend (May 3-4), all people of the Diocese of Orange will have the opportunity to donate to the **Parishes in Collaboration Collection**. This collection is for the purpose as assisting parishes in the Diocese of Orange that exhibit ongoing needs that cannot be paid for by their ordinary income and have urgent needs (such as repairs and maintenance.)

All money donated to this collection is put into a *restricted* fund that will be administered by a group consisting of laity and clergy of the diocese. Parishes with needs as stated above will apply for grants from this fund to be used for their specific needs.

By participating in this 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, all people of the Diocese of Orange are helping one another support the works of our parishes that struggle financially. Thank you for your generosity.

