

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PARISH MINISTRIES

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflections of the Week

In the first reading, Isaiah uses the image of water to describe God's grace. Like water, God's grace is necessary to sustain us. God causes it to flow where it is needed the most, like "water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland" (Isaiah 43:20). So it is with God's mercy. Just as we plead for and receive mercy from the Lord at the beginning of every Mass ("Lord, have mercy"), we are called to extend that mercy we have received to those in need of our forgiveness and compassion. We honor God when we direct the flow of God's mercy where it is needed the most.

Now in the Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees made a point to Jesus that Jewish law demanded death to a woman caught in adultery. But Roman law forbade Jews from sentencing anyone to death, as we will hear next Sunday (in the Passion). So Jesus is truly in a dilemma, forced to break one law or the other. He succeeds in both thwarting their test and treating the sinner with mercy by refocusing the question of punishment on those who would carry it out: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7).

If we put ourselves into the position of one of the people in the crowd, we can appreciate how Jesus' words not only deter us from condemning others, but also force us to look at our own failings. Our failings may not seem as great as those whom we condemn, but they still require God's mercy and forgiveness to restore our relationship with God and with others. One hopes that no one from this crowd, now cognizant of their own sinfulness, are part of the crowd whom we will hear next Sunday calling for the death of Jesus.

-GIA Publications

Lenten Meal/Fish Fry

Make sure you plan to attend St. Mary's by the Sea's last **LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRY** this **Friday, 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.



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**

Easter Food Sign-Ups

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

Monday - April 7th

Lenten Penance Service



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?
- Relationships unattended?
- Children neglected as you pursue the better life... for *them*, of course?

The Church urges us to make frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance and, at a minimum, to receive it once each year in preparation for fulfilling our Easter Duty. **So join us at the Penance Service at 7:00 pm as we each privately reflect upon our own life. There will be (5) Priests available to hear your Confession.**

***PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Confessions heard on Saturday, April 12 or April 19, 2025.

Holy Thursday Adoration - Overnight

On Holy Thursday, 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**.



Let Us Pray for the Sick



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	Roberta Velasquez
Ann Erwin	Teresa Myrter	Andrea Wall
Rachel Ferrarie	Erin Nakamoto	John Waldron
Molly Flaherty	Thomas Nester	Gavin Watkins
Nancy Friedman	Rosalie Ocanas	Baby Brooks Webb
Cindy Friendt	Derrick Peront	Nancy Yaslik
Al Griego	Don Quinn	
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

TRIDUUM & EASTER SCHEDULE



Penance Service

Monday, April 7 - 7:00 pm

*(There will be no confessions 4/12 or 4/19)

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 before 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

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

Easter Lily Sale



The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Easter Lilies **after all the Masses on April 12 and 13**. 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

MARCH 30, 2025



LENTEN MEAL (3/28)..... \$1,322.00
REGULAR COLLECTION..... \$9,229.57

This Week at St. Mary's By the Sea

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Laura Friendt (RIP)

***3rd 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.

Monday, April 7

***PENANCE SERVICE AT 7:00 PM (w/ 5 PRIESTS)**

8:00am Mass for the soul of Charron Beaver (RIP)

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 8

8:00am Mass for the soul of Bernadette DeSa (RIP)

10:30am Funeral for Robert Melnick

3:30pm Faith Formation-Year 1 (til 4:30pm)

Wednesday, April 9

8:00am Mass for Ruth Hirayama (L)

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

Thursday, April 10

8:00am Mass for Lois Gray and all Living & Deceased Family Members

9:00am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed (til 3:00pm) and Benediction

4:00pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:00pm)

7:00pm Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall

Friday, April 11

***LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRY 5:00-7:00PM**

8:00am Mass for Caitlyn and Wes Bell (L)

9:00am Stations of the Cross following Mass
Cenacles of Life

Saturday, April 12

8:00am Mass for Mary Ann Hunter (L)

3:00pm **NO Confessions**

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.

Office of Faith Formation

HAVE YOU MET REAGAN?

Reagan has been a dedicated altar server ever since receiving his First Communion last year. His role goes beyond simply serving at Mass; he is also responsible for preparing for the next Mass. Since each priest has specific preferences, Reagan ensures that the sacred vessels are prepared according to each priest's requests.



“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” (Lk 16:10)

LENTEN PRACTICE SURPRISE!

The children depicted here are in the final weeks of preparing for their First Communion, which will take place on Saturday, May 3. One of the challenges of Lent for them—and for all members of our faith formation program—is to track their works of love and mercy, done in honor of and on behalf of Jesus.

Who would have expected that one among them has reached such a remarkable height in imitating Jesus? Not only did she collect the most Rice Bowl money for the needy, but she also completed an impressive total of 188 acts of mercy/fasting, prayers, and almsgiving over just two weeks of Lent.

Aren't we all encouraged to do the same—not just in words, but in ACTION? It's an action expressed not only in faith and love, but intentionality—one that embodies generosity through concrete sacrifices of time, treasure, and talents.



CANDIDATES/SPONSORS CONFERENCE & YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Both taken place this Saturday afternoon.

Thanks to our faith community for journeying with and praying for our brothers and sisters in OCIA and Youth Confirmation and Youth Ministry!

NOT TOO YOUNG

To be a Saint! Here are the two next youngest Saints that Youth & Young Adult Ministry explored:

Carlo Acutis - canonization will occur during the Church's Jubilee of Teenagers taking place April 25–27, 2025, and

Pier Giorgio Frassati - canonization will take place during the Jubilee of Youth, July 28–August 3, 2025

“The LORD answered me, **Do not** say, “I am too young...” (Jer. 1:7)

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! We hope your Lenten journey is going well. ➤ This **Friday, April 11**, is our second and final **LENTEN MEAL** of the season. Please contact **Geri** if you would like to help with the dinner and/or help with **set-up** on **Thursday, April 10**. We will send an email or text reminder with more details.

➤ We will have volunteer opportunities next month on **May 11** when we sell roses **after weekend Masses** for **MOTHER'S DAY**, and on **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**. *We appreciate all your help and hope to see you at these upcoming events.*

➤ 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!*



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 27th**. 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**.

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

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).

2025 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

Thank you to the (73) families who have made their pledge/payment to the 2025 PSA. Since we have **593 families registered with this parish**, this equals **12.3%** of the parish who have contributed to the 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**.