

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



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.

Reflections of the Week

Scripture scholars believe that Jesus' ministry lasted about three years. The Gospel narratives of his preaching, miracles, parables, and encounters with others took up only a small fraction of that time. No doubt Jesus spent a lot of days, week in and week out, traveling from village to village. One can imagine that after a year or two of this many of his disciples got tired or restless. It makes sense that he would address today's parable specifically to his disciples. Maybe he even noticed their bodies dragging and their spirits flagging. Thus, he impresses upon them the need for persistence—in their prayer, in their ministry, and in their faith. If even a dishonest judge responds to a persistent soul, so much more will God.

Today's parable also addresses the need for persistence in pursuing justice. Widows in that time were some of the neediest people around. They no longer had a husband to support them in this patriarchal culture. They did not have any government programs. If they didn't have family that could help, they were soon destitute. Thank goodness that widows, like orphans and refugees, were entitled to special priority by Jewish law. So much more does God recognize that priority. We too are called to persist both in calling out to God and in calling out for justice. And when we see someone tire or grow weak, we are called to support them, as Aaron and Hur did many centuries ago.

Nearly two thousand years have passed since the Gospels and we still have poor people living on the margins of society, armies killing each other in war, and people suffering from persistent injustice. It would be easy to conclude that God does not answer the prayers of people in need. Jesus is right to wonder if anyone will still have faith in God by the time he returns. But he himself is the answer to the prayers of those in need. He himself is proof that when God intervened in the most concrete way possible out of love for us, it was not to end all the world's suffering, but to share that suffering with us and win us our salvation.

Question of the Week

As this is the Jubilee Year of Hope, can I remain hopeful that God will address my needs and use that hope to help me persist in prayer? Can I promise to do so for ten minutes each day this week?

-GIA Publications



(10) Masses Offered In Nov. for All Souls

All Souls envelopes are available in the pews. Write the names of your deceased loved ones for whom you would like prayers said for, along with a donation, and put it in the collection basket. Throughout the month of November, (10) Masses will be celebrated for all of those designated souls.

World Mission Sunday - This Weekend

This weekend we have a 2nd Collection for **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's mission in your prayers, and be as generous as possible in this week's 2nd collection.

Making Conversation with God

The word **A-L-T-A-R** serves as an excellent reminder of five of the most basic topics for regular prayer: **ADORATION, LOVE, THANKSGIVING, ASKING, and REPENTANCE.**

The Gospels portray Jesus regularly in prayer (see Luke 5:16 & Luke 6:12), and Mary, too, is portrayed as a person of prayer (see Luke 1:46-55 & Acts 1:14). If prayer is so important in the lives of the holiest human beings who ever lived, how much more so it is for us!

We live in a fast paced life with never enough hours in a day to do all the things we need to. We have to pick and choose our priorities. Are we making conversation with God one of those priorities? And if NOT, why not?

-Catholic Quote. Vol.73, No. 7



Faith Requires Stamina

Many athletes can tell you how important stamina is to their success. In the closing minutes of a game, it can often come down to who still has the energy to do their best. Often our faith requires stamina as well. Beaten down by tragedies and disappointments, is our faith strong enough to enable us to persist in loving God and loving neighbor, to pursue justice and peace, to continue to build the kingdom? May hope, which we celebrate this Jubilee Year, sustain our stamina to the end of our days.

-Anon.

Weekly Collections

OCTOBER 12, 2025



REGULAR COLLECTION\$8,109.00

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

We always appreciate your Generosity!

Are You A Catholic In “Good Standing?”

There may come a time when you are asked to be the godparent for a child who will be baptized in the Catholic faith, or you may be asked to serve as a sponsor for a confirmation candidate. In both of these instances, the church where the sacrament will be received usually will request a letter from your parish stating that you are a registered parishioner in good standing. What this means is that you are a practicing Catholic at least 16 years old who has already received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion; you regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments; and you live a life of faith which is fitting for the role of godparent or sponsor. In short, you must be someone who takes their Catholic faith seriously enough that you may serve as a mentor for the person who is going to be baptized or receive confirmation. It does not suffice that you are simply a family member or close friend of the parents whose child will be baptized or the person who is going to receive confirmation.

Now let's say you do fulfill all the criteria needed and now only have to provide a letter of good standing issued from your parish. How do you go about getting this? Well obviously if you are on a first name basis with the pastor at your church who knows your level of commitment and that you are a practicing Catholic, this would not be an issue. But what if you've never gotten to know the pastor of your church personally? How would he be able to decide if you were someone who would be a suitable godparent or sponsor? Well one way to definitely ensure that you are regularly attending Mass would be to use the weekly donation envelopes mailed to every parishioner who has registered with the church, even if it only has \$1 in it. This way, when the Office checks your contribution history, they can tell the pastor that according to their records, you do attend Mass on a regular basis. Another way to show that you are a practicing Catholic would be if you know someone from the church personally whom the pastor trusts and could vouch for you to him. Finally, the last way would be to speak with the pastor directly. Hopefully he will remember seeing you each week when you shake his hand and greet him after every Sunday Mass. So make sure if nothing, you at least do this and are not a completely unknown entity who has suddenly appeared out of nowhere requesting a letter from the parish.

NOTE:

If you would like to become a registered parishioner of St. Mary's by the Sea Parish, please complete a registration card (found at the back of the Church and in the Office) and return it to us in the Collection Basket, the Office or by mail. You can also register online at: www.stmarysbythesea.net/pdf/registrationform.html.

This Week at St. Mary's By the Sea

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Susan Barrows (RIP)
***2nd** Collection for World Missions Sunday

Sunday, October 19

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7:30am Mass for Paul & Jane Pham (L)
9:00am Mass for the soul of Ninfa Martinez (RIP)
10:30am Mass for Colin Ngo (L)
12:00pm Mass for Our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, October 20

8:00am Mass for the soul Rick Derringer (RIP)
3:30pm 1st Holy Communion Class Year 1
5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2
7:00pm OCIA Class

Tuesday, October 21

8:00am Mass for the soul of Paul Sang Tran (RIP)
3:30am 1st Holy Communion Class Year 2

Wednesday, October 22

8:00am Mass for Francis Smith (L)
9:45am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Thursday, October 23

8:00am Mass for Danny Santucci (L)
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 Stewardship Committee meeting in Hall

Friday, October 24

8:00am Mass for Kevin Reynolds (L)
9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, October 25

8:00am Mass for the soul of Eric Mendoza (RIP)
3:00pm Confessions (til 4:00pm)
5:00pm Mass for the soul of Ray Kendrick (RIP)

Sunday, October 26

7:30am Mass for the souls of Maria Lieu & Peter Truong Tran (RIP)
9:00am Mass for our Priests & the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased
10:30am Mass for Tracy Andonian (L)
12:00pm Mass for the soul of David Tran (RIP)
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH



The children in First Communion Year II are learning about the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What a blessing it is to be centered on Christ's gift of Himself in the Eucharist—the greatest sign of His love. When God gives, He holds nothing back, offering us His very self so that we may share in His life and love.

A Prayer of Thanks

Jesus, my Savior, gift divine,
Your love pours out like sweetest wine.
Bread of Heaven, broken, true,
My heart gives endless thanks to You.
You gave it all—no love more deep,
A promise faithful You always keep.
With grateful soul, my song I raise,
To thank You, Lord, through all my days.



October, Month Dedicated to Praying the Rosary

We came together last Monday to reflect on the beautiful message of

Our Lady of Fatima—a message first entrusted to the shepherd children, and now spoken to each of us. We are reminded of our call to be heroes of the faith, to help “rescue” and “save souls” through prayer and sacrifice.

As we prayed the Rosary and meditated on the mysteries of Christ's life, many discovered how deeply meaningful these sacred events become when we listen with a contemplative heart.

After more than an hour of prayer and reflection, the spiritual experience was beautifully captured in these words shared by participants:

Blessed Night – Community – Togetherness –
Love – Grace – Hope – Praying the Rosary –
Trust Our Lady more –
Peace/Calmness –



Meditative – Reflective.
Indeed, Our Lady leads us ever closer to her Son, and in prayer, we find strength, unity, and peace.

Stewardship Corner



HELLO STEWARDS!

Happy Sunday! We've missed you! It was great seeing so many of you at the **I AM EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE** at the Cathedral this weekend. We are looking forward to seeing you again at our **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** this **Thursday, October 23** at **6pm**. We hope you can attend this important planning meeting where we will be discussing our upcoming events: **STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND (Nov. 9-10)**, **ST. NICK BREAKFAST (Dec. 7)**, and the **CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND DINNER (Dec. 14)**. We are so grateful for you and your support at all of our events at SMBS.

➤ Don't forget to check out our **Facebook page** (www.rv.by/d0jbv7) to view pics from SMBS events as they are posted.

➤ Once again, we invite you to spend time with Jesus in **ADORATION** every **Thursday** at **12pm** and on **First Fridays** at **1pm**. We hope you will stop by and visit **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 your prayers. Always remember that 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).



Let Us Pray for the Sick



Tracy Andonian	Cindy Friendt	Don Quinn
Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Ivan Gulmesoff	Debbie Ransom
Mike Banner	Paul Hayes	Tim Ransom
Frank Barrera	Jim & Paula Keating	Carmela Rugel
Ted Beresford	James Kosai	Susan Rocio
Rowyn Bolinger	Nam Le	Colleen Rowe
Connie Bowles	Arturo Loya	Yvonne Ruiz
Pamela Brown	Susan Mastroianni	Daniela Smith
Rosie Clouse	Dan McKelvie	Carol Summerfield
Vicky Derieg	Patricia McKenzie	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Bryan Donnelly	Tracy Murray	Roberta Velasquez
Ann Erwin	Erin Nakamoto	Andrea Wall
Rachel Ferrarie	Thomas Nester	John Waldron
Molly Flaherty	Rosalie Ocanas	Baby Brooks Webb
Nancy Friedman	Derrick Peront	Nancy Yaslik

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