

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

Brothers and sisters, today we begin a new liturgical year—a new Advent, a new season of longing, hope, and holy expectation. The Scriptures today speak with one voice, urging us to *wake up*, to refocus our lives, and to walk toward the coming Light.

In the first reading, Isaiah gives us a beautiful vision: nations streaming toward God's mountain, weapons turned into tools, peace replacing conflict. But he ends with a challenge: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord." In other words, God's peace won't simply happen to us—we must choose to walk toward it.

St. Paul picks up that urgency: "It is the hour now for you to wake from sleep." Not physical sleep, but the spiritual sleep that comes from distraction, routine, or sin. Paul tells us to put off darkness and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Advent is the time to start fresh.

Then Jesus in the Gospel intensifies the message: "As it was in the days of Noah... so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man." People were eating, drinking, marrying—normal life—but they weren't paying attention to God. And when the flood came, they were not prepared. Jesus isn't trying to scare us. He's trying to wake us up—to remind us that life can lull us into spiritual drowsiness. We can become so busy and distracted that we stop noticing God's presence, God's invitations, God's call to conversion.

So Jesus gives us one command: "Stay awake." Not nervous, fearful vigilance—but the kind of wakefulness that comes from love, from anticipation, from hope.

So this Advent, let's do three simple things:

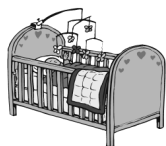
- * Make a little more room for silence and prayer.
- * Let go of what leads us away from God.
- * Live each day as if Christ could come today—because He does come, again and again, to those who are ready.

May we walk in the light, awake and joyful, as we prepare for the coming of our Savior

Question of the Week

How can I prepare my heart this Advent to be light, awake and joyful for the Savior?

-GIA Publications (Adapted.)



Christmas Crib

Beginning next weekend and continuing through the month of December, we will be accepting baby gifts for our local crisis pregnancy center. Please consider a Christmas gift for these precious babies. Items will be used in various programs to help young mothers who have chosen life for their babies. A crib will be in Fr. Johnson Hall during the month of December for this collection. If you prefer, a monetary donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Crib" would also be helpful.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we pray
thee and come; that, defended by Thee, we
may deserve rescue from approaching dangers brought on by
our sins, and being set free by Thee, obtain our salvation.
Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity
of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.*



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8, 2025

**MASS TIMES: 8:00 am, 12:10 pm,
& 5:30 pm**

**Solemnity & Holy Day of
Obligation**

Christmas Concert in the Church & Parish Dinner

December 14th at 5:00 pm

Join us for a **Christmas Concert in the Church** as we celebrate that God is with us.

➤ Afterwards, everyone is invited to the **Parish Christmas Dinner** in Fr. Johnson Hall. We would like to get a head-count for the dinner, so if you plan to attend, would you please contact the **Office** at **(714) 536-6913** with your **name** and **number of people who will be attending**. Thank you for your help with this.



Let Us Pray for the Sick



Natalia Amezueta	Nancy Friedman	Don Quinn
Tracy Andonian	Cindy Friendt	Debbie Ransom
Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Ivan Gulmesoff	Tim Ransom
Mike Banner	Paul Hayes	Carmela Rugel
Frank Barrera	Jim & Paula Keating	Susan Rocio
Ted Beresford	James Kosai	Colleen Rowe
Rowyn Bolinger	Nam Le	Yvonne Ruiz
Connie Bowles	Arturo Loya	Daniela Smith
Pamela Brown	Susan Mastroianni	Carol Summerfield
Rosie Clouse	Dan McKelvie	Ernesto Aragón-
Vicky Derieg	Patricia McKenzie	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
	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

Advent

12-Hour First Friday Adoration

A period of preparation for Christ's birth, Advent, as a time of extra prayer, can be a source of great grace. To prepare yourself during this liturgical season, come attend our **12-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** this **First Friday, December 5** between **9am & 9pm**.

The Advent Wreath

Since Advent begins today (Sunday), hopefully you prepared by making sure you have an Advent Wreath and the four candles that go with it (3 violet and 1 rose).

The Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. As His Advent, or "coming," draws nearer, another candle is lit (each Sunday), with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more.

The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The **3rd Sunday of Advent** (the rose candle) symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The Advent Wreath tradition involves an Advent wreath blessing to be said in the beginning. There are also special Advent prayers to be said by the family around the wreath as a candle is lit each week.

Having and blessing the Advent wreath in your home is a wonderful way to start off the Advent season with a sense of meaning and purpose in anticipation of the many graces given during this liturgical season and a great way to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas.

-Anon.



Local Advent Penance Services

(All at 7:00 pm)

Monday, Dec. 1St. Vincent de Paul
 Tuesday, Dec. 9.....St. Bonaventure
 Wednesday, Dec. 10Holy Spirit
 Monday, Dec. 15.....*St. Mary's by the Sea
 Tuesday, Dec. 16.....Sts. Simon & Jude
 Wednesday, Dec. 17St. Joachim
 Monday, Dec. 22.....St. John the Baptist
 Holy FamilyIndividual Confessions
 St. Anne.....Individual Confession

This Week at St. Mary's By the Sea

5:00pm Mass for All Souls (RIP)

1st Sunday of Advent, November 30

7:30am Mass for Joanne Peters and Family (L)

9:00am Mass for the soul of Lamberto Moretta (RIP)

10:30am Mass for Gabriel Pham (L)

12:00pm Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased

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

Monday, December 1

8:00am Mass for the soul of Vincent Giuse (RIP)

3:30pm 1st Holy Communion Class Year 1

5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2

7:00pm OCIA Class

Tuesday, December 2

8:00am Mass for Laszlo & Kylie Vecsei (L)

3:30pm 1st Holy Communion Class Year 2

7:00pm Young Adult Ministry (til 8:15pm)

Wednesday, December 3

8:00am Mass for Shiloh Orr (L)

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

Thursday, December 4

8:00am Mass for Rita Gallaher (L)

9:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed until 3:00pm and Benediction

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

First Friday, December 5

8:00am Mass for the Filippine & Lage Families—Living & Deceased

9:00am 12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed until 9:00pm and Benediction

9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, December 6

8:00am Mass for the soul of Olimpio DeMello (RIP)

3:00pm Confessions (til 4:00pm)

5:00pm Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 7

*Breakfast with St. Nicholas (after all the morning Masses)

7:30am Mass for the souls of Maria Lieu & Peter Truong Tran (RIP)

9:00am Mass for the soul of Ines O. Wong (RIP)

10:30am Mass for the soul of Gloria Rivaldo (RIP)

12:00pm Mass for James Hoang (L)

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

ADVENT

Advent is a season devoted to preparation, anticipation, and reflection, focusing on the two comings of Christ—His first coming as a child at Christmas and His future coming in glory. Consider one or two concrete practices that can help you walk more intentionally with Christ:

▪*Daily Scripture reading*—especially passages that highlight the promises and prophecies of Christ's coming or the daily Mass readings.

▪*Setting aside moments for quiet prayer or reflection* to cultivate stillness from within.

▪*Acts of kindness or generosity* that embody Christ's love to others.

▪*Participating in retreats and/or communal worship* or an Advent devotional to deepen connection with God and His people.

Which one (s) can you commit to starting today and carrying through Advent? Remember: in every journey—physical or spiritual—invite the Spirit of God to accompany you, guiding and strengthening you in all your ways and endeavors. The presence of God outweighs every force that comes against us. The Creator of the universe, the One who knows your name and calls you His own, stands on your side with unwavering love and perfect wisdom. (Cf. Romans 8:31)

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING –TUESDAY DEC 2@6:30pm-8pm



Advent & Christmas

Join us for an interactive and faith-filled evening right here at our parish—and bring a friend!

RSVP requested five days prior to Sister directly or via our parish office phone or email.

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship
Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you to all those who attended last week's **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** for our **"FRIENDSGIVING" POTLUCK MEAL**. It was a great turn-out and we loved sharing good food with good friends while discussing upcoming December events.

➤ So, believe it or not, **ADVENT SEASON** has just begun! We know this is a busy time for everyone, and we appreciate you taking time from your hectic schedules to attend and help with our **December events**.

➤ Today, **Jacky** will be showing the **CHRISTMAS CRIB** and handing out information about donating to it; **If you can help**, please see Jacky after the Mass you attend.

➤ **Next weekend**, we will need help with the **ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST**. On **Saturday, December 6** at **10am**, we will need help **DECORATING THE HALL**. On **Sunday, Dec. 7**, we will need help **SERVING FOOD** (after the morning Masses) & with **CLEAN-UP** after. If you can help with this, then please show up in the **Hall**.

➤ Then, in two weeks, we are having our **CHRISTMAS CONCERT/DINNER CELEBRATION** on **December 14th**. Help is needed for **SERVERS** and for **CLEAN-UP** after.

➤ 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.



ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

SATURDAY DEC 13@9am-4pm RSVP to our Parish by Dec 5.

When we accompany Mary, we also journey with her beloved Son, Jesus. This quiet and contemplative season when the Lord Himself rests gently in His mother's womb and becomes completely reliant on her. By remaining close to our Blessed Mother, we can easier center our hearts also on Jesus, who dwells within her. A day of peace, silence, and inspiration awaits on the hillside at Mt. Holy Cross.