

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

In this Sunday's readings, Mark opens his Gospel by quoting Isaiah and Malachi to show that Jesus is not only the long-awaited Messiah but truly the Son of God. John the Baptist is revealed as the messenger sent to prepare His way.

During this Advent season, we too are called to prepare a path for the Lord in our hearts. What obstacles need clearing? For some, it may be the self-reliance that keeps us from trusting God. For others, it may be discouragement, guilt, or doubt that blocks His grace. God desires a clear way into our lives so He can bring His comfort, forgiveness, and strength.

Through our baptism, we have received the life-giving Holy Spirit who empowers us to overcome whatever diminishes our joy. As Christmas approaches, may we ask the Lord to remove the barriers within us and to prepare our hearts to receive Him anew.

Here is something you are invited to reflect and pray about.

Reflection and Challenge

What is the greatest obstacle keeping Christ from entering my heart more fully?

Am I inviting Christ to show me how I begin removing it this Advent?

Do I feel called to help others in this process as well?

-GIA Publications (Adapted.)

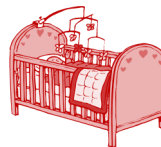


The Immaculate Conception *of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Solemnity & Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8, 2025

MASS TIMES

8:00 am, 12:10 pm, & 5:30 pm



Christmas Crib

Beginning this weekend and continuing through the month of December, we are 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.

Christmas Concert & Parish Dinner **December 14th at 5:00 pm**

Join us for a Christmas Concert in the Church next Sunday as we celebrate a journey of hope followed by our Annual Christmas Dinner in Fr. Johnson Hall.

We would like to get a head-count for the dinner if you would RSVP to our Parish Office at (714) 536-6913 with your name and number of people who will be attending. Thank you for your help with this.



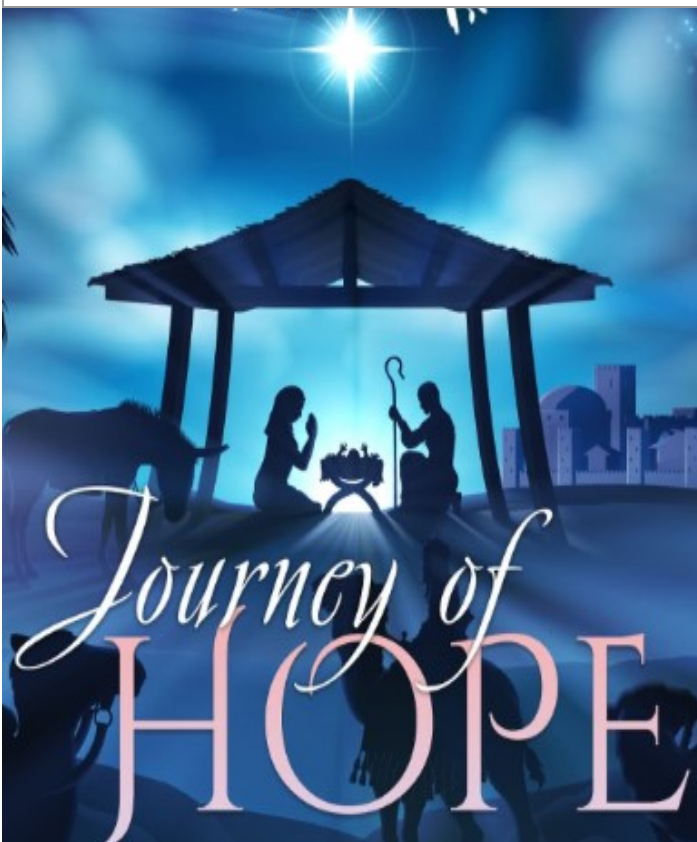
Let Us Pray for the Sick



Natalia Amezueta	Molly Flaherty	Derrick Peront
Tracy Andonian	Nancy Friedman	Don Quinn
Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Cindy Friendt	Debbie Ransom
Stan Asato	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 Dierig	Patricia McKenzie	Trevino
Bryan Donnelly	Tracy Murray	Roberta Velasquez
Ann Erwin	Erin Nakamoto	Andrea Wall
Rachel Ferrarie	Thomas Nester	John Waldron
	Rosalie Ocanas	Baby Brooks Webb

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



Retirement Fund for Religious

There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend, **December 13-14**, for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Each year, the need to provide for them becomes more pressing. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes - often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for *thousands* of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

Please give generously to those who have spent a lifetime giving to others.

PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, December 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm
(Five priests will be available for individual Confessions.)

✠ EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE ✠

What are you hiding behind in your life? Perhaps it is an inordinate pride that keeps you hiding from God or an unwillingness to depend on God in all things. Perhaps it is a failure to pray as you should, to think before you speak or to leave unsaid those words that hurt more than physical blows. To aid your reflection in this regard, you should think of yourself not necessarily as a biblical scarlet sinner, but as a daily, dusty pink one who is afraid, for whatever reason, to reach out and love the people you should have, but didn't. There's a whole litany of these dust particles: the words of love you didn't say; the comfort suppressed; the friendship left to wither; relationships unattended; children neglected as you pursued the better life... for them, of course; the little white lies, the face-saving untruths; the suppression of revealing your hunger for God

If any of these pertain to you, perhaps you should attend the Penance Service on December 15th. Prepare for the birth of Jesus and start anew.

Local Advent Penance Services

(All at 7:00 pm)

Tuesday, Dec. 9St. 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. AnneIndividual Confessions

This Week at St. Mary's By the Sea

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.

Monday, December 8

*Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00am Mass for Bethany Orr (L)

12:10pm Mass for the soul of Dean Jaramillo (RIP)

5:30pm Mass for the soul of Jerry Vaughn (RIP)

3:30pm 1st Holy Communion Class Year 1

5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2

7:00pm OCIA Class

Tuesday, December 9

8:00am Mass for the soul of Richard Frank King (RIP)

3:30am 1st Holy Communion Class Year 2

Wednesday, December 10

8:00am Mass for John Lieblang (L)

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

Thursday, December 11

8:00am Mass for Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

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

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

7:00pm Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall

Friday, December 12

8:00am Mass for Connie Carcel (L)

9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, December 13

8:00am Mass for Lucy Agnes Schlaerth (L)

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

5:00pm Mass for Danny & Diana Ponce (L)

*Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 14

*Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection

*5:00pm: Annual Concert & Parish Dinner

7:30am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased

9:00am Mass for the soul of Ramon C. Wong (RIP)

10:30am Mass for the soul of Ember Rain Galloway (RIP)

12:00pm Mass for Joseph Bishoff (L)

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



ADVENT WEEK 2

Let's test our knowledge of the Advent Week 2

1. What theme is traditionally associated with the second week of Advent?

- a) Hope b) Peace c) Joy d) Love

2. Which biblical figure's message is often emphasized during this week?

- a) Moses b) David c) John the Baptist d) Peter

3. When lighting the second Advent candle, what are Christians reminded to do?

- a) Focus only on holiday traditions
b) Prepare their hearts and lives for Christ

4. According to the devotional, what is true Advent peace?

- a) The deep assurance of God's nearness
b) Achieving all personal goals

5. What happens when Christ's peace fills our hearts?

- a) We no longer need prayer
b) We become indifferent to others
c) It flows outward to those around us
d) Life becomes free of all difficulties

During the second week of Advent, we light the Candle of Peace, remembering that Christ comes not only to save but to bring lasting peace into our world and into our hearts. This peace is not simply the absence of conflict—it is the deep, steady assurance that God is near, guiding us even through uncertainty. When Christ's peace settles within us, it naturally flows outward—into our families, our communities, and the world.

Answer key: bcbac



STORY OF A PAPER STAR

One evening in a crowded train station, a worker named David noticed a young mother struggling with her crying toddler. People rushed past, too busy to stop.

Though he was behind on his duties, David felt a quiet nudge in his heart. He approached the child and handed him a small paper star he had folded earlier. The boy stopped crying, and the mother, exhausted and grieving the recent loss of her husband, whispered, "Thank you... we needed this."

For a moment, the noisy station felt still. David realized that peace doesn't always come through perfect circumstances—it often comes through simple kindness, a gentle presence, a small act of love—and he gets to channel that peace from quiet prayer to practice. Are you open to experiencing God in your life's moments, no matter how small or significant they may seem?

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! On this Second Sunday of Advent, we wish you a heart full of joy and a life blessed with peace. **Thank you** to all who helped Jacky last weekend promoting the **CHRISTMAS CRIB** and handing out information about donating to it.

➤ **This weekend**, we need help after the morning Masses with the **ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST**. Thank you to those who came on Saturday to help **DECORATE THE HALL**. **Today**, we 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** and talk to Jacky.

➤ **Then, next weekend**, we are having our **CHRISTMAS CONCERT/DINNER CELEBRATION** on **December 14th**. Help is needed for **SERVERS** and for **CLEAN-UP** after. Can Servers please be in the hall at 5:40 pm.

➤ 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).



Christmas Food Sign-Ups

We are now taking sign-ups for the Christmas food bags for the needy. If you would like to put your name in, please **contact the Office** at (714) 536-6913 with your **name and phone number**. The bags will be given out **December 18th** from **4:00-5:30 pm**.