

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### 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

### CONFESIONS

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

Today's Gospel begins with John the Baptist's bold proclamation: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). But John goes on to confess—twice—that at first he did not know him. Even though the whole reason he called on people to repent and be baptized was to prepare for the Lord's arrival, he himself did not recognize Jesus until he saw the Holy Spirit come down upon him like a dove. We all likely visualize Jesus somewhat differently. We may picture him the way renaissance artists portrayed him, or from an image used on a holy card, or an image we've seen developed by forensic anthropologists or even one recently created by AI. But no matter which image we're picturing, we too would probably not recognize him in a crowd. We know him from what he does. As John testified, he "takes away the sin of the world."

Many expected that the Messiah would take away sin by defeating it or driving it out, much as a general would lead an army to do. But defeating or driving out an enemy does not finish that enemy off forever. Sin would always return to wreak destruction and death. To truly overcome sin, Jesus had to suffer from the sins of others, like Isaiah's suffering servant, as the Lamb of God, the innocent who is sacrificed, to overcome sin and death and open the door to salvation.

Once John witnessed the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus, he gave witness, pointing him out and testifying that he is the one God sent to take away the sin of the world. We witness Jesus, but in other ways. Here, in the Eucharist, in each other gathered in his name, and in the priest celebrating Mass. We may also witness him in the person in need, the least of our sisters and brothers, and in an act of forgiveness. We, like John, are called to give witness, in words and in deeds, to his presence in our lives.

### Question of the Week

How will I be a witness to my faith, to Jesus, this week?

-GIA Publications

### Weekly Collections



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CHURCH IN AFR., LATIN AMER.& E. EUROPE ... \$2,415.00  
REGULAR COLLECTION ..... \$12,064.26

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!*

### Update on Bishop Vann's Surgery

Thanks to your prayers, Bishop Vann's surgery this past Monday was successful. He is resting comfortably, however not able to receive visitors. Please keep Bishop Vann and his caretakers in your prayers.

### Mass for the Protection of Unborn Children Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at Christ Cathedral.

Commemorating the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Bishop Kevin Vann invites our Catholic community as well as all people of goodwill to join together in prayer for an end to abortion. This is time for the Church to unite in prayer for the dignity of all human life.

Come pray for an end to abortion with: –Members of the clergy – Members of religious communities – Representatives from all parishes and centers in Orange County's Christ Cathedral – Leadership and representatives of pregnancy centers, clinics and shelters.

There will be a reception after the Mass.

**CHRIST CATHEDRAL (ARBORETUM)**  
**13280 CHAPMAN AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE**

### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

There will be a **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** to kick off National Marriage Week on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 11:00 am in the **Arboretum of Christ Cathedral**. This Mass is to celebrate the joy of Christian marriage for all, but especially those couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2026 as the Diocese of Orange also celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

There will be an informal reception after the Mass and photos with Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen. Please **RSVP by February 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.rb.gy/uhfidm](http://www.rb.gy/uhfidm).**



### Let Us Pray for the Sick



Natalia Amezqueta	Cindy Friendt	Debbie Ransom
Tracy Andonian	Rudy Friendt	Tim Ransom
TonyAragón-Sotelo	Paul Hayes	Carmela Rugel
Mike Banner	Jim & Paula Keating	Susan Rocio
Ted Beresford	James Kosai	Colleen Rowe
Rowyn Bolinger	Nam Le	Yvonne Ruiz
Connie Bowles	Arturo Loya	Breanna Sims
Pamela Brown	Susan Mastroianni	Carol Summerfield
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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	Don Quinn	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

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION**

### **FOR CATHOLICS:**

➤ As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

### **FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS:**

➤ We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "*that they may all be one*" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

### **FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:**

➤ All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

### **FOR NON-CHRISTIANS:**

➤ We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

## **This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea**

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

### Sunday, January 18

7:30am Mass for Elijah Orr (L)

9:00am Mass for the soul of Andrew Pompura (RIP)

10:30am Mass for William Hernandez (L)

12:00pm Mass for Rebecca Richter and Family (L)

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

### Monday, January 19

\*Office closed for Martin Luther King Day

8:00am Mass for Maria R. Valenzuela (L)

### Tuesday, January 20

8:00am Mass for Mike Banner (L)

### Wednesday, January 21

8:00am Mass for Vinny and Amber Fernandez & Family (L)

9:30am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

### Thursday, January 22

8:00am Mass for the soul of Kathy Kwok (RIP)

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

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

6:00pm Stewardship Committee meeting in Hall

### Friday, January 23

8:00am Mass for the soul of Jeannette Grohowski (RIP)

9:00am Cenacles of Life

### Saturday, January 24

8:00am Mass for the De Sa Family—Living & Deceased

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

5:00pm Mass for Timothy Schaeper and Kaytee Matlack (L)

### Sunday, January 25

7:30am Mass for the soul of John Silver, Sr. (RIP)

9:00am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased

10:30am Mass for the soul of Charlie Kirk (RIP)

12:00pm Mass for Dean and Mary Lohuis (L)

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



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady and Relics of the Visionaries, St. Jacinta and St. Francisco, the two young Saints, were at our parish just this past Wednesday.

This Pilgrim Statue is a visible sign of Mary's maternal presence, bringing her message of prayer, conversion, and peace to communities around the world. It recalls her appearances in 1917 to the three shepherd children—Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and Sister Lúcia—in Fatima, Portugal.

The relics of the visionaries were also present, reminding us that God works through humble and faithful lives. Through their witness, we are invited to embrace prayer—especially the Rosary—offer sacrifices for sinners, and trust in the triumph of God's mercy and through our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, where we unite our hearts with hers for the conversion of all to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## SEASON FOR GROWTH

Ordinary Time is a season for growth. Free from the intensity of major feasts, it invites us into the steady, faithful work of discipleship. In this quiet rhythm, our journey of faith deepens—not through dramatic moments, but through daily choices to listen, trust, and follow Christ. This season reminds us that holiness is formed little by little, as God patiently shapes our hearts in the everyday moments of life. In today's Gospel, we are invited and encouraged to live out our call as John the Baptist did—with humility, courage, and fidelity to God's will.

Take time to meditate on how you are responding to God in the unique circumstances of your life right now, and allow that reflection to open you more deeply to God's presence, inviting you to grow and flourish in faith.

## ❖ SILENT RETREAT ❖

Our upcoming quiet Day of Prayer on the hillside of North Tustin will be on Sat. February 7@9am-5pm.

Please call, email, or visit our parish office this week with your name and phone number and we will contact you promptly with more details on the

## Deeper Friendship with God Retreat

Registration fee is \$50, lunch included.



## Stewardship Corner



### DEAR STEWARDS . . .

*Happy Sunday!* This Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, is our first **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** of 2026. At this meeting, we will share a tentative schedule for **2026 parish events**. We will also have info about and sign-ups for the **MINISTRY FAIR/MARDIS GRAS BREAKFAST** on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact **Jacky** if you would like to help with this fun event, but are unable to attend the meeting. *We hope to see you all on Thursday evening!*

► Don't forget to check out our Facebook page ([www.rv.by/d0jbv7](http://www.rv.by/d0jbv7)) to view pics from all of our 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).

## Retreat at St. Michael's Abbey

There will be a **one-day retreat** on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> from **9am-3pm** at **St. Michael's Abbey** in Silverado with Fr. John Henry Hanson, O. Praem based upon his forthcoming book, "The Fire and the Silence: Prayer, Thought, and the Battle for Inner Stillness."

Topics include dealing with distractions in prayer, navigating interior chaos and unwanted thoughts, understanding why our minds don't work, and strategies for renewing the mind in Christ.

The cost is \$50 and you can register online at: [stmichaelsabbey.com/retreats](http://stmichaelsabbey.com/retreats).



## 2025 Tax Donation Letters

If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2025 tax return, please contact the **Parish Office** at **(714) 536-6913** with your **name** and **Parish ID #**, if known, to request one.

