

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## PARISH MINISTRIES

ADORATION MINISTRY - THE LIEBLANG FAMILY

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE - SUSAN SIZLO

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PAUL BRESTYANSZKY

LECTORS - MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY - JOANNE PETERS

OUR LADY'S COMFORTERS - ANNE LIEBLANG

PRO-LIFE - JACKY ROZA

FAITH FORMATION - SR. CATHERINE NGUYEN

RETREATS - DIANE MILLER

SAFETY MINISTRY - TOM & SUSAN SIZLO

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - MARY GILL/DEBBIE RANSOM/GERI DIXON

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

It is difficult to imagine a more countercultural way for Jesus to begin the first of his five sermons that make up Matthew's Gospel. At that time and as far back as Adam and Eve, poverty and misery were regarded as punishment for sin. These were signs that you certainly did not have God's blessing. To some extent this is still true, though our culture often puts the blame on the people themselves. In any case, no one who is poor in any way is usually considered blessed. But this is what Jesus leads with. Not only that, so are those in mourning, those too meek to get their way, victims of injustice, and so on. If God truly is blessing them, why are they still so misfortunate?

Perhaps the answer is that the world does not see how God sees. The world sees the outward signs of a difficult life; God sees someone in need of grace and mercy. The wise person puts their trust in God, not trusting the fickle finger of fate, which could upend anyone's life at any time, but leaning on God to help them overcome their obstacles. In the end, God has come to save us, in the person of Jesus Christ. Thus, Jesus can tell his disciples that the kingdom of heaven awaits the poor and persecuted of the world.

But it is in this world that Jesus is teaching his disciples how to live. He has just called them to leave everything behind and follow him. To the folks they left behind, it seemed a foolish thing to abandon their families, homes, and livelihoods to wander off without any concrete plans. But they have chosen to rely on God's grace instead of worldly possessions. As Paul later writes, he has made the same choice, enabling him to "boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31).

### Question of the Week

How will I allow myself to be meek, merciful, and poor in spirit, choosing to rely more often on God's grace?

-GIA Publications



### Weekly Collections

**JANUARY 18, 2026**

**REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$6,009.35**

**JANUARY 25, 2026**

**REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$5,734.00**

**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!*



### 2026 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA) "Share Christ's Love with Others"

One of the most exceptional parts of belonging to St. Mary's by the Sea is knowing that we are part of something much greater than any one person. Our Church connects us all - as neighbors, as a community, as children of God and followers of Christ. From faith formation to outreach in the community, to social and community activities, our parish is alive in the spirit.

**This week**, all registered parishioners will be receiving information by mail on the **2026 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)**. The PSA helps to support the ministries of our Diocesan Church in all of our parishes and centers, and helps to strengthen the bonds of communion and family in our local parish, as well. It also gives us the opportunity to raise funds for the parish by earning rebates over our own individual diocesan goal.

It is important you listen to your heart and prayerfully discern how God wants you to use the gifts He has entrusted to your care. You may make your pledge by using the special envelope you receive and **returning it** either in the **Collection Basket** or to the **Office**. We will also have extra pledge envelopes in the pew racks. Your pledge may be paid all at one time, quarterly or spread out over a ten month period. Any gift you can give will be appreciated. Every pledge is important and no monthly pledge is too small. Jesus is always calling out to us in love. How will you faithfully respond for our Church's future?

**\*2026 PSA Kick-Off Weekend - Feb. 7-8**

### Give Yourself to God 12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Though Valentine's Day is commonly associated with human love, the patron saint of this day St. Valentine would encourage you to cultivate a love for God. Form this relationship by visiting Him in the Blessed Sacrament this **First Friday, February 6**, during **12-HOUR ADORATION** from **9am to 9pm**.

### Blessing of the Throats



**St. Blaise**

On **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the end of the 8 am Mass, Father Quang will do the Blessing of the Throats in honor of the Feast Day of St. Blaise.

### Special Intentions of Pope Leo XIV For February 2026

*For children with incurable diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

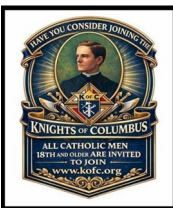


### **Legion of Mary Auxiliary Members**

Our **LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAESIDIUM** invites all **Auxiliary Members** to join us at the **8:00am Mass** on **Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**. After Mass, we will meet in Father Johnson Hall for light refreshments. Tessera prayer cards and official Auxiliary Membership cards will be available. All parishioners interested in joining are welcome. **Please RSVP to [stay4everyoung@gmail.com](mailto:stay4everyoung@gmail.com).**

### **The Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's by the Sea thank our generous parishioners for their support. Here is how we helped our parish and community during 2025.



- Provided flowers for the church for Christmas and Easter
- Sponsored our Pastor for the Knights Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner
- Donated \$500 to the parish general fund
- Donated \$200 toward the parish Christmas Party
- Donated \$200 for the parish picnic
- Donated \$1,100 for pro-life centers from our Easter lily sales
- Raised over \$5,000 for scholarships for children with special needs.
- Sponsored three \$500 religious scholarships from our poinsettia sales
- Raised almost \$15,000 to provide 98 wheelchairs for veterans in southern California

***We are the ones who get things done!***

### **National Needs 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

The annual **NATIONAL NEEDS 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** will be held **next weekend, February 7-8**. This collection combines four national collections into one:

- **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**
- **Catholic Communication Campaign**
- **Catholic University of America**
- **Catholic Home Missions**

### **40 Days for Life**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

The **Spring Campaign** of the vigil begins **Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday**, and ends **March 29** in front of Planned Parenthood Costa Mesa. If you can offer an hour a week or more to pray and witness to life, please go to [40daysforlife.com/costamesa](http://40daysforlife.com/costamesa) to sign up. The website gives you all the info you need. Thank you for praying to end abortion!

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

5:00pm Mass for Faith Formation Catechists, Students, & Parents (L)

#### **Sunday, February 1**

7:30am Mass for the Mike Banner Family—Living & Deceased

9:00am Mass for the Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

10:30am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased

12:00pm Mass for Mary Lieblang (L)

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

#### **Monday, February 2**

8:00am Mass for the soul of Al Griego (RIP)

3:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class Year 1

5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2

7:00pm OCIA Class

#### **Tuesday, February 3**

**\*Blessing of the Throats after Mass**

8:00am Mass for Shiloh Orr (L)

3:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class Year 2

#### **Wednesday, February 4**

8:00am Mass for Linda Dorr (L)

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

#### **Thursday, February 5**

8:00am Mass for Clare Nguyen (L)

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

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

#### **Friday, February 6**

8:00am Mass for Sr. Catherine Nguyen (L)

9:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed until 9pm with Benediction

9:00am Cenacles of Life

#### **Saturday, February 7**

8:00am Mass for Andy Nguyen (L)

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

5:00pm Mass for Sandy Troyer (L)

**\*PSA Kick-Off & \*National Needs 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

#### **Sunday, February 8**

**\*PSA Kick-Off & \*National Needs 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

7:30am Mass for Jane and Paul Pham (L)

9:00am Mass for the O'Brien Family (L)

10:30am Mass for the soul of Fatem Hatoum (RIP)

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

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

## HAPPY NEW MONTH!

As we enter the month of February—dedicated to the Holy Family—we are invited to reflect on love as God intends it to be: faithful, sacrificial, and life-giving. In this spirit, Valentine's Day reminds us that true love is more than sentiment; it is a commitment to seek the good of the other, modeled perfectly by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Do you know that St. Valentine was a martyr? He witnessed love grounded in courage and fidelity. His example calls us to live love not only in words, but through patience, forgiveness, service, and prayer. Sometimes we expect others to give us tangible gifts, but the spiritual gifts that elevate the hearts and still the mind are priceless.

May this month inspire our parish families, couples, and individuals to grow in Christ-centered love—love that reflects God's presence, one who is gentle and humble of heart.

## SILENT LIGHT

Every evening, an elderly woman lit a candle by her window. When asked why, she simply smiled and said, "So no one feels forgotten." She had little—no wealth, no grand words—but she listened patiently, forgave quickly, and welcomed everyone the same: the grateful and the difficult, the joyful and the broken.

One winter night, during a power outage, her small candle became the only light on the street. Neighbors gathered near her home, drawn not just by the flame, but by the warmth behind it. Only then did they understand: love that asks for nothing, that remains even in darkness, becomes light for many.

In the same spirit, the parents and students of our parish gathered this past Saturday to thank God for the blessings of our first semester and to envision the months ahead. Together, parents and students form a community where faith is lived daily and challenges are met with hope and perseverance—just as the woman's light never went out.

Like her candle, our shared love, guidance, and support become a beacon for one another, reminding us to give thanks in all circumstances and to help each other grow spiritually and persevere through life's trials.

## W LENT SILENT RETREAT W

Join us on the hillside of North Tustin on our next retreat. **Saturday, March 14@9am-4pm.** Please register by the last day of February.

Please call, email, or visit our parish office to register and we will contact you promptly with more details.



## Stewardship Corner



### DEAR STEWARDS . . .

**Happy Sunday!** We have several upcoming volunteer opportunities for you! **Today, Feb 1**, we will be stuffing envelopes. Please come to the **Conference Room at 3pm** if you would like to help. On **Saturday, February 14**, we will be setting up and decorating **Fr. Johnson Hall @ 10 am**. On **Sunday, February 15**, we will have a **MARDIS GRAS CELEBRATION** and **MINISTRY FAIR**. We need help serving and cleaning up **after all Sunday Masses**. Please contact **Jacky** or the **office** if you would like to help with this fun and festive event. We will also need help at the **FRIDAY FISH FRIES** on **Feb. 27, March 13, and March 27**. Please contact **Geri** if you would like to help at any or all of these Lenten meals. We hope to see you at these events!

➤ 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.



## 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.



## Let Us Pray for the Sick



Natalia Amezueta	Cindy Friendt	Debbie Ransom
Tracy Andonian	Rudy Friendt	Tim Ransom
Tony Aragón-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
Rosie Clouse	Dan McKelvie	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Vicky Derieg	Patricia McKenzie	Roberta Velasquez
Bryan Donnelly	Tracy Murray	Andrea Wall
Ann Erwin	Erin Nakamoto	John Waldron
Rachel Ferrarie	Thomas Nester	Baby Brooks Webb
Molly Flaherty	Rosalie Ocanas	Nancy Yaslik
Nancy Friedman	Don Quinn	

## 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