

# 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 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

Interestingly, when Jesus begins his mission and goes out to call disciples, he does not go to Jerusalem, to the temple, or to a synagogue at all. No, he goes down to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. As he told religious authorities later, he came to call sinners, not the righteous. Therefore, he chooses to go down to the sea to walk among sailors and fishers, not up to the synagogue to find those at prayer. When you wonder whether you are being called by the Lord and think yourself to be unworthy, know that you are unworthy. But this is exactly why Jesus is calling you.

By our baptism, we are each called to be disciples of the Lord. We are called to follow Jesus. What do we see when we follow him? We see him “teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people” (Matthew 4:23). When he later sends out his disciples in pairs, these are the things he calls upon them to do. We are Jesus’ hands and voices now, called to spread the gospel, to teach lessons by word and deed, to bring healing to the afflicted, and to care for those in need. Today we hear how he sets an example for the first disciples . . . and for his current disciples.

Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to unity in Christ. The problem Paul addresses is not one of diversity, for indeed Paul initiated diversity by preaching in cities and towns all over the Mediterranean, where he encountered many different cultures, languages, and traditions. No, the problem was divisiveness and rivalries. Corinthians were allying with the person who introduced them to Christ, rather than with Christ himself. The church, Paul realized, must be one, and be one in Christ.

### Question of the Week

The first disciples left their old lives behind to follow Jesus. What is Jesus calling me to leave behind?

-GIA Publications

### Why Go To Mass on Sunday?

There are many people today who will be quick to tell you that they are Catholic, but how many of them are actually attending Mass on Sunday? Some may wonder, “*Why should I go to Mass at all?*”

First of all, we go to Mass because we are spiritually hungry and to receive the help we need to live a Christian life. We hear God’s word and are nourished by the Lord’s body and blood in the Eucharist. We need God’s help to keep going in life and deal with any problems we may have. Active participation at the Eucharist is rewarded by God’s grace and help.

Secondly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment says to “Keep holy the Sabbath Day.” Since earliest times, Christians have observed Sunday as a day of worship and rest in order to honor the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The Church teaches that Catholics have a serious obligation to participate in Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation. Willfully disobeying this precept is seriously sinful, whereas reverent obedience can bring about wonderful blessings in our lives.

Thirdly, by participating in Sunday Eucharist, we become a part of the Christian community where we live or where we happen to be. We are called to enter into relationships with others on our Christian journey through this life to the Father. Active involvement in a broad range of parish activities, beginning with Mass, give great meaning to our lives and provides opportunities for deep, sustaining friendships.

Being in the habit of regular Mass attendance brings with it a spiritual discipline that helps an individual throughout the rest of the week. It is a strong sign of our Catholicity, an anchor to hold on to so that our spiritual values will not be overcome by the materialistic ones.

In the long run, active participation in Sunday Eucharist is the bare minimum for being a good Catholic. Much more is needed if we are to allow our faith to be an intimate part of our lives. However, a Catholic who doesn’t participate in Mass every Sunday is a Catholic whose spiritual hunger is not being fed.

-Adapted from “Why Be a Catholic” - Our Sunday Visitor.

## Marriage Enrichment Retreat

**FREE  
Child Care,  
ages 3-12  
Provided!**

**R&R**  
REFRESH RECONNECT  
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

**Register by 2/16/2026!**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church,  
La Habra  
Saturday, February 21st - 9:00am-4:30pm Mass**

### 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.

### Weekly Donations

The collection for January 18, 2026 will be posted in next week’s bulletin.

### **Satan's Meeting**

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, *"We can't keep Christians from going to Church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Savior. Once they gain that bond with Jesus, our power over them is broken. Instead, fill them with self-righteousness because they attend Church every week and donate regularly to good causes. Let them compare themselves to their neighbor, taking silent note how they are so much better. Steal their time constantly so they don't have time to develop a real connection to God."*

*"But how shall we do this?"* his demons shouted.

*"Invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds,"* he answered.

- a) Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow.
- b) Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford empty lifestyles.
- c) Keep them from spending time with their children.
- d) Entice them to use their cell phones ALWAYS, whether talking or texting, even when they drive. Ensure their TV, their stereo, video games and their computers are constantly on and being used in their homes, the work-place and every other place. Let their be no silence; jam their minds with useless noise and activity and it will serve to keep that union with Christ, the saints, and the poor souls broken.
- e) Pound their minds with what is called news 24 hours a day (although it's really nothing more than juicy gossip). Flood their mail (especially e-mail) with free products, services and false hopes that will take hours of time just to sort through.
- f) Keep skinny, beautiful models and actors in magazines and on TV so they will believe that outward beauty is what's important.
- g) Keep the spouses too tired to spend quality time with each other at night. Soon they will drift apart.
- h) Give them movies and songs that have raw language and depict bloody violence or scenes that degrade the wholesome attitude of life.
- i) Let them have conflicted consciences so they reject what they have learned in Church because it doesn't match what the majority of society says is right.
- j) Crowd their lives with so many good causes that they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their own health and family for the good of the cause.
- k) Keep them **busy, busy, busy!**

So the question is: *"Has the Devil been successful at his scheme?"* Only you can answer that.

-Catholic Quote.

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

5:00pm Mass for our 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.

#### **Monday, January 26**

8:00am Mass for Gladys Stack & Family (L)

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

5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2

7:00pm OCIA Class

#### **Tuesday, January 27**

8:00am Mass for Cristin Nagorski (L)

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

#### **Wednesday, January 28**

8:00am Mass for David Mai (L)

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

#### **Thursday, January 29**

8:00am Mass for the soul of Alex Pest (RIP)

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

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

#### **Friday, January 30**

8:00am Mass for Ella Moline (L)

9:00am Cenacles of Life

#### **Saturday, January 31**

8:00am Mass for the souls of Freddy and Betty Ponce (RIP)

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

3:30pm Faith Form. Parent/Student meeting & Mass at 5:00pm

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)

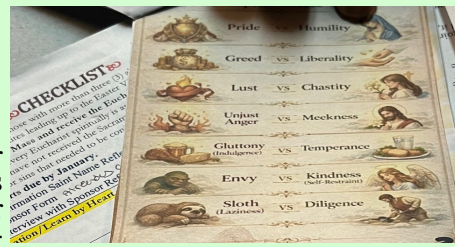
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## FAITHFUL STEWARD OF GOD'S GIFTS

A member of our OCIA class has completed all her assignments. Recognizing the need to deepen her understanding of the Catholic faith, she invested both heart and mind into learning and loving her faith more deeply. She discovered that visual aids—such as images on the capital sins and virtues—were especially helpful in retaining and integrating what she learned.

At times, we admire heroes from afar because of their courage and self-sacrifice. We often describe such lives as *saintly*, marked by heroic virtue. Yet sainthood is not meant to be distant or unattainable. Who are the “saints” in your midst? Could you be one? If not, why not? In the words of Saint Carlo Acutis, a teenage saint of our time: *“Holiness is not about multiplying things, but about reducing them—allowing God to be more present in our lives.”* For Carlo, sanctity was found in simplicity, purity of heart, and making room for God in everyday life—an invitation open to each of us.



## SEEKING GOD

A parishioner set out to seek God among those experiencing homelessness along Goldenwest Street and beyond. While it would have been easier to stop at a fast-food restaurant and purchase ready-made meals, she felt called to do more. She wanted those she served to know the food was intentionally prepared for them, packed with the care and dignity of a family meal.

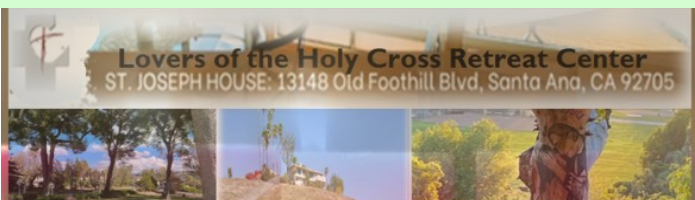


As she continued seeking and serving the less fortunate, she came to realize that it was no longer about *her* effort, but about a shared effort with God. From that moment on, she began to converse with God about everything—shopping for supplies, preparing the meals, and even discerning where to go. She consulted Him on where the homeless might be found, so *together* they could offer a simple brown bag meal and hot tea, freshly made right here at our parish.

## SILENT RETREAT

Our upcoming quiet Day of Prayer on Sat. February 7@9am-5pm.

Please call, email, or visit our parish office this Monday, 1/26, 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!** We would like to thank everyone who attended our **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** last week. We previewed our tentative schedule of events for 2026. ➤ We also discussed **volunteer opportunities** at the upcoming **MINISTRY FAIR/MARDIS GRAS BREAKFAST** on **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will need help with **set-up/decorating** on **Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** and **food service/clean-up** after Masses on **Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact **Jacky** if you were unable to sign-up at the meeting but would like to help with this fun event.

➤ Don't forget to check out our Facebook page ([www.rv.by/d0jby7](http://www.rv.by/d0jby7)) 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).



### 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