

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

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FAITH FORMATION - SR. CATHERINE NGUYEN

RETREATS - DIANE MILLER

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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

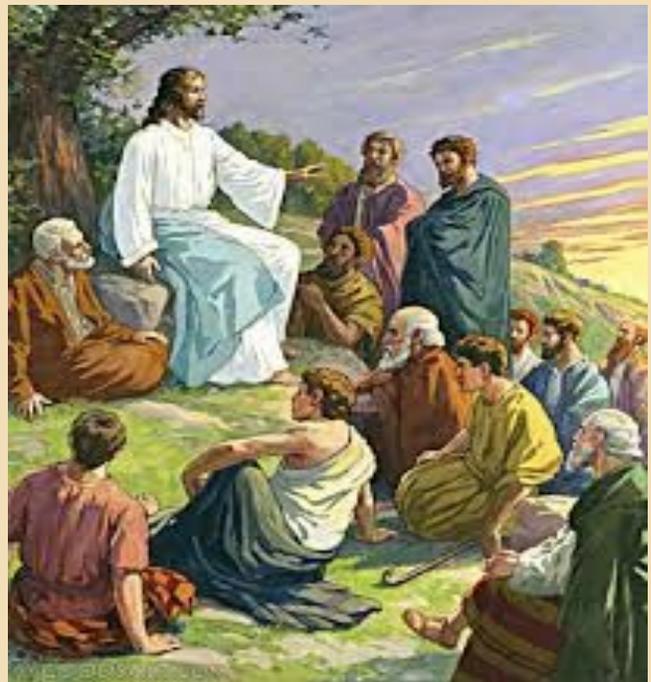
With Divine Mercy, Rosary, Benediction

Every 1st Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm

With Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm



MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

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

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent after the 8:00 am Mass

Reflections of the Week

God is mighty in power, Ben Sira asserts, but we are rather powerful as well, for we have the power to choose whether to obey or disobey God, to sin or not. Whether we are conscious of it or not, making the choice to sin is saying that our wisdom and judgment are better than God's. It is saying that allowing our anger toward someone to fester and flame is preferable to reconciling. It is saying that the pleasure we get from fooling around with someone who is not our spouse is greater than honoring our marriage commitment. It is choosing to do what is objectively unwise but subjectively attractive. Acknowledging that God is wiser than us leads us to use our power to choose good over evil and life over death.

Over the last three Sundays, we have heard the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, when he starts teaching his disciples the very foundations of a Christian life. All three passages go together. We started with the Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the clean of heart. When we hear Jesus expand on the commandments today, we hear the beatitudes at their heart. When we are truly merciful, we aren't merely prohibiting murder. We are reconciling with our opponents instead. If we are clean of heart, we are not merely avoiding adultery, we are respecting the commitments we and others have made. Our humility and righteousness mean we stand behind our yes's and no's without equivocation or embellishment. When we act this way, we enable others to see what is morally good, as a light shining from a lampstand. It all goes together.

In a similar way, we have heard the beginning of Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians over the last few weeks. Two Sundays ago, we heard Paul tell how Jesus embodied God's wisdom. That wisdom, we hear today, is God's plan for our salvation. That plan, which leads us to what God has prepared for us, is now revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, who guides us on the right path.

Question of the Week

In what aspect of my life do I need to accept God's wisdom and the Spirit's guidance and change my behavior?

-GIA Publications

Weekly Collections

FEBRUARY 8, 2026



NATIONAL NEEDS..... \$3,704.08
 REGULAR COLLECTION..... \$9,101.87

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!

Get Involved!
The Ministry Fair



February 15th
TODAY, After all the
Sunday Masses

What is a ministry and what is a Ministry Fair?
 A ministry is an organization made up of fellow parishioners who volunteer their skills, talents, and love to do something for the Church; it's people and community. **This Sunday**, we will hold a **MINISTRY FAIR**, which will give you an opportunity to see, meet and learn about our different volunteer groups and what they do here at St. Mary's by the Sea, out of gratitude to give back to God what He has given to us. **Please consider the gift that God gave you, and make it a point to stop by our Ministry Fair.**

Also, for Mardi Gras, stop by the Hall for a light breakfast, along with donuts!

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

We are asking all of our parishioners to make their pledge to the **2026 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL** today. Your donation 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.

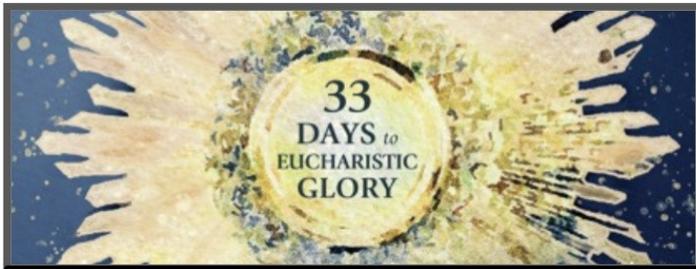
For 2026, our Parish Finance Council has recommended, and I have approved, a goal of \$70,500 with pledges from 615 of our parish families. After our contribution of \$42,800 to the Diocese which serves the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Orange, hopefully we will have \$27,700 to refurbish the pews in our church. We would like to achieve this goal by December 31, 2026. We are only asked once a year to make this special pledge.

You may make your pledge by using the special envelope you received and **returning it** either in the **Collection Basket** or to the **Office**. We also have **extra pledge envelopes in the pews**. Your pledge may be paid all at one time, quarterly or spread out over a ten month period. Jesus is always calling out to us in love.

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.



**A five-week Spiritual Pilgrimage
33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
by Matthew Kelly**

The small-group journey begins the first week of Lent

Two meeting options:

- **Saturday Mornings 9-10:30am (Group 1)**
(2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14 & 3/21)

OR

- **Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30pm (Group 2)**
(2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 & 3/25)

Registration at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, 2/15
or at the church office.

Contact Beverly at 714.642.6455 for more information

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent after the 8:00 am Mass

Lenten Regulations

1. It is to be noted first of all that it is by Divine Law that the faithful are bound to do penance and, as a specification of this obligation by the Church, some form of mortification by those 14 years of age and older is to be observed on all Fridays throughout the year. This obligation is itself a serious one.
2. Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.
3. Everyone who is at least 18 years of age and not yet 60 is bound also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
 - a. On these two days of fast, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals on these days is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.
 - b. Where health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Robert Gibson (RIP)

Sunday, February 15

***Ministry Fair/Mardi Gras Breakfast**
(after all the Sunday Masses)

7:30am Mass for the souls of John and Helen Donnelly (RIP)

9:00am Mass for OCIA/Adult Sacrament Class

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

12:00pm Mass for the soul of Mai Xuan Trinh (RIP)

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

Monday, February 16

8:00am Mass for the soul of Bill Tomko (RIP)

Tuesday, February 17

8:00am Mass for the soul of Bob Adams (RIP)

Ash Wednesday, February 18

8:00am Mass for the souls of Leonard & Gloria Roy (RIP)

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

12:10pm Mass for Gary, Carolyn & Troy Smith (L)

5:30pm Mass for our Priests and the People of the
Parish—Living & Deceased & Guests

Thursday, February 19

8:00am Mass for Danny and Althea Santucci (L)

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

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

6:30pm Finance Council meeting in Conf. Rm.

Friday, February 20

***No meat on Fridays**

8:00am Mass for David Mai & Family (L)

8:30am Stations of the Cross

9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, February 21

8:00am Mass for the soul of William Feeney (RIP)

9:00am **5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Group 1)**

10:30am Pastoral Council meeting

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

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Mary Concetta Slader (RIP)

1st Sunday of Lent, February 22

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

9:00am Mass for Tim and Debbie Ransom & Family (L)

10:30am Mass for Johnny Chavez (L)

12:00pm Mass for Eliza Banner & Family (L)

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

BEGINNING LENT

This Wednesday, during Mass, something unusual will be placed on your forehead. The sign of ashes belongs within prayer, Scripture, and communal worship—not apart from them.

We first hear God's Word calling us to conversion: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Receiving ashes is our response to that call. Celebrated within Mass, this rite reminds us that repentance is not merely private or symbolic, but a shared journey of the entire Church. Placed within the Eucharist, the ashes are clearly understood as a sacramental sign—not a custom or superstition. We acknowledge our need for mercy and then receive Christ, whose grace strengthens us to walk the Lenten journey faithfully.

Will your Lent 2026 be any different from the others? Ultimately, it is a matter of intentionality and priority. The Church, in her wisdom, offers liturgical seasons throughout the year to remind us that our lives are in Christ. Lent invites us to remain in the desert with the Lord, to face temptation for self-love, and to unite our hearts more deeply with the Christ.

Please share with us your concrete plan to make this Lent a time of prayer, conversion, and a stronger bond with Christ in His Passion.

RITE OF SENDING

Our brothers and sisters in OCIA attended their retreat last week and will participate in the Rite of Sending this Sunday. This rite affirms that the catechumens and candidates have been faithfully formed in the Word of God and are ready to take the next step toward the Sacraments of Initiation.

During the Rite of Sending, the parish formally "sends" the catechumens to the bishop for the **Rite of Election**, which will take place on **February 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Cathedral**. Their names will be inscribed in the Book of the Elect, signifying both their desire to follow Christ and the Church's recognition of God's work already unfolding in their lives.

Parishioners who wish to attend are welcome; open seating is available on the upper level. We are deeply grateful to our parish family for your prayerful witness and accompaniment.



LENT SILENT RETREAT

Saturday, March 14@9am-4pm.

Please register by February 14.

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

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship
Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! Happy Mardi Gras! Today is our annual **MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST** and **MINISTRY FAIR**. Thank you everyone who is helping today with breakfast and cleanup or who helped yesterday with setup. Welcome to new members who signed up today and are reading this for the first time. **Lent** begins this **Wednesday, Feb. 18** which means that our **LENTEN MEALS** begin soon. We will be having **FISH FRY FRIDAYS** on **February 27, March 13,** and **March 27**. Please contact **Geri** or the **office** if you would like to help on any or all of these dates.

➤ Don't forget to check out our Facebook page (www.rv.by/d0jbv7) to view pics from all of our events as they are posted.

➤ During this Lenten season, 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 Amezqueta	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-
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
Nancy Friedman	Don Quinn	Nancy Yaslik

For Those in the Armed Forces

J. Caico, G. Campbell, Sgt. D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, S. Miller, J. Pendergrass, N. Sanchez, Capt. D. Tierney, T. Pace