

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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



LENTEN SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: EVERY FRIDAY AFTER THE 8:00 AM MASS

LENTEN MEALS: FEB. 27, MAR. 13 & MAR. 27 FROM 5:00-7:00 PM

► REMINDER: *FRIDAY ABSTINENCE* – EVERYONE 14 YEARS OR OLDER IS SERIOUSLY BOUND TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT.

Reflections of the Week

According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, about a week before the Transfiguration, Jesus told his disciples for the first time that he would suffer and be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. Then he asserted that those who follow him must deny themselves and take up their crosses. (John did not write about the Transfiguration at all.) Therefore, it is only a few days after this challenging news that Peter, James, and John hear the Father’s voice coming from a cloud saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Matthew 17:5). My beloved Son just told you he was going to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. Listen to him. He told you that you must deny yourselves. Listen to him. He commanded that you each take up your cross. Listen to him.

Perhaps only in retrospect do the disciples link the two events. Jesus is able to be seen transfigured in glory because he has accepted his cross and will sacrifice himself to follow the Father’s will. We are called to take up our crosses and sacrifice our desires and self-centeredness to follow God’s will. In doing so, we hope to one day be transfigured in glory for all eternity.

Today Jesus is seen transfigured, but in just over a month—on Good Friday—we will see our Lord disfigured: a crown of thorns thrust down upon his head, bloody welts on his body after being whipped by the soldiers, wounds in his hands and feet from the nails driven into them on the cross. For our sins, Jesus accepts becoming disfigured. But by putting his life in the Father’s hands, he becomes transfigured in glory.

Question of the Week

How can I see myself transfigured between now and Easter? How will accepting my cross and following Jesus more closely help transform my life?

-GIA Publications

Thanksgiving to God
12-Hour First Friday Adoration

Christ, the Son of God, died ignominiously on the cross to save each and every one of us! To thank Him, come visit Him in the Eucharist during St. Mary’s by the Sea’s **FIRST FRIDAY 12-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**, beginning at **9:00 am** on **March 6th** and ending at **9:00 pm** with **BENEDICTION**.

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to spend one hour visiting with Jesus. Won’t you consider spending time with Him also?

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.

2026 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)
“Share Christ’s Love with Others”

Thank you to the **46 families** who have made their pledge to the **2026 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL**. Unfortunately, only **7% of this parish** has responded with **\$31,825 pledged** and **\$24,425 paid!** We are only asked once each year to make this special pledge. The PSA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of the Church. **Gifts made over \$42,800** (our 2026 diocesan goal) **will come straight back to us** as a rebate, which we will use to refurbish the pews in our church.

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 which you received and returning it either in the **Collection Basket** or to the **Office**. You can also make your pledge online at **www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now**. There are 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.

Daylight Savings Begins
“Don’t be Late!”



REMINDER: Don’t forget to set your clocks **one hour AHEAD** next **Sunday at midnight** or you might miss going to Mass at your usual time!

Local Penance Services

- St. Bonaventure—H.B. Tuesday, Mar. 3
- Holy Spirit—Ftn. Vly. Monday, Mar. 16
- *St. Mary’s by the Sea—H.B. Monday, Mar. 23
- St. Joachim—Costa Mesa Wednesday, Mar. 25
- St. John the Baptist-Costa Mesa Tuesday, Mar. 31

***ALL PENANCE SERVICES ARE AT 7:00 PM**

***No Confession at SMBTS on Saturday, Mar. 28 & Apr. 4**

Lenten Meal/Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our next **LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRYS** on **Mar.13 & Mar.27** from **5:00-7:00 pm**.



Our menu includes a choice of fish, salmon burger or clam chowder at a cost of only \$12 per plate. There is also a macaroni & cheese plate for \$6. All dinners come with a salad, drink and dessert.

Don’t miss out on this fun and delicious event. Come share with fellow parishioners on our Lenten journey.

Suggestions for Lent & Catholic Life

Personal prayers, meditation on the profound mysteries of God, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, devotional Confessions, Scripture reading, spiritual reading, recitation of the rosary, making the Way of the Cross - all of the above contribute something precious in personal depth and spiritual enrichment, so necessary to a sound, mature life of faith in the Lord. But also....

Don't be gloomy and morose about Lent. It is a time of penance, yes but, more of HOPE.

Attend daily Mass.

Make a mission or retreat to reform your whole way of living your faith-filled life.

Is there anyone you have not forgiven? Do you foster bitterness? There is no forgiveness unless you forgive. Pray earnestly for this grace.

Give up luxuries - do something positive for others with time and money saved from self-denial. This is Christian love.

Work is a penance. Do a hard, honest day's work.

Read prayerfully the account of Christ's passion in the Gospels to discover His love for you.

Repent and turn to God so your sins may be blotted out.

-Anon.



Let Us Pray for the Sick



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| Natalia Amezuqueta | Nancy Friedman | Debbie Ransom |
| Tracy Andonian | Cindy Friendt | Tim Ransom |
| TonyAragón-Sotelo | Rudy Friendt | Jeanete Reyes |
| Mike Banner | Paul Hayes | Carmela Rugel |
| Ted Beresford | Jim & Paula Keating | Susan Rocio |
| Rowyn Bolinger | James Kosai | Colleen Rowe |
| Connie Bowles | Nam Le | Yvonne Ruiz |
| Pamela Brown | Arturo Loya | Breanna Sims |
| Rosie Clouse | Susan Mastroianni | Carol Summerfield |
| Alec Crispino | Dan McKelvie | Ernesto Aragón- |
| Vicky Derieg | Patricia McKenzie | Trevino |
| Bryan Donnelly | Tracy Murray | Robertta Velasquez |
| Ann Erwin | Erin Nakamoto | Andrea Wall |
| Rachel Ferrarie | Thomas Nester | John Waldron |
| Molly Flaherty | 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

Weekly Collections

FEBRUARY 22, 2026



ASH WEDNESDAY.....\$2,927.86
REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$5,909.76

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!

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 Lent, March 1

7:30am Mass for the soul of Sylvia Pompura (RIP)
9:00am Mass for the soul of Marlys Zetah (RIP)
10:30am Mass for the Kigano Family—Living & Deceased
12:00pm Mass for the souls of Patricio, Carmen & Adoracion Villa de Lara (RIP)
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, March 2

8:00am Mass for Amy Lieblang (L)
3:30pm 1st Holy Communion Class Year 1
5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2
7:00pm OCIA class

Tuesday, March 3

8:00am Mass for Shiloh Orr & Family—Living & Deceased
3:30am 1st Holy Communion Class Year 2

Wednesday, March 4

8:00am Mass for the soul of Mary Sullivan (RIP)
9:30am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
1:00pm Staff meeting
7:00pm 5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Class #2)

Thursday, March 5

8:00am Mass for Cindy and Rudy Friendt (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, March 6

**No meat on Fridays*

8:00am Mass for the soul of Mary Stites (RIP)
8:30am Stations of the Cross
9:00am First Friday 12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed until 9:00pm and Benediction
9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, March 7

8:00am Mass for the soul of Dorothy Buto (RIP)
9:00am 5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Class #3)
3:00pm Confessions (til 4:00pm)
5:00pm Mass for the Parents & Students of the 1st Communion class

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 8

**Daylight Savings Begins*

7:30am Mass for Tom Orr & Family—Living & Deceased
9:00am Mass for Patricia Tekulve (L)
10:30am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased
12:00pm Mass for Dhanne Villa de Lara (L)
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN DOING THIS LENT?

Do you ever wonder whether children truly understand the meaning of Lent? And what about adults? What about you?

In a world where information is instantly available at our fingertips, we have no shortage of resources to help us grow. There are countless online reflections, videos, and prayer tools. Even apps like Hallow, one of the highest-ranking prayer apps in the world, can guide us in meditation, Scripture, and daily prayer.

The tools are there—what matters is how intentionally we use them to live the Lenten spirit.



Here in our program, our students are practicing fasting, prayer, and almsgiving in concrete ways this Lent, keeping track of their efforts on a simple record sheet. It may seem small, but every effort counts. Each sacrifice, each prayer, each act of generosity shapes the heart to become more like Christ.

Lent is about emptying ourselves of whatever takes up too much space within us—distractions, selfishness, comfort, indifference. When we loosen our grip just a little, we make room for something greater. Through greater generosity, we create space to welcome God more deeply and to embrace those who are in need of our love, support, and even our material gifts.

In the end, Lent is not about loss—it is about making room for LOVE in honor of God who loved us first.

CHOSEN AND CALLED: RITE OF ELECTION

This past Monday, our OCIA group joined nearly a thousand faithful from neighboring parishes for the Rite of Election at Christ Cathedral. The courageous “yes” of seven candidates from our parish marks the beginning of profound days of prayer and discernment—drawing closer to the Lord and turning away from all that separates them from Him. During the liturgy, Bishop Tim Fryer on behalf of Bishop Kevin Vann elected and enrolled them for the Easter Sacraments.

As our brothers and sisters prepare to receive their Sacraments at Easter, all of us are called to do the same. During this holy season of Lent, through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, we intentionally open our hearts to God. We withdraw from self-indulgence and the temporary satisfactions of the senses in order to awaken a deeper thirst for what is eternal.

We learn discipline and become more spiritually toned up. We become masters of ourselves, so that we may walk steadily with Christ on the road to Calvary—unburdened by what weighs down the heart.

May we never allow the grace of God to be turned away by our lack of devotion or sincerity. May we choose to BE with Jesus in His Passion, so that we may also share in the victory of His Resurrection in the weeks to come.

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! We had our 1st FISH FRY this past Friday. The food was delicious and the company was delightful! It was a successful and fun community event, thanks to all of our hard-working and dependable Stewards. We have 2 remaining meals this LENTEN SEASON. Our next FISH FRY is Friday, 3/13. We will need help with set-up on Thursday, 3/12 at 4:30pm. We will also need servers on Friday, 3/13. Please arrive at 4:30 pm to help with this. And we always need help with clean-up after the meals at 7:00 pm. Please contact the Office or Geri if you would like to help with either or both of these meals, but were unable to sign-up at our February meeting.

➤ Don't forget to visit 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 on Thursdays at 12pm and on FIRST FRIDAYS at 1pm. Please stop by SMBS and visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during our time slots or whenever your schedule allows on these days.

➤ 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!

Sacrifice Through Fasting & Abstinence

Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, and poultry. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted. A “Friday Fast” during Lent is done in commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence of Catholics. Sacrifice through fasting is important because during Lent, we reflect on the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert. When we sacrifice, we remember Jesus. What have you sacrificed for Lent?

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