

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

An obvious contrast is made between Adam and Eve’s yielding to temptation in the first reading and Jesus’ resistance of temptation in the Gospel. But another contrast can be noted: the first reading is set in a garden of plenty while the Gospel is set in a desert. Adam and Eve succumb to temptation even though they already have everything they need. In fact, they had everything they had ever wanted before the serpent put ideas in Eve’s head. Jesus, meanwhile, had fasted for forty days and forty nights—recalling lengthy times of trial in the Old Testament—and is surrounded by emptiness. Nevertheless, Adam and Eve act selfishly and disobey God, bringing sin and death to humanity. Jesus, meanwhile, acts selflessly and obeys God’s will, which will eventually bring redemption and eternal life to humanity.

The devil’s final temptation promises Jesus all the kingdoms in the world. Had Jesus taken the offer, he would have soon found out that he wasn’t getting what was promised at all. Would Jesus have emerged from the desert as king of every nation with every army sworn to obey him and every person subject to him? Obviously not! The fact is, this was an empty promise, designed to gain Jesus’ fealty. Note that with none of these temptations is the devil actually promising to do anything. He doesn’t promise to turn stones to bread or catch Jesus from the parapet himself. When we renew our baptismal promises at Easter, we renounce Satan’s empty promises, his “empty show,” for—configured to Christ in baptism—we recognize that the devil’s promises are hollow.

Even if Jesus had turned stones to bread, he would have grown hungry again. The bread of this world satisfies for only a few hours. At the Last Supper, Jesus turns bread into his Body, providing spiritual food that can satisfy forever. The devil’s second temptation is echoed on Good Friday, when passersby tempt Jesus to throw himself down from the cross. Instead of prostrating himself to the devil in the desert, Jesus kneels in Gethsemane and affirms that he will follow God’s will to the end. Jesus not only refuses the devil’s temptations now, he turns them all around in the end.

Question of the Week

How do I resist temptation? Can I remember to look ahead to the long-term consequences before I choose what to do?



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”

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.

Local Penance Services

- St. Vincent de Paul—H.B. Monday, Feb. 23
- Sts. Simon & Jude—H.B. Tuesday, Feb. 24
- 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 St. Mary’s by the Sea’s **LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRYS** on **Feb. 27, 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.



**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)

Contact Beverly at 714.642.6455 for more information

The Shroud Experience

Last November, the Diocese dedicated “**THE SHROUD OF TURIN: AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE**” museum at **Christ Cathedral** with a ceremony with the Bishops of Orange and ribbon cutting with Garden Grove city officials. Bishop Vann beautifully shared: “*A place like this shows clearly the son of the Living God among us.*”

This museum, made in collaboration with Othonia, is a true gift for our Diocese. **We invite everyone** to explore an incredible journey of faith and discovery. Visit TheShroudExperience.com to learn more and buy tickets. Group discounts are available for schools and parish groups!



Weekly Collections

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$6,609.75

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 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.**

Monday, February 23

- 8:00am *Mass for the soul of Joseph Dautremont (RIP)*
- 3:30pm **1st Holy Communion Class Year 1**
- 5:15pm **Confirmation class Year 1 & 2**
- 7:00pm **OCIA attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral**

Tuesday, February 24

- 8:00am *Mass for Dave and Diane Barnett & Family (L)*
- 3:30am **1st Holy Communion Class Year 2**

Wednesday, February 25

- 8:00am *Mass for Joanne Peters & Family (L)*
- 9:30am **Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**
- 6:30pm **Mandatory Extraordinary Minister Meeting**
- 7:00pm **5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Class #1)**

Thursday, February 26

- 8:00am *Mass for Christian Ang (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 **Mandatory Meeting in Hall for Ministry Leaders**

Friday, February 27

***No meat on Fridays**

5:00-7:00 pm - LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRY

- 8:00am *Mass for the soul of Don Adams (RIP)*
- 8:30am **Stations of the Cross**
- 9:00am **Cenacles of Life**

Saturday, February 28

- 8:00am *Mass for Ava Morgan Schlaerth (L)*
- 9:00am **5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Class #2)**
- 10:30am **Pastoral Council meeting**
- 3:00pm **Confessions (til 4:00pm)**
- 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 Lucy Kigano & Family (L)*
- 12:00pm *Mass for the souls of Patricio, Carmen & Adoracion Villa de Lara (RIP)*
- 12:00pm **Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER EXPERIENCE

People often attend presentations hoping to GET something out of them. If a slide feels inspiring or insightful, they instinctively reach for their phones to capture a quote or an image to revisit later.

For our brothers and sisters in OCIA class, they did not attend an event, they went on a retreat. It is not about taking notes or saving slides. It is a mini-mystical encounter, a divine audience with God. Rather than capturing information, they are being captured by grace and the gaze of Christ.

Here are some of their reflections:

“The retreat really helped to quiet the unnecessary noise I get distracted so often by so that I could spend hours reflecting, listening, and talking with God and the Blessed Mother. I am forever grateful for the experience.”

“It was truly enlightening. While in my silence I realized God has been consistent friend, assisting me through the good, bad and ugly times. For years, I thought how can God be our friend, he's God. But for the first time, during the retreat God is my friend and I will look upon as a friend, not just God. I am so grateful for the opportunity to sit in silence with God.”

“I just experienced my first silent retreat in the hillside in N. Tustin and the setting is beautiful, well beyond what one expects here in the center of Orange County. Though, the real blessing was the guidance given in directing the focus of our meditations and prayers, especially for someone new to silent prayer.”

“I think St. Teresa of Avila summed up silent contemplation wonderfully in that upon reflection of my time and experience there, I can resolutely confirm that silent contemplation was realizing God's constant presence in our lives and His tender love, grace, and mercy for us is without end.”

May you all find time to step away from the noise and be alone with God — especially as we enter His forty days and forty nights in the desert, where He fasted and faced temptation. Remain close to Jesus in your own desert moments. Stay faithful in prayer, steady in trust, and rooted in His Word. What feels barren today will not remain so forever. In God's time, the desert will bloom — and Easter lilies will rise where sacrifice once stood

CHOSEN AND CALLED: PREPARING FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION

This enthusiastic OCIA group is eagerly looking forward to participating in the Rite of Election this coming Monday. Their hearts are ready, and their “yes” to God continues to deepen with each passing day.

Please keep them — and their godparents and sponsors — in your prayers. May these weeks of final preparation be filled with grace, clarity, and courage. May they truly encounter

the love of Christ in a personal and transformative way as they journey toward the joy of the Easter Sacraments.



Stewardship Corner



Stewardship Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! We hope you are having a fruitful Lent. Once again, we want to thank everyone who helped last weekend with the **MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST** and **MINISTRY FAIR**. We also want to thank everyone who attended Thursday's **STEWARDSHIP MEETING**. We focused most of our discussion on the upcoming **LENTEN MEALS**. We will have **3 meals this year: 2/27; 3/13; 3/27**. Please contact the **Office** or **Ger** if you would like to help with any or all of these meals but were unable to sign up at the meeting. Our **first LENTEN MEAL** is this **Friday, 2/27**. We will need help with **set-up on Thursday, 2/26 at 4:30pm** in **Fr. Johnson Hall**. We will also need **servers on Friday, 2/27**. Please arrive at **4:30 pm** to help with this. We always need help with **clean-up** after the meals (around **7pm**). We will send out reminders this week via email or text message.

➤ Don't forget to check out our Facebook page (www.rv.by/d0jby7) 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**. Please stop by SMBS 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



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| 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 |
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| Bryan Donnelly | Tracy Murray | Andrea Wall |
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- 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