

# 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

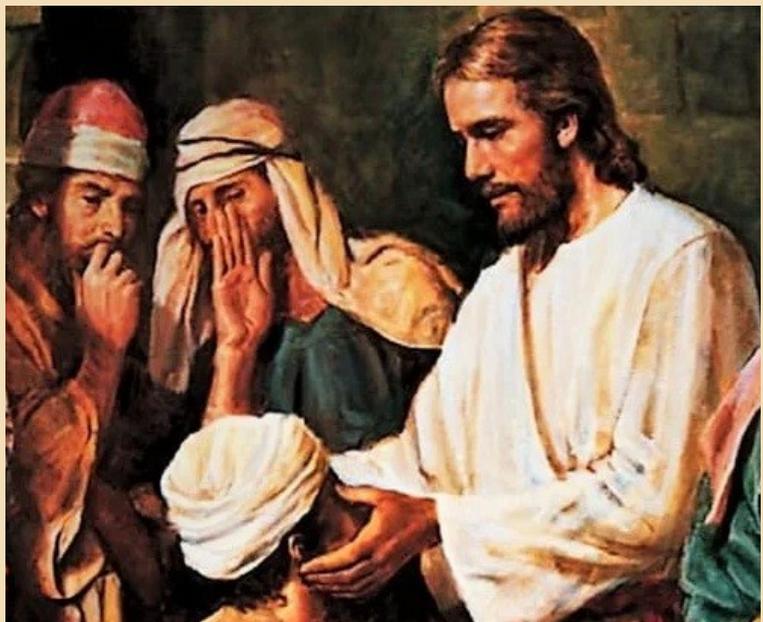
With Divine Mercy, Rosary, Benediction

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm

With Benediction

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm



### 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

In today’s first reading, the LORD asserts that God does not see how people see. We tend to see appearances, but God looks into the heart. How often do we find ourselves unable to see past appearances: the way someone looks, or sounds, or acts? In doing so, are we showing unconscious biases, prejudices, or assumptions? Let us not be like the Pharisees in the Gospel who become indignant when questioning the man who once was blind. They cannot see past their belief that the man must have been born in sin. Nor can they look past the fact that Jesus happened to heal this man on the sabbath. These preconceived judgments blind them to the wonders of God, revealed in Christ.

Now in the Gospel, the questioners think they have a good argument in their assertion that the formerly blind man was born totally in sin. What they fail to realize is that we all were born totally in sin. We all have inherited original sin. Moreover, we all are sinful creatures, susceptible to sin each and every day. Do we look at others who have sinned as less than us because their sin is worse or more visible? Does acting “holier than thou” help us feel better about ourselves? Can we challenge ourselves to look honestly at ourselves before criticizing or judging others?

There is an especially tender moment in this Gospel passage, nestled inconspicuously in the aftermath of the cure. It’s easy to miss, as it’s just half of a verse in a selection that includes an entire chapter of John’s Gospel. After the formerly blind man has the audacity to suggest that Jesus must be from God and the religious authorities respond by expelling him from the synagogue, John writes, “When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him . . .” (John 9:35). Here was a man who had been blind his entire life. An outcast from society, he used to sit and beg, likely often outside the synagogue. He would not have been welcome inside, since it was thought he or his parents must be sinful if he is blind. Then his whole life changed with a chance encounter with Jesus. But the authorities are unable to accept this sign from God and eventually he is excluded once again from the community he had been able to join for, maybe, only a day or two. When Jesus is told about this, he immediately goes and finds him. One imagines that he feels terrible that the timing of his healing caused this awful consequence. Perhaps he is justifiably angry at the religious authorities. But whatever the motivating factor, he feels compassion for the man he’d healed and wants to comfort him. And comfort him he did, for it is only then that he completes the cure for his blindness. The man’s spiritual eyesight is fully realized as he desires to believe in the Son of Man and comes to know that Jesus is He.

Question of the Week

What are my blind spots? What biases do I have that distort the way I see others or see the world? Am I willing to ask someone I know well to be honest with me?

-GIA Publications

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

Thank you to the **64 families** who have made their pledge to the **2026 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL**. Now **10% of this parish** has responded with **\$43,490 pledged** and **\$34,569 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.

Local Penance Services

- 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 last **LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRY** on **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.

This is a fun and delicious event; don’t miss out! Come share with fellow parishioners on our Lenten journey.

Easter Food Basket Sign-Ups

We are now accepting sign-ups for our Easter food baskets for the needy. Please contact the **Office 714-536-6913** with your name and phone number. The date to pick them up is **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from **4:00-5:30 pm** only. You must be present to pick up your food.

**Laetare Sunday – A Moment of Joy in Lent**

This Sunday we celebrate **Laetare Sunday**, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The name comes from the first word of the entrance antiphon, *Laetare*, meaning “rejoice.” Even in the midst of our Lenten fasting and penance, the Church invites us to pause and rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection.

You may notice a change in the liturgical color today. The priest wears rose vestments instead of the usual violet. This lighter color symbolizes the joy and hope that break through the penitential season as we look forward to the celebration of Easter.

Laetare Sunday encourages us to persevere in our Lenten journey, keeping our hearts fixed on the joy that awaits us in the Resurrection of our Lord. As we continue through Lent, may this Sunday renew our spirits and strengthen us as we prepare to celebrate the victory of Christ at Easter.

-Anon.

**PENANCE SERVICE**

*\* MONDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> AT 7:00 PM  
(4) PRIESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS*

✠ **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE** ✠

What are you hiding behind in your life? Perhaps it is an inordinate pride that keeps you hiding from God or an unwillingness to depend on God in all things. Perhaps it is a failure to pray as you should, to think before you speak or to leave unsaid those words that hurt more than physical blows. To aid your reflection in this regard, you should think of yourself not necessarily as a biblical scarlet sinner, but as a daily, dusty pink one who is afraid, for whatever reason, to reach out and love the people you should have, but didn't. There's a whole litany of these dust particles: the words of love you didn't say; the comfort suppressed; the friendship left to wither; relationships unattended; children neglected as you pursued the better life... for them, of course; the little white lies, the face-saving untruths; the suppression of revealing your hunger for God

If any of these pertain to you, perhaps you should attend the Penance Service on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Weekly Collections**

**MARCH 8, 2026**



**REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$9,686.25**

**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 Peront Family—Living & Deceased*

**4th Sunday of Lent, March 15**

7:30am *Mass for Tim Marten (L)*

9:00am *Mass for our OCIA Adult Sacrament Class & the 2nd Scrutiny*

10:30am *Mass for the soul of Patricio Villa de Lara (RIP)*

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

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

1:30pm **Baptism**

**Monday, March 16**

8:00am *Mass for the soul of Lillia Ang (RIP)*

3:30pm **1st Holy Communion Class Year 1**

5:15pm **Confirmation class Year 1 & 2**

7:00pm **OCIA class**

**Tuesday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**

8:00am *Mass for the souls of Robert and William Gibson (RIP)*

3:30am **1st Holy Communion Class Year 2**

**Wednesday, March 18**

8:00am *Mass for the Filippe and Lage Families—Living & Deceased*

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

7:00pm **5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Class #4)**

**Thursday, March 19**

8:00am *Mass for Cindy 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)**

6:00pm **Stewardship Committee meeting in Hall**

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

**Friday, March 20**

*\*No meat on Fridays*

8:00am *Mass for the soul of Emmett Jerome O'Sullivan (RIP)*

8:30am **Stations of the Cross**

9:00am **Cenacles of Life**

**Saturday, March 21**

8:00am *Mass for Rosalie Ocanas (L)*

9:00am **5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Last Class #5)**

10:30am **Pastoral Council meeting**

2:30pm **Candidate/Sponsor Conference w/ Sr. Catherine**

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

5:00pm *Mass for Confirmation Students & their Sponsors/ Godparents & the 3rd Scrutiny & Blessing of Candidates and Sponsors*

**5th Sunday of Lent, March 22**

7:30am *Mass for Ross Miller (L)*

9:00am *Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased*

10:30am *Mass for Confirmation Students (L)*

12:00pm *Mass for the soul of Luis Fernando Huertas (RIP)*

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

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH

## LENT: A TIME OF ENCOUNTER

Our First Communion 1 class is progressing well and continues to prepare with great enthusiasm for the sacraments. The catechists noticed a very sweet moment of connection with Jesus when two of our students quietly paused before the image of Christ praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. They seemed deeply immersed in the scene of His Passion, reflecting on what Christ willing say yes to to save us from our sins.



This past week, our First Communion Year 2 class had their retreat in preparation for their **First Communion** on **May 24** at the noon Mass. During the retreat, the children reflected on God's immense love for them—seen in the air we breathe, the light that shines, and the water we drink. Above all, they learned that Jesus feeds us with heavenly food: His own Body and Blood.

May these children and their families continue to be renewed in faith as they seek to encounter our Lord in the Sacraments and in their lives. That is to see God and recognize His love in everything.

## CANDIDATE AND SPONSOR CONFERENCE

Eleven candidates for Confirmation will be gathering with their sponsors for a conference next Saturday, March 21, beginning at 2:30pm and concluding with the Vigil Mass at 5pm. Those in OCIA will be participating in the final Scrutiny Rite and will be dismissed after the homily for scripture sharing. This event will conclude the parish community rites for their preparation.

All are all warmly invited to join us and pray for our brothers and sisters who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments:

**Seth, Epiridion, Victor, Dhanne, Christian, Marie, Mark, Mauricio, Daniella, Ryan, and Caden.**

Please also keep their sponsors, godparents, and families in your prayers, as they have faithfully supported and journeyed with them over these past many months. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us also for the

**Easter Vigil on April 4 at the 8pm Mass.**



## Stewardship Corner



Stewardship  
Committee

### DEAR STEWARDS . . .

**Happy Sunday!** Today is the **4th Sunday of Lent**, and we only have **1 MORE LENTEN MEAL (3/27)** planned for this year. We will need help with **set-up** on **Thursday, 3/26 at 4:30pm**. We will also need **servers** on **Friday, 3/27**. Please **arrive at 4:30 pm** to help with this. And we always need help with **clean-up after the meal at 7:00 pm**. Please contact **Gerri** or the **Office** if you would like to help.

➤ We will be having our **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING THIS Thursday, 3/19 at 6:00 pm** (instead of 3/26). We hope everyone can attend.

➤ Don't forget to visit our **Facebook page** ([www.rv.by/d0jbv7](http://www.rv.by/d0jbv7)) to view pics from our **FISH FRYS** and other 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!

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

### 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