

# 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 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

Often Jesus requires that those he heals participate in some way in their recovery. Last week, we heard Jesus heal the blind man by applying clay to his eyes. But then he instructed the man, still sightless, to make it to the Pool of Siloam to wash his eyes. Perhaps onlookers were able to guide him there. Today, Lazarus, tied hand and foot with burial bands after being dead for four days, is ordered to walk out of the tomb. He then orders onlookers to untie Lazarus. These miracles are not passive operations. Today, when we encounter those who are blind out of ignorance or self-centeredness, or when we recognize those who are entombed by addiction or hardship, Jesus orders us to help free them from the bands that bind them.

The passage we heard ends on the triumphant line that many people began to believe in the Lord after seeing this miracle. But the very next line reveals a different reaction: "But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done" (John 11:46). Most people see a miracle and react with awe and wonder. But for some, a miracle simply upsets the status quo. They want the blind to stay blind and the dead to stay dead. Someone with the power over blindness and death threatens the little power they are allowed to have. They fear "the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation" (John 11:48). Our land and our nation, yes, but also our positions of power. "So from that day on they planned to kill him" (John 11:53).

Death is the subject of each of today's readings. Ezekiel addresses the death of a great nation, its citizens in exile. Paul speaks of life "in the flesh," a kind of spiritual death (Romans 8:8). Lazarus has been dead in the tomb for four days. In each case, God brings new life: raising those exiled from their graves and returning them to Israel, sending us the Spirit, who gives life to our mortal bodies, and bringing us forth from the tomb. Our collective sinfulness, our personal sins, and death itself have no power over God. We are called to "come out!" (John 11:43) from our tombs of sin and death and live in the new life of Christ.

Question of the Week

What sins are keeping me entombed, isolated from God's love and from others? What can I do to free myself from my tomb?

-GIA Publications

Lenten Meal/Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our last LENTEN MEAL/FISH FRY next Friday, 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 on our last Fish Fry! Come share with fellow parishioners on our Lenten journey.



Lenten  
Penance  
Service



Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

\* Do I pray daily? Do I receive the sacraments regularly? Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred? Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community? What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation? Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt? Do I neglect my family and health? Have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving? Am I ever angry with those I love? Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?

The Church urges us to make frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance and, at a minimum, to receive it once each year to fulfill our Easter Duty. **So join us at the Penance Service tomorrow at 7:00 pm. There will be (4) Priests available to hear your Confession.**

2026 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

Thank you to the **67 families** who have generously pledged to the **2026 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL**. We are pleased to share that we have surpassed our **Diocesan goal of \$42,800**, reaching a total of **\$46,570 in pledges and payments**. Remarkably, this achievement comes from just **11% of our Parish community**. Imagine the impact we could make if even more parishioners participated in supporting the PSA!

We are only asked once each year to make this special pledge. Since we have now met our Diocesan goal, all additional gifts to the PSA **will come straight back to us** as a rebate, which we will use to refurbish the pews in our Church. You can make your pledge by using the special envelope located at the end of the pews & returning it in the **Collection Basket** or to the **Office**. You can also make your pledge online at [www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now](http://www.rcbo.org/psa-give-now).

Local Penance Services

- \*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**

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.

**TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE**



**Penance Service**

\*Monday, March 23 - 7:00 pm

**Holy Thursday, April 2**

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service Only
- ♦7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ♦Adoration before the Altar of Repose
- After Mass (**in the Hall**) until 8:00 am on Good Friday

**Good Friday Services, April 3**

(Fast & Abstinence)

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service Only
- ♦12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
- ♦3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena then Celebration of the Lord's Passion (with Holy Communion)

**Holy Saturday, April 4**

- ♦8:00 am - Morning Prayer Service Only
- ♦8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

- ♦7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Confessions heard on Saturday, March 28 or Saturday, April 4, 2026

**Adoration Before the Altar of Repose**

On Holy Thursday, just after the 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will again have **ADORATION BEFORE THE ALTAR OF REPOSE** set up in Fr. Johnson Hall and will continue it **throughout the night until 8am the following day.**

We would like you to recall our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and His rebuke to His disciples: "What? Could you not watch one hour with me?" Please make arrangements to spend an hour with Our Lord, and **USE THE BOARD AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO SIGN-UP.**

**Easter Lily Sale**



The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling Easter Lilies **after all the Masses March 28 and March 29.** Each Lily is beautifully wrapped and is only **\$15 or two for \$25.** Plants may be taken home or **donated to the Church** to decorate the Altar and maybe dedicated to a loved one if you wish.

Their campaign proceeds will be donated to the Pro-Life Horizon Pregnancy Center of Huntington Beach and their Knights charities. The Center saved over 180 babies last year and provides free ultrasounds and support to women in need. Checks can be made out to K of C 14699. Thank you.

**Weekly Collections**

**MARCH 15, 2026**

**REGULAR COLLECTION .....\$7,053.02**

*We always appreciate your Generosity!*

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

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.

**Monday, March 23**

**\*PENANCE SERVICE AT 7:00 PM**

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

**Tuesday, March 24**

- 8:00am Mass for the soul of Jay La Qua (RIP)
- 3:30am 1st Holy Communion Class Year 2

**Wednesday, March 25**

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

**Thursday, March 26**

- 8:00am Mass for the soul of Charlie Brefaka (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, March 27**

**\*No meat on Fridays**

- 8:00am Mass for Jocelyn Suzette Dee (L)
- 8:30am Stations of the Cross
- 9:00am Cenacles of Life
- 5:00pm Lenten Meal/Fish Fry in the Hall

**Saturday, March 28**

- 7:30am Bus leaving for Diocesan Conference
- 8:00am Mass for the soul of Danny Ponce (RIP)
- 3:00pm NO Confessions
- 5:00pm Mass for the soul of Everett Shipman (RIP)

**Palm Sunday, March 29**

- 7:30am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Mass for the soul of Lamberto Moretta (RIP)
- 10:30am Mass for the soul of Ann Nagorski (RIP)
- 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Loretta Hoxsie (RIP)
- 12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
- 2:00pm Sister Catherine's Retreat in Tustin

HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED GOD LATELY?



Many of us have heard the word *asceticism*, and perhaps some have been living this Christian virtue joyfully and even heroically for the Lord—especially during this holy season of Lent. But have you noticed if whether your fasting, your discipline of the senses and appetites, has truly elevated your heart and led you into a deeper, more real encounter with Christ?

One of the mystics beautifully describes *asceticism* as “keeping oneself STILL for Jesus.” How easy it is to *do* so much—to deny ourselves, to perform acts of kindness—yet still neglect that quiet, hidden time alone with God that nourishes our inner life. And yet, this stillness itself is a profound form of asceticism.

This week, we are inviting some of our brothers in OCIA, along with sponsors, to take the place of the Twelve Apostles and have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. The image of the Last Supper above draws us into this mystery. There is no elaborate background, no distractions—only Christ at the center. Even the faces of the apostles are softened, almost hidden, allowing us to place ourselves among them, seated near Him, simply being still in His presence.

As St. John recounts the long, intimate words of Jesus spoken to His disciples before His Passion, we are reminded that Christ continues to speak even now—to those who are quiet enough to listen.

We are called to remain attentive, to be watchful for this encounter with God who is already seeking us, longing for us to know His Sacred Heart. As we enter these final weeks of Lent, may we draw closer to His Passion—not only through sacrifice, but through stillness—allowing His love to transform us from within.

CANDIDATE AND SPONSOR CONFERENCE

Eleven candidates for Confirmation just had their sponsor and candidate conference this past Saturday afternoon. This event will conclude the parish community rites for their preparation. Please keep all of them and their sponsors, godparents, and families in your prayers. This God-given community, including you, has faithfully supported and journeyed with them over these past many months.

Please mark your calendar and join us at the **Easter Vigil Mass on April 4 at 8pm**



Stewardship Corner



Stewardship Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

**Happy Sunday!** Thank you to everyone who attended last week’s **STEWARDSHIP MEETING**. We discussed some upcoming events but we focused most of our discussion on our **last LENTEN MEAL**, which is this **Friday, March 27**. 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 **Geri** or the **Office** if you would like to help.

➤ On another note, we sadly share that **Diane Martin**, a devoted parishioner of St. Mary’s by the Sea Catholic Church and an active member of the Stewardship Committee, passed away last Monday, March 16, 2026. Her funeral will be held here on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am. Please keep Diane and her family in your prayers.



➤ 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!



Let Us Pray for the Sick



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| Natalia Amezcua    | 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        | Robertta 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