

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

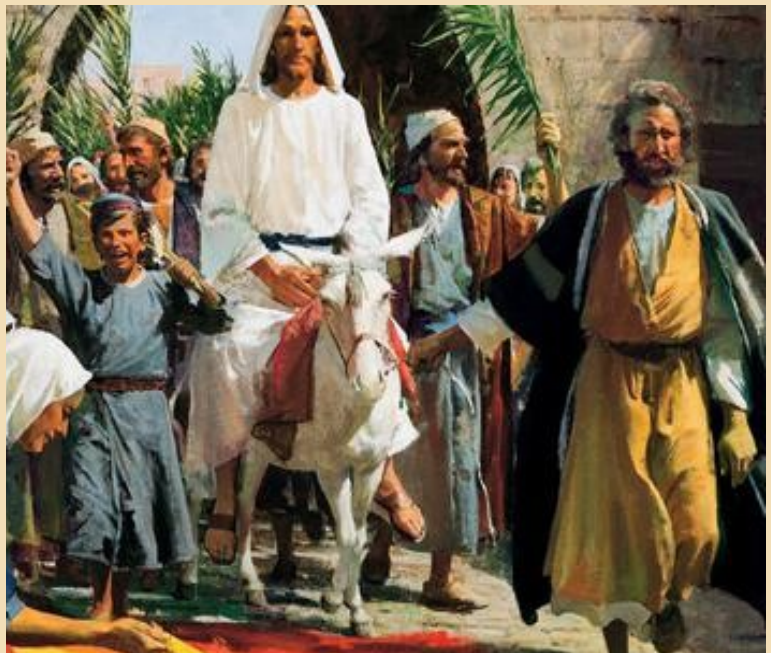
With Divine Mercy, Rosary, Benediction

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

With Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm



VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Our Vision: "Be my Disciples." If not you, then who?

Our Mission: St. Mary's By the Sea, a Catholic community of faith, hope, and love, journeying together in the spirit of stewardship, unity, and charity, embracing all in Christ under the mantle of Our Lady.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Reflections of the Week

This week's readings draw us into the deep mystery of Christ's suffering, humility, and ultimate exaltation—a journey that reveals both the cost of love and the power of obedience.

In Isaiah, we encounter the image of the Suffering Servant: one who listens attentively to God and speaks words that sustain the weary. Yet this servant is not spared from pain or humiliation. "I gave my back to those who beat me," he says, showing a quiet, resolute trust in God even in the face of injustice. This is not passive suffering—it is chosen fidelity. The servant remains steadfast because he knows the Lord is his help.

This prophecy finds its fullest meaning in Christ, as revealed in the Gospel. In the Passion narrative from Matthew, we see Jesus betrayed, abandoned, mocked, and crucified. The sheer weight of human sin and cruelty is laid upon Him. And yet, like the servant in Isaiah, Jesus does not turn away. He does not retaliate or defend Himself with force. Instead, He embraces the cross with unwavering obedience to the Father. Even in His agony, His actions speak of love—healing, forgiving, and surrendering completely.

Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians provides the key to understanding this mystery. Christ, though divine, "emptied himself," taking the form of a servant. This self-emptying—this kenosis—is the heart of the Christian life. Jesus does not cling to power or status; instead, He descends into human weakness and suffering. His humility leads Him to the cross, the lowest point imaginable. Yet it is precisely because of this obedience that God exalts Him, giving Him the name above every name.

Together, these readings reveal a profound truth: glory comes through surrender, and life is found through self-giving love. In a world that often values control, recognition, and self-preservation, Christ shows us a different path—the path of humility, trust, and sacrificial love. Let us walk this path with Christ—trusting, enduring, and loving—confident that, in Him, suffering is transformed and obedience leads to glory.

Question of the Week

Are we willing to listen as the servant listens, to be attentive to God's voice each day? Can we remain faithful when following Christ leads to discomfort, misunderstanding, or sacrifice? Do we cling to our own status and desires, or are we willing to empty ourselves in service to others?

-GIA Publications (adapted)

Local Penance Services

*St. John the Baptist-Costa Mesa... Tuesday, Mar. 31, 7pm

***NOTE:** This is the last of the Penance Services locally

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE



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 (Please enter through the Courtyard)

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 Flowers

We like our church to be particularly beautiful at this special time of the year. If you would like to help decorate, please plan to bring lilies and tulips to the Office **by this Thursday, April 2nd.**

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)

Thank you to the **72 families** who have generously pledged to the **2026 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL**. We are pleased to share that we have surpassed our Diocesan goal with 12% of the parish participating. We are asked only once each year to make this special pledge. Imagine the impact we could make if even more parishioners participated in supporting the PSA!

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.



Easter Lily Sale



The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling Easter Lilies **after all the Masses this weekend**. 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.

Easter Food Basket Sign-Ups

We are still 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 2nd**, from **4:00-5:30 pm** only. You must be present to pick up your food.



Let Us Pray for the Sick



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| Natalia Amezueta | 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

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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**

Monday, March 30

8:00am *Mass for the soul of James Zimmer (RIP)*
 5:30pm **Chrism Mass at Christ Cathedral**

Tuesday, March 31

8:00am *Mass for Don Russell (L)*
 7:00pm **OCIA Rehearsal**

Wednesday, April 1

8:00am *Mass for Ursula Hoover (L)*
 9:30am **Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.**

Holy Thursday, April 2

8:00am **Morning Prayer Service**
 4:00pm **Easter Food Bags for the Needy (til 5:30pm)**
 7:00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests**
 8:00pm **Adoration before the Altar of Repose in Hall (until 8am on Good Friday)**

Good Friday, April 3

**Fast & Abstinence*

8:00am **Morning Prayer Service**
 9:00am **Cenacles of Life**
 12:00pm **Stations of the Cross**
 3:00pm **Divine Mercy Novena then Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

Holy Saturday, April 4

8:00am **Morning Prayer Service**
 3:00pm **NO Confessions**
 8:00pm **Easter Vigil Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests**

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30am **Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests**
 9:00am **Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests**
 10:30am **Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests**
 12:00pm **Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests**

Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper
APRIL 2

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
APRIL 3

Holy Saturday
APRIL 4

CELEBRATING THE HOLY TRIDUUM

When we pray, "give us this day our daily bread," we recognize that this petition goes far beyond physical sustenance.

As we enter Holy Week, especially the three-day liturgical summit of the year—the Paschal Triduum—we get fed with the greatest expression of love in and WITH the Bread of Life, Christ our Savior. We are invited to walk closely with Him through His Passion, His Death, and His glorious Resurrection. This reminds us how attentive we should be to recognize Jesus as He reveals Himself to us in a personal and intimate way throughout each moment of this journey. Let this be a time of deep connection with Jesus—a renewal of the love Christ has for us and likewise our love for Him.

VISITATION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Is there a tradition of walking through seven churches on Holy Thursday? In fact, this is one of the most common traditions practiced during Holy Week throughout the Catholic world and whose explanation is due to the seven routes that Jesus made from the Last Supper on Holy Thursday to Calvary in His crucifixion. This devotion expresses the desire of the faithful to accompany Jesus spiritually during His journey with His apostles.

Copies of the meditations, along with locations of nearby churches and a map of the route Jesus took in Jerusalem on Holy Thursday night, are available at the back of our church. You may also visit the website or scan the QR code provided.

May your journey with Jesus inspire you to true greatness, found in His meekness and humility. Thank You, Jesus, for Your Passion, Death, and Resurrection. You did everything with each one of us in mind and in Your heart.

BLESSED HOLY WEEK
to our Christian brothers and sisters

May the blessings of God be bestowed upon you

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Palm Sunday! As we enter Holy Week, we would like to take this time to thank all of you for offering your time and talents to support events at St. Mary's by the Sea. We are especially grateful for your help with the 3 Lenten Meals. Geri's gracious and fearless leadership was a major factor in the success of these community events, but your reliable and faithful service was just as crucial. The work we put into these events helps to grow our community and parish family. The bond and love between us is evident, and people are drawn to this kind of camaraderie in a ministry and parish.

➤ This **Thursday** is **HOLY THURSDAY**, and after the **7:00pm Mass** (around **8:00pm**) we will process from the Church into the Hall where Father has prepared a beautiful and special Altar to have Adoration with our Lord all through the night until Good Friday at 8am. Prayer Service. **There is a sign-up board for volunteers who can stay with our Lord throughout the night at the back of the Church now.** Please consider attending (especially men for security in the wee hours of the night). The famous quote by Jesus before his arrest on Holy Thursday: "Could you not stay awake with me for one hour?" is our model for this night's Adoration... *can WE stay awake with Him for one hour?*

➤ Our next event will be the **LADIES TEA** in **May**. We will discuss this in greater detail at our April **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** on **4/23**. In the meantime, we hope you have a very Holy Week as you prepare for the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus between now and next Sunday.

➤ Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Diane Martin. There will be a funeral service for her at SMBTS on **April 21st at 10:30**.

➤ Don't forget to visit our **Facebook page** (www.rv.by/d0jbv7) to view pics from our **FISH FRYS** and other events as they are posted.

➤ 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!

Weekly Collections

MARCH 22, 2026



REGULAR COLLECTION \$6,142.85

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!