

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 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

The God we encounter in the Torah does not hesitate to punish those who disobey or break the commandments. When the Chosen People complain to Moses, accusing him of bringing them to the desert to die of thirst, and Moses complains to God, God could have made them pay for their insolence. But instead God quenches their thirst by taking a rock as hard as their hearts appear to be and imbuing it with flowing water. Similarly, Jesus does not shame the woman for her many marriages or her current lifestyle, but offers her living water, water that within her will well up to eternal life. Paul points out that Jesus went on to die for us on the cross while we were still sinners, saving us rather than condemning us. May we realize that the life-giving water we receive in baptism is a gift most undeserved.

When one takes the time to engage someone else in conversation beyond idle chitchat or cocktail party banter, both parties invariably end up revealing something about themselves that neither saw coming. Witness the dialogue between Jesus and the woman in today's Gospel. This happens to be the lengthiest conversation Jesus has with one other person in the Gospels. When they first address each other, the woman just wants to fill her jar with water and Jesus just wants a drink. But by the end, the woman has confirmed that Jesus told her everything she had done and Jesus has revealed himself as the source of living water and the Messiah. When she leaves the well, Jesus knows her as well as she knows herself and she knows who he is even more than his own disciples seemingly do at this point.

Little by little, Jesus uncovers the woman's character. She is a Samaritan of strong faith, worshipping on the mountain where Jacob dug the well they have used for centuries. She has had a checkered married life, with five husbands in the past and now living with a man who is not her husband. She recognizes Jesus first as a prophet, then as the Messiah, whom they have all been awaiting anxiously. In a similar way, the scrutinies, the first of which we celebrate today, are intended to uncover our own sinfulness and weaknesses while strengthening our faith and our hope that God can heal and save us. May we recognize the springs of water that we have within us that give us whatever we need to satisfy our spiritual thirst.

Question of the Week

How can the life-giving water I received in baptism flow through me to quench the thirst of others in need?

-GIA Publications

**Special Intentions of Pope Leo XIV
For March 2026**

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**2026 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)
"Share Christ's Love with Others"**

Thank you to the **59 families** who have made their pledge to the **2026 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL**. Now **7% of this parish** has responded with **\$39,065 pledged** and **\$29,325 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 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.



2025 Tax Donation Letters

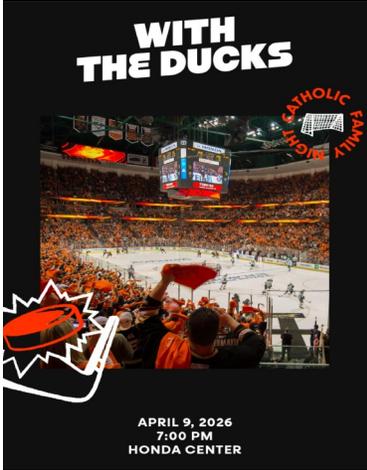


If you are a registered parishioner and need a Tax Donation letter for your 2025 tax return, please contact the **Parish Office** at **(714) 536-6913** with your **name** and **Parish ID #**, if known, to request one.

Catholic Family Night

We invite all families to join the Diocese of Orange for our 2026 Catholic Family Night with the Ducks on **Thursday, April 9!** Your ticket includes general parking and access to a post-game Slapshot Experience on the ice!

Tickets are on sale now! Visit: rcbo.org/catholic-family-night for more information.



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 | 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

Weekly Collections

MARCH 1, 2026



REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$7,698.00

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 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.

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

- 8:00am Mass for Roger Ang (L)
 3:30pm 1st Holy Communion Class Year 2

Wednesday, March 11

- 8:00am Mass for Jeanette Winkel (L)
 9:30am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
 7:00pm 5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Class #3)

Thursday, March 12

- 8:00am Mass for Annelise Marie Schlaerth (L)
 9:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed until 3:00pm and Benediction
 4:00pm Set-Up Hall for Fish Fry on Friday
 4:00pm Food Bank for the Needy (til 5:00pm)
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall

Friday, March 13

***No meat on Fridays**

- 8:00am Mass for Diane and Danny Ponce (L)
 8:30am Stations of the Cross
 9:00am Cenacles of Life
 5:00pm Lenten Meal/Fish Fry (til 7:00 pm)

Saturday, March 14

- 8:00am Mass for Annette Groen (L)
 9:00am 5-Week Spiritual Pilgrimage (Class #4)
 10:30am Funeral
 3:00pm Confessions (til 4:00pm)
 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

A TIME OF RENEWAL AND RECOMMITMENT

This Sunday and the next two Sundays, the Elects — those chosen to receive the Easter Sacraments — will participate in the Scrutinies. These rites are celebrated within the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and mark an important stage in their journey toward Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The Scrutinies mirror a broader invitation extended to all believers: the call to ongoing conversion through sincere self-reflection. Spiritual growth begins with humble desire for transformation. As the Elects allow Christ to search their hearts, all Catholics too are reminded to do the same.

The prayers and Scriptures proclaimed on these Sundays emphasize the contrast between sin and the radiant light of Christ. Every believer striving for deeper communion with the Lord walks this same path from darkness into redemption.

The entire parish community accompanies the Elects and Candidates with prayer and support. This communal dimension reminds us that conversion is both personal and ecclesial. We walk together as one Body in Christ. As our brothers and sisters prepare for the Easter Sacraments, may we also open our hearts more fully to the purifying and healing light of the Lord.



EUCHARISTIC CONSECRATION

Many of our brothers and sisters in our parish are participating in *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. This powerful devotion has already transformed many hearts, drawing them into a deeper intimacy with our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

During this Lenten season especially, it becomes a sacred spiritual journey — an intentional way of making space for Christ, allowing Him not merely to be a guest in our lives, but to take the rightful place at the center of the house of our hearts.

The God of the universe chooses to take up residence within our humble hearts. What a profound mystery to behold! How deeply grateful our hearts are for the favor He has shown us. Praise God forever!



THE PASSION RETREAT

Mt. Holy Cross Retreat Center on the Hillside of Santa Ana/N. Tustin

A heartfelt retreat designed to draw us deeply into the mystery of God's love — beginning at the Last Supper to the silence of the Holy Tomb.

The Passion Retreat 2026



Passion Sunday, March 29, 2pm-7pm

For more information, please contact our parish office or register online using the QR code by March 14.

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! Today is the **3rd Sunday of Lent** and we still have **2 upcoming LENTEN MEALS (3/13; 3/27)** planned for this **LENTEN SEASON**. Please contact **Geri** or the **Office** if you would like to help with one or both of them.

➤ This Friday, 3/13, is our **2ND FISH FRY**. 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**.

➤ 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!

FISH FRY



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).