

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



321 10th Street ♦ Huntington Beach ♦ CA 92648

PASTOR: Rev. Quang Vinh Chu

WEBSITE: www.StMarysByTheSea.net

PARISH MINISTRIES

ADORATION MINISTRY - THE LIEBLANG FAMILY

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE - SUSAN SIZLO

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - MIKE BANNER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PAUL BRESTYANSZKY

LECTORS - MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY - JOANNE PETERS

OUR LADY'S COMFORTERS - ANNE LIEBLANG

PRO-LIFE - JACKY ROZA

FAITH FORMATION - SR. CATHERINE NGUYEN

RETREATS - DIANE MILLER

SAFETY MINISTRY - TOM & SUSAN SIZLO

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - MARY GILL/DEBBIE RANSOM/GERI DIXON

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - MIKE PEDUZZI

USHERS - JOE MUNGARI

WELCOME MINISTRY - SHARON TRAN

CONTACT US: (714) 536-6913 ♦ E-MAIL: StMarys.HB@gmail.com

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.

Reflections of the Week

This week's readings invite us into the beauty of a living faith—one that is rooted in community, strengthened through trial, and deepened even in moments of doubt.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we are given a powerful image of the early Church: a community devoted to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to prayer. Their lives were marked by unity, generosity, and joy. They were not simply individuals who believed in Christ; they were a people transformed by His Resurrection, living in such a way that others were drawn to them. Their faith was visible, active, and shared.

Saint Peter, in his letter, reminds us that this new life in Christ is not without its challenges. Though we have been given "a new birth into a living hope," we still experience trials and difficulties. Yet these struggles are not meaningless—they refine our faith, making it more precious than gold. Even without seeing Christ, we love Him. Even without fully understanding, we believe. And this faith fills us with a deep and abiding joy.

The Gospel from John brings us into a very human moment of that journey of faith. The risen Jesus appears to His disciples, offering them peace and showing them His wounds. But Thomas is not there, and when he hears the others' testimony, he struggles to believe. He wants proof. When Jesus returns and invites Thomas to touch His wounds, Thomas responds with one of the most profound declarations in Scripture: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then speaks not only to Thomas, but to all of us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Together, these readings speak directly to our lives today. Like the early Christians, we are called to be a community of faith—committed to prayer, to the Eucharist, and to caring for one another. Like Peter's audience, we are reminded that our faith will be tested, but that these trials can strengthen and purify us. And like Thomas, we may sometimes wrestle with doubt, longing for certainty in a world that often feels uncertain.

Yet in the midst of all this, Christ comes to us with the same words He spoke to His disciples: "Peace be with you." He does not reject us in our doubts or struggles; He meets us there, inviting us to trust more deeply. Faith is not the absence of questions, but the willingness to believe even when we cannot see the whole picture.

Question of the Week

Do we live as a true community, rooted in prayer and the Eucharist? Do we remain faithful in times of difficulty? And when doubt arises, do we allow it to draw us closer to Christ?

-GIA Publications (adapted)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast was established by St. John Paul II to ask Jesus to have mercy upon all of us who are sinners and to make known His love and mercy to those who lack faith, hope and love.

Jesus revealed Himself to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no.48).

The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no.1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ...Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no.687).

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Opening Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Repeat three times:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Pray:

The *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, & *Apostle's Creed*

For each of the five decades of the Rosary

On the *Our Father* bead, **pray:**

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 *Hail Mary* beads, **pray:**

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Prayer (repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

-USCCB.org

PUBLIC ROSARY - WITH LEGION OF MARY

Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 pm

*Downtown Huntington Beach Main Street & PCH
(by the Pier near the Visitor Center)*

Then at **3:00 pm** at **SMBTS Church...**

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA &
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

2026 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

Thank you to the **82 families** who have generously pledged to the **2026 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL**. We are pleased to share that we have surpassed our Diocesan goal with 13% 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.

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

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



HOLY THURSDAY.....\$1,256.16
GOOD FRIDAY (HOLY LAND COLLECTION)\$784.00
EASTER COLLECTION.....\$22,397.93

VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS, YOU MAY USE THE QR CODE TO MAKE ONLINE DONATIONS (EITHER ONE TIME OR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATIONS).

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Nancy Sellas (RIP)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

***BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN BEGINS**

7:30am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased

9:00am Mass for the soul of Damien O'Brien (RIP)

10:30am Mass for Ross and Diane Miller & Family (L)

12:00pm Mass for Cameron Buckingham (L)

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

Monday, April 13

8:00am Mass for Elizabeth Fiordalisi (L)

3:30pm 1st Holy Communion Class Year 1

5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2

7:00pm OCIA class

Tuesday, April 14

8:00am Mass for soul of James Kasko (RIP)

3:30am 1st Holy Communion Class Year 2

Wednesday, April 15

8:00am Mass for David Mai (L)

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

1:00pm Staff meeting

Thursday, April 16

8:00am Mass for the soul of Ed Castro (RIP)

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 Finance Council meeting

Friday, April 17

8:00am Mass for the soul of Craig Adams (RIP)

9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, April 18

8:00am Mass for the soul of Charles Gray & Family—Living & Deceased

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

Sunday, April 19

7:30am Mass for the souls of Vicente Ky Pham and Teresa Thanh Le (RIP)

9:00am Mass for Dan and Beverly Truzzolino (L)

10:30am Mass for the soul of Benay Moore (RIP)

12:00pm Mass for the souls of Patricio, Carmen and Adoracion Villa de Lara (RIP)

12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Room

GOD'S DIVINE MERCY



I desire that the whole world know My Infinite Mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.
-Jesus to St. Faustina, 687

Many people are familiar with Fr. Michael Gaitley, a priest of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, known for his work in Divine Mercy evangelization. In one interview, he recounts how his non-Catholic father began attending Mass with the family. One day, however, his father chose to sit apart from them, off to one side of the church. When asked why, he explained that he felt drawn to the rays flowing from the Divine Mercy image—as if grace itself were radiating from it—and he sensed himself being pulled closer. Through this quiet encounter, his faith deepened, and in time, he entered the Church.

Pope John Paul II dedicated a significant portion of his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia* to the merciful love of God, especially as revealed in the Old Testament. During the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, he canonized St. Faustina Kowalska and officially established the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

God continually desires to speak to us, yet we are often too occupied with the noise and demands of daily life to listen. In His mercy, He has given us something tangible to focus on—His image. Through St. Faustina, He commissioned the painting of the Divine Mercy image and asked that it bear His own words: “Jesus, I trust in You.” He promised that those who embrace this devotion will be defended by Him at the hour of death as His own glory. And on this Divine Mercy Sunday, He offers the extraordinary grace of “total forgiveness of sins and punishment” to those who fulfill the usual conditions with sincere hearts.

In a world marked by war, violence, and unrest—where fear threatens our peace both within and without—we are called all the more to **trust in His mercy**. Let us pray unceasingly for hearts to be transformed and for wounds, no matter how deep, to be healed.

May we offer our lives to the Divine Merciful Heart, for the conversion of our own hearts and for the salvation of the whole world.

For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship
Committee

HELLO STEWARDS!

(Jesus said) *The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is - trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive (Diary, 1578).*

➤ **Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!** We hope you had a blessed Easter week and that you will have a joyful Sunday. If you are able, please join us **this afternoon at 3:00 pm** in the Church for the **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** and **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**. In addition, volunteers are needed **today, Sunday**, to help **Jacky & Lynn** of our **PRO-LIFE MINISTRY** to hand out baby bottles to parishioners after each Mass. If you can help, please see one of them outside of the Church.

➤ Our next event will be the **LADIES TEA** in May. We will discuss this in greater detail at our **APRIL STEWARDSHIP MEETING** on **April 23rd**.

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

➤ Once again, 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!



April Showers Baby Bottle Campaign

This weekend, 4/11 & 12, is the start of our *April Showers Baby Bottle Campaign for Pro-Life*. Parishioners can **take home a baby bottle** provided by us, fill it with all of your spare change, and **return the bottle to the large silver box** (which will be at the back of the Church) **by May 3rd**. In addition, if you cannot pick up a bottle in person, you can save your change in a bag or just make your donation and drop it off to the Office when convenient. Online donations can also be made at our website—just designate it for April Showers.

Also, **Horizon Pregnancy Clinic** is visiting St. Mary's by the Sea with their **Mobile Clinic** this weekend. Please stop by and see this wonderful tool used to save lives, and please be as generous as you can to help Horizon save lives. Please join our Pro-Life Ministry as we celebrate life this month.

All of your donations to this worthy cause will go towards helping women who have chosen life for their babies.