

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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Reflections of the Week

This week, the Church proclaims a message at the very heart of our faith: Christ is risen, and everything has changed. In the Gospel from John, we are drawn into the quiet, almost mysterious discovery of the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene finds the stone rolled away, and Peter and the beloved disciple run to see for themselves. What they encounter is not yet a full understanding, but a beginning—a moment of awakening. The beloved disciple “saw and believed,” even before everything was clear. It is a reminder that faith often begins in wonder, in glimpses, in signs that invite us to trust more deeply.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter boldly proclaims what those first witnesses came to understand: Jesus is truly risen, and they are witnesses to it. He recounts how Christ lived, died, and was raised by God, appearing to those chosen to testify to the truth. This is not just a private experience or a symbolic story—this is the foundation of the Church’s mission. The Resurrection is meant to be proclaimed. The joy and hope of Easter are not meant to be kept to ourselves but shared with the world.

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, calls us to live in the reality of the Resurrection. “Seek what is above,” he tells us, “where Christ is.” If we believe that Christ is risen, then our lives must reflect that truth. We are invited to set our hearts not on what is passing, but on what is eternal—on love, mercy, forgiveness, and new life in Christ. The Resurrection is not only something that happened to Jesus; it is something that is happening in us.

Together, these readings invite us into a deeper understanding of Easter. Like the disciples, we are called to see and believe, even when our understanding is still unfolding. Like Peter, we are sent to witness—to share the hope of the risen Christ through our words and our lives. And like the Colossians, we are challenged to live differently, to rise above sin and discouragement, and to embrace the new life that Christ offers.

Easter is not just a single day; it is a way of living. It means recognizing that darkness does not have the final word, that sin and death have been overcome, and that hope is always possible. It means allowing the light of Christ to transform how we think, how we act, and how we love.

Question of the Week

As we move through this week, will we ask for the grace to truly live as Easter people—people who believe, who witness, and who seek what is above, trusting that Christ is risen and that in Him we are made new?

-GIA Publications (adapted)

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.



Welcome!

On this most joyful feast of the year, the Resurrection of the Lord, we warmly welcome all who are visiting us for the first time and extend our heartfelt greetings to our devoted parish family. As we gather this Easter around His table, confident that He lives among us and within us, we are filled with true joy. United in faith, we also share in a special happiness today—with one another, whether young or old, married or single, living with others or alone, in good health or facing illness. May each of you be blessed with the deep peace and joy of a truly Happy Easter.



April Showers Baby Bottle Campaign

Next 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, **Horizon Pregnancy Clinic** will be visiting St. Mary’s by the Sea with their **Mobile Clinic** next 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.

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.

Restored - A Journey to Wholeness

There will be a one-day retreat of hope and healing for women whose lives have been touched by abortion. All registrations are confidential.

This retreat is free of cost due to generous benefactors. Scan the QR Code to register.

The address for the retreat is: **Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, 700 N Sunnyside Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024.**



If a Parish Isn't Crying, It's Dying

While Jesus welcomed the children, saying, "Let the little children come to me," many churches, including those with "cry rooms," emphasize the importance of quiet and solemnity during services. Silence is valuable, and most parents strive to keep their children quiet using creative methods such as offering a bottle, snacks, coloring books, or children's stories.

But Fr. Quang Chu, Pastor of St. Mary's by the Sea Church, has a clear stance on bringing children to Mass: *They are always welcome!* Fr. Chu is happy to see these families bringing their young children to attend Mass. These children are the future of our Church! Even Pope Francis expressed in 2014 that it bothers him when children are sent out for crying in church, emphasizing that "God's voice is in a child's tears."

Here's some advice for parents:

Relax! God created children with wiggles and energy; you don't need to suppress it in His house.

Engage Them: Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and the actions of the priest and altar servers. This helps them understand and stay interested.

Choose Your Seat Wisely: Don't feel confined to the back pews. Sitting toward the front can help your little ones see and hear better, reducing their restlessness from just staring at the backs of heads.

To the parishioners: If you find yourself near families with young children, remember that their presence is a blessing and a gift to the Church, reminding us that our parish is growing. Please welcome them warmly and offer a smile of encouragement to their parents.



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 | 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

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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*

Monday, April 6

8:00am *Mass for Roger and Elsa Ang (L)*

Tuesday, April 7

8:00am *Mass for soul of Charron Beaver (RIP)*

Wednesday, April 8

8:00am *Mass for Tom Orr and Family—Living & Deceased*

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

Thursday, April 9

8:00am *Mass for the Gary Smith Family (L)*

9:00am *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed until 3:00pm and Benediction*

4:00pm *Food Bank for the Needy (til 5:00pm)*

7:00pm *Knights of Columbus meeting*

Friday, April 10

8:00am *Mass for Arabella Charlize Schlaerth (L)*

9:00am *Cenacles of Life*

Saturday, April 11

8:00am *Mass for Teri Dartez (L)*

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

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

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

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 in Church and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

PUBLIC ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 pm

Downtown Huntington Beach

Main Street & PCH (by the Pier near the Visitor Center)



**Organized by the LEGION OF MARY
RSVP requested (not required) to:
refuge_of_sinners@yahoo.com.**

THE GLORY OF EASTER

St. Paul says that if Jesus did not resurrect, Christian faith is futile, preaching is useless, believers are still in their sins, and Christians are the most pitiable people (1Cor15). Easter's glory hinges on this bodily resurrection as the foundation of hope and salvation. We recite this reality in the Nicene Creed at every Sunday Mass. God invites each of us at this Easter to ENTER into His GLORY by embracing the transformative power of His resurrection, moving from death to life, and finding a living hope! We are to not forget all that Jesus did and is doing FOR us to save us so we can all share eternity with Him. We have been purchased by the blood of God Himself. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED

May the grace you received today through the descent of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation bring you into the fullness of God's immense love. May this love be nurtured and grow ever more abundantly in your life through the intercession of your heavenly Patron Saints whose names you take on this day forward.

- Clare of Assisi -Daniella E. Nakao**
- Augustine of Hippo—Ryan F. Bowen**
- John Paul II—Caden R. Woollen**
- Beatrice da Silva -Marie L. Minieri**
- Stephen, the First Martyr -Mark W. Klein**
- Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus -Christian A. Caputo**
- Ignatius of Antioch-Seth A. Warman**
- Juan Diego -Espiridion Cerda**
- John the Apostle -Mauricio F. Amezqueta**
- John the Apostle -Dhanne Villa de Lara**
- Joseph of Cupertino -Victor T. D'Errico**

INVITATION

We invite any adults to join us for our next OCIA class on Monday, April 13 at 7pm for our Mystagogy session. We especially look forward to welcoming those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church, as well as Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Easter.

Our enthusiastic OCIA community looks forward to sharing their experiences of faith—and hearing your story as well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



Again, our First Communion Year II class won the Lenten challenge with 100% participation. The children, along with their catechists, contributed to the CRS Rice Bowl effort to help alleviate hunger in many parts of the world. They also remained

faithful to the other two pillars of Lent—prayer and fasting—in imitation of and in union with our Lord. May their lives, and the lives of many—young and old—in our community be strengthened in their commitment to a truly Catholic way of life and virtue.

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship Committee

HAPPY EASTER . . .

May the risen Lord bless and guide the members of our Stewardship Committee as they continue their dedicated service to our parish community. May they be inspired by the spirit of generosity, sharing the gifts they have received with love and compassion. May their efforts bear abundant fruit, nurturing faith, unity, and fellowship among us all. May the joy of Easter fill their hearts with hope and renewal, as they strive to fulfill the mission of spreading God's love and mercy. Amen.

➤ We've just experienced a profoundly moving Easter celebration, encompassing the solemnity of Holy Thursday Mass, the reverent Adoration throughout the night, pilgrimages to Seven Churches for some, heartfelt Stations of the Cross, the poignant observance of Good Friday and the Lord's Passion, the uplifting Easter Vigil where new members were welcomed into our Church family, and the joyous Easter Sunday Masses. As Catholics, participating in these sacred rituals honoring Our Lord's journey from His sacrifice to His glorious Resurrection fills us with deep pride and gratitude. Thank you, God, for allowing us to be part of this sacred journey.

➤ 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**.

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

➤ During this Easter 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!

Weekly Collections

MARCH 29, 2026



REGULAR COLLECTION \$7,692.50
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!