

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

R O M A N C A T H O L I C C H U R C H



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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

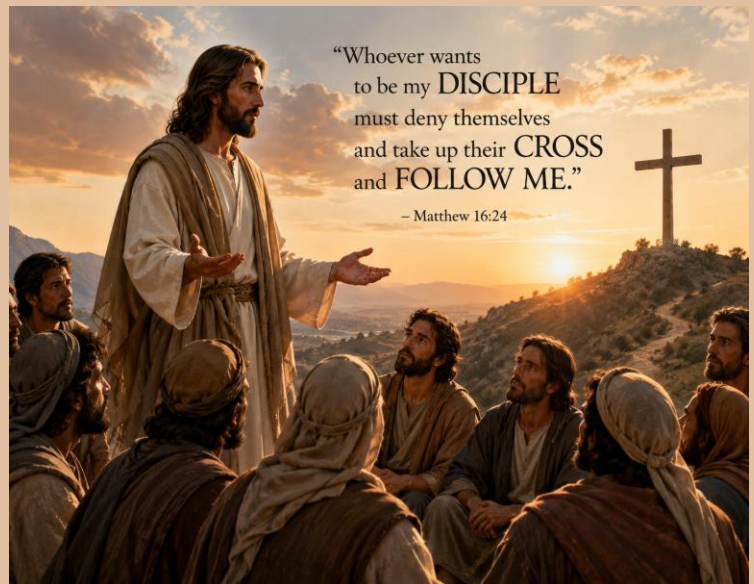
With Divine Mercy, Rosary, Benediction

Every 1st Friday, 9:00am – 9:00pm

With Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm



"Whoever wants
to be my DISCIPLE
must deny themselves
and take up their CROSS
and FOLLOW ME."

– Matthew 16:24

VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

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

Our Mission: St. Mary's by the Sea is 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

There are moments when following God feels difficult—when His call asks more of us than we expected. The prophet Jeremiah knows this struggle well. In his anguish, he admits that he has tried to remain silent, yet God’s word burns within him like a fire. Jeremiah discovers that he cannot simply walk away from the mission God has entrusted to him. Even when the path is painful, God’s love compels him forward.

St. Paul gives us a similar invitation in his Letter to the Romans: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.” To follow Christ is not merely to believe in Him; it is to allow our entire lives to become an offering. Paul tells us not to be conformed to the world but to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. Our faith should change the way we think, speak, choose, forgive, serve, and love.

In the Gospel, Jesus reveals that His own path will lead to Jerusalem, suffering, and the Cross. Peter struggles to accept this, but Jesus makes clear that discipleship cannot be separated from the Cross: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

These readings remind us that Christian discipleship is not always comfortable or easy. Like Jeremiah, we may sometimes feel discouraged. Like Peter, we may wish for a path without suffering. Yet Jesus calls us to something greater: a life completely given to God. To take up our cross is not to seek suffering, but to faithfully embrace whatever love and service require of us.

May we have the courage of Jeremiah, the renewed mind of St. Paul, and the trusting heart of a true disciple. And may our lives become a living sacrifice through which others can encounter Christ.

Question of the Week

Am I allowing God to transform my life, or am I simply trying to fit my faith into the life I already want?

-GIA Publications (Adapted)

Weekly Collection

August 23, 2026



Regular Collection..... \$6,269.40

Visitors and Parishioners: You may use the QR Code or visit REBRAND.LY/SQJSYAY to make Online Donations (either one time or regular weekly donations).

We always appreciate your Generosity!

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary First Friday, 12-Hour Adoration

Honor Mary’s birthday by worshipping her son in the Blessed Sacrament. St. Mary’s by the Sea has **12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** this **First Friday, September 4th**, beginning **after the 8am Mass** and **continuing until 9pm**.

Faith Formation Program 2026-27

We are now accepting registrations for the upcoming Faith Formation Program. **Please register as soon as possible. A \$20 late fee will be added after August 31st.**

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026.

FIRST COMMUNION YEAR 1: *For students at least 6 years old and will receive First Holy Communion in 2028.*
[Classes: Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm Fee: \$100]

FIRST COMMUNION YEAR 2: *For students who completed year 1 and will receive First Holy Communion in 2027.*
[Classes: Mondays 3:30-4:30pm Fee: \$120]

POST-COMMUNION: *Students who have completed First Communion and are not in High School.*
[Classes: TBD Fee: \$50]

CONFIRMATION:

Year 1: High School Students

Year 2: High School Students who successfully completed Year 1 Confirmation

[Classes: Mondays 5:15-6:30pm Fee: \$150]

☞ **Please note that our classes are for registered parishioners only.**

PLEASE EITHER COME BY OUR PARISH Office TO COMPLETE A FORM OR DOWNLOAD AN ONLINE FORM AND BRING IT INTO THE Office.



OCLIA Program for Adults

St. Mary’s by the Sea will offer classes for adults who would like to become a practicing Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, and/or First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. The classes begin **September 22** and are held on **Monday evenings** from **7:00-8:20 pm** where you will prepare to receive the Sacraments. Please note that these classes are for registered parishioners or people who live within our boundaries. And of course, all Catholics are also welcome to join as a refresher course. **PLEASE EITHER COME BY OUR PARISH Office TO COMPLETE A FORM OR DOWNLOAD AN ONLINE FORM AND EMAIL IT TO: EMAILSISTERC@YAHOO.COM.**

Habit & Collar Talent Showcase Recap

Enjoy a video recap of the inaugural Habit & Collar Talent Showcase! From powerful vocals to yo-yo tricks and even a little sleight of hand, our priests, seminarians and religious sisters proved that a life of faith is full of joy, personality and, for some, hidden talents. To catch the highlights from an incredible night at Christ Cathedral's Arboretum on July 25, please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtKuPBmvH9g.

"There's More"

More than 11,000 came to the Honda Center in Anaheim for the "There's More" event on Aug. 22, part of the diocesan 50th anniversary celebration. The day featured guest speakers Msgr. James Shea, Fr. John Riccardo, Tony Melendez, musician Matt Maher, and Fr. Cheeyoon Chun and Sr. Mari Josephine Chun as emcees.

The event also served as an introduction to the "There's More" campaign, aimed at evangelizing our communities and ushering in a new era of "radical hospitality" to make our Catholic parishes, centers and schools feel more welcoming. For more pictures or videos, check out the Diocese of Orange Instagram page at www.instagram.com/orangediocese.

At the end of your life on earth, you will be evaluated and rewarded according to how well you handled what God entrusted to you.



Let Us Pray for the Sick



Natalia Amezcua	Matt Fike	Don Quinn
Tracy Andonian	Molly Flaherty	Debbie Ransom
GINNY ARAGÓN	Cindy Friendt	Tim Ransom
Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Rudy Friendt	Carmela Rugel
Mike Banner	Paul Hayes	Susan Rocio
Ted Beresford	Jim Keating	Colleen Rowe
Rowyn Bolinger	Paula Keating	Yvonne Ruiz
Connie Bowles	James Kosai	Breanna Sims
Pamela Brown	Nam Le	Carol Summerfield
Georg Christa	Arturo Loya	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Rosie Clouse	Susan Mastroianni	Roberta Velasquez
Vicky Derieg	Dan McKelvie	Andrea Wall
Bryan Donnelly	Patricia McKenzie	John Waldron
Ann Erwin	Tracy Murray	Nancy Yaslik
Rachel Ferrarie	Erin Nakamoto	Kelly Zaldo
	Thomas Nester	

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, H. Smith, Capt. D. Tierney, T. Pace

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Martin Andray Nguyen (RIP)

Sunday, August 30

7:30am Mass for the soul of Lois Gray (RIP)

9:00am Mass for the soul of Nick Spagnoli (RIP)

10:30am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

12:00pm Mass for the soul of Eileen O'Brien (RIP)

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

Monday, August 31

8:00am Mass for the souls of Maria Vuong thi Dao & Vincent Pham van Bich (RIP)

4:30pm Catechist meeting

Tuesday, September 1

8:00am Mass for the Kosearas Family (L)

Wednesday, September 2

8:00am Mass for the soul of Nguyen Thanh Hung (RIP)

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

Thursday, September 3

8:00am Mass for Mary Vui Nguyen (L)

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

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

Friday, September 4

8:00am Mass for Z. Deponte (L)

9:00am 1st Friday 12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed til 9pm w/Benediction

9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, September 5

8:00am Mass for Mary Lieblang (L)

11:00am Wedding

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

5:00pm Mass for the souls of Steve and Todd Ulland (RIP)

Sunday, September 6

7:30am Mass for John Burr Schlaerth, Jr. (L)

9:00am Mass for Debbie Ransom (L)

10:30am Mass for Peter Mograbi (L)

12:00pm Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

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

WE CELEBRATED OUR JUBILEE



Among the crowd of approximately ten thousand faithful were about one hundred priests and seminarians. As we stand at the threshold of the next 50 years, we recognize that we can do nothing apart from being united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We—both those present at the gathering and those reading this message—along with all Catholics worldwide, are reminded of our urgent call to **share the good news of our encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ**. This is the deepest desire of His heart: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” (Luke 12:49).

God calls us to be completely filled with Him; without this divine life, we have nothing left to live or die for. Indeed, how can anyone accomplish anything significant without first **falling in love with God?** May the fire of Christ's love continue to burn brightly within us, and through us, ignite faith, hope, and love throughout the entire world.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Registration forms for both children and adults available online & at our parish during office hours. Please reach out to us! God bless you and your family.

After this Monday, a late registration fee will apply.

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship
Committee

HELLO STEWARDS!

Happy Sunday! We do not have any SMBS events scheduled for September except for our monthly **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** on **Thursday, September 24**. At this meeting, we will discuss upcoming events like **STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND**, **BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS**, and **CHRISTMAS DINNER**. We hope to see you there!

➤ In the meantime, please visit our Facebook page (www.rb.gy/bwifzl) to view pics from the **PICNIC** and all SMBS events as they are posted.

➤ We invite you to visit **JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** every **Thursday at 12pm** or on **First Fridays at 1pm**. Please come to **ADORATION** during our time slots or whenever your schedule allows on those days.

➤ Please continue to pray for the needs and intentions of your fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors. You are loved! You are appreciated!

The Meaning of Catholic Vestments

During Mass and other sacraments, we witness the clergy wearing a myriad of specialized clothing and accessories in several colors. The colors they wear have specific meanings:

- † **White and Gold:** Symbolize joy, purity and glory. Worn during Christmas, Easter, weddings and feasts of non-martyr saints.
- † **Green:** Symbolizes hope, spiritual growth and new life. Worn during Ordinary Time (between Epiphany and Lent, and after Pentecost).
- † **Violet:** Symbolizes penance, preparation and sacrifice. Worn during Advent and Lent.
- † **Red:** Symbolizes fire, blood of martyrs and the Holy Spirit. Worn on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and feast days of martyrs and apostles.
- † **Rose:** Symbolizes a pause during a time of penance to rejoice in the coming celebration. Worn on Gaudete Sunday (third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (fourth Sunday of Lent).
- † **Black:** Can be worn for funeral Masses and All Souls' Day (optional). Symbolizes mourning, death and prayers for the departed.

These vestments are not arbitrary or random. Instead, they all serve a specific purpose and function while acting in persona Christi, Latin for “in the person of Christ,” meaning that the priest, while celebrating Mass and the sacraments is acting not in his own power, but instead it is God and Christ who act through the priest.

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