

# 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



## LEGACY PROJECT

<u># of Pledges</u> (130)	<u>Total Pledged</u> \$561,516	<u>Total Paid</u> \$541,896
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## 2020 PSA

<u># of Pledges</u> (67)	<u>Total Pledged</u> \$55,046	<u>Total Paid</u> \$48,161
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**THANK YOU** for the support you showed during this time that we have been out of the Church. Your donations can be given electronically via our website at [www.stmarysbythesea.net](http://www.stmarysbythesea.net) by clicking the large red button on the right which says "DONATE NOW." You can also send a check directly to our Parish. Thank you, and may God bless you during this time of trials.

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*(Please Note: The Office will re-open September 28, 2020. In the meantime, should you want to contact us, please call and leave a message or send us an email. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.)*

**ALL Masses will be held outside in the Courtyard.**

## TEMPORARY SCHEDULE



**DAILY MASS (Monday-Saturday): 8:00 am**

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

5:00 pm

### SUNDAY MASSES

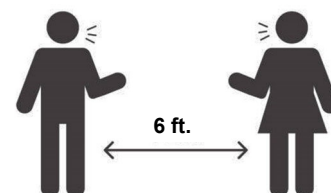
7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am Latin Low Mass

4:30 pm Mass

SOCIAL DISTANCING



**ADORATION & BENEDICTION: Thursday 3:00-4:00 pm &  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 3:00-4:00 pm**

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm**

## 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

*The Great Mercy of God*

Children are usually still quite young the first time they have occasion to shout, "That's not fair!" At some point in our lives, we've probably all felt the bitterness of unfairness. Today's readings agree that life isn't always fair—yet, unexpectedly, invite us to rejoice! We rejoice because God's mercy is totally unfair: God lavishes us with forgiveness and love even when we deserve less. Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm praise the great mercy of God, mercy that forgives our sins over and over. In the Gospel parable, Jesus demonstrates that God longs to give good things to all of us, even to those who seem less worthy. When Saint Paul reflects on God's goodness, embodied in Jesus Christ, he can hardly wait to enter his heavenly reward.

*An Unexpected Lesson*

Jesus' parable depicts workers who "punch the clock" at various times throughout the long day: dawn, nine, noon, three, and five o'clock. Regardless of when they began working in the vineyard, the laborers all receive the same reward. The reward seems lavish to the latecomers, of course, and shockingly unfair to the long-faithful workers. The landowner soothes his most dutiful laborers, however, delighting in them as friends and transforming their bitter confrontation into a reflection on generosity. The laborers who arrived at five o'clock might have been late to the job, but those who began at the crack of dawn were last to understand the extravagant bounty of the landowner. Seen in this way, the parable discusses not only God's generosity toward "unworthy" believers, but also the Lord's inexhaustible patience toward those who thought they had nothing more to learn.

*Beginning Again*

Today's readings provide sweet refreshment to all of us who know the bitterness of discouragement. No matter how stubbornly we determine to improve ourselves, the human condition often leaves us in puddles of failure and regret. Jesus has a new plan for us. Today's Gospel parable demonstrates the mercy of God, mercy that rejoices in fresh beginnings. We take comfort in knowing that God accompanies us in our labors—and works for us—whether we struggle with caring for our bodies, striving for patience, avoiding gossip, making time for prayer, being generous, overcoming addiction, remaining in recovery, or simply attending to our daily work. Jesus shows us that he actively engages with us each time we fall short. From dawn to dusk, the Lord seeks us out, calling us to join him in the vineyard. Now, today, right this moment, is our dawn. Or our nine o'clock. Or our noon. Ignore the clock! Jesus invites us to forget past failures; divine mercy wipes them away. Today's psalm insists that the "Lord is near to all who call upon him." In hope, then, we begin again.

**R.C.I.A. CLASSES**

**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

☞ **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO REFRESH YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

St. Mary's by the Sea will offer classes for adults and teens (16 years or older) who would like to become a practicing Catholic and receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation.

**FIRST CLASS: Monday, September 28, 2020**

**7:00-8:00 p.m. in Fr. Johnson Hall**

*I was never baptized when I was young, but would now like to learn about the Catholic faith and see if this is for me. Can I attend the course?*

Absolutely! After attending this course, you would then receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

*I was baptized as a Catholic when young, but never received my First Communion or Confirmation. Will I be able to receive these sacraments if I attend these classes?*

Yes. You will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist.

*I was previously baptized into another Christian faith, but am now seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. Are these classes also for me?*

Yes! Persons of another faith are also welcome to participate along with catechumens in the RCIA in the process of learning about the Catholic faith and being formed in that faith.

**You MUST register before the classes begin.**

**Go to:**

**[WWW.STMARYSBYTHESEA.NET](http://WWW.STMARYSBYTHESEA.NET)**

**(scroll down and click the link to register for RCIA)**



**Receive Our Weekly Bulletin by Email**

The bulletin is the center of our Parish communication, and we want to keep you informed. Now that Masses have been cancelled, we would like you to always have access to our weekly bulletin and have it delivered directly to your email each week. If this is something you may be interested in, **please sign-up here:**

**<https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com>**

- Click on "Search by" and input our zip code, "92648." Then click on the **green arrow** next to our name, and **input your information.**
- You can also text the word **BULLETIN** to **94090.**

If you ever decide you don't want to receive it any more, you can click a simple "Unsubscribe" link at the bottom of your email.

**Ministry as Catechists**

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated at our parish at the **5pm Mass on Saturday, September 26, 2020**. The Catechists of our Parish will renew their commitment with Jesus Christ with the community they serve, with themselves and with those children, youths and adults entrusted to them this year. Please pray and support our parish ministry.

If you feel called to join us in the Catechetical ministry, please contact Sr. Catherine. Jesus needs you to expand His kingdom here at SMBTS and beyond.



**Pennies From Heaven**

Next **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, will be our Diocese's 25<sup>th</sup> annual **Pennies from Heaven Campaign**, which will run all through the month of October. Please consider donating your coins and dollars to local Respect Life shelters, clinics, and centers that give immediate and long-term care to Orange County women, men, and families in crisis. This year the proceeds will benefit the **Obria Medical Clinics, Mary's Path, Casa Teresa, Vietnamese Hot Line, Life Centers, Precious Life Shelter** and **Horizon Pregnancy Clinic**. Last year \$265,447 was raised in the Diocese thanks to your efforts. Visit [rcbo.org/penniesfromheaven](http://rcbo.org/penniesfromheaven) to learn more about Pennies from Heaven or to donate electronically. Please join with the other parishes throughout the Diocese and donate today!

**What is a Priest?**

A priest is another Christ who stands as a link between God and His people, offering sacrifice.

He is Christ waiting to forgive the sinner.

He is the one who stands and speaks in the name of Christ.

He is the shepherd of souls.

The priest continues the life of Christ in the world today, lifting mankind.

He must be big enough to reach the world, strong enough to carry it, pure enough to embrace it.

He must be the road that does not end with himself but leads to eternity.

The priest is a man called by Christ who freely chooses Him to carry on His work.

He is the backbone of the faith.

And the necessary link if faith is to survive in the days to come.

*-Catholic Quote Vol. 79, No. 9*

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION (CCD)**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN**

➤ **Classes will begin the week of September 28, 2020**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**WE MUST GET ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO WILL BE ATTENDING CCD OR CONFIRMATION BEFORE THE CLASSES BEGIN. IF WE RECEIVE YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION CARD AFTER THE CLASSES BEGIN, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.**

**TO REGISTER ONLINE, GO TO:**

**WWW.STMARYSBYTHESEA.NET**  
(scroll down and click the link to register for CCD)

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Office (714-536-6913) to register your child.

**COMMUNION CLASS (YEAR 1):**

1<sup>st</sup> Class: **Monday, 9/28/2020 at 3:30-4:30 pm**

**COMMUNION CLASS (YEAR 2):**

1<sup>st</sup> Class: **Tuesday, 9/29/2020 at 3:30-4:30 pm**

**POST COMMUNION CLASS (GRADES 3-8):**

1<sup>st</sup> Class: **Tuesday, 9/29/2020 at 5:30-6:30 pm**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):**

1<sup>st</sup> Class: **Monday, 9/28/2020 at 5:30-6:30 pm**

**FEES:**

**LEVELS 1-7: \$100** (3+ children will receive a \$50 discount after the first 2 children)

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS (2 Year program): \$300**

**PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE IF YOU PREFER. GO TO: WWW.STMARYSBYTHESEA.NET & CLICK "DONATE NOW."** MAKE YOUR PAYMENT UNDER "CCD."



**Weekly Collection**

*Operating Expenses are \$5,500 - \$6,500 per week*

**September 13, 2020**

St. Vincent de Paul .....	\$35.00
Specials .....	\$608.00
Make-Up Collection.....	\$1,125.00
Regular .....	\$8,251.00

*Thank you so very much for supporting your Church during these difficult times. God Bless you all!*

***Let Us Pray for the Sick...***

Pay Asjar	Loraine Dunn	Rose Palmer
Sarah Asjar	David Gill	Mary Peduzi
Bette Barilla	Al Griego	Diane Pham
Bonnie Barilla	Chin Ha	Derek Pham
Angela Bennett	Nathan Hamby	Jake Porter
Bruce Blankfield	David Harris	Debbie Ransom
Teresa Braga	Paul Hayes	Irene Rinehimer
Hugh Cahill	Larry B. Henry	Susan Rocio
Colleen Campbell	Diane Hoxsie	Mark Scally
Earline Campbell	Paula Keating	Christine Schiering
Stuart Campbell	Marilyn Kefalas	Hilda Shipman
Peggy Carrasco	Roger Kunsaitis	Flora Simpson
George Christa	Ernest Landell	Barry Robert Snyder
Rosemarie Clouse	Nam Le	Bob Spellmire
Ann Costello	Bill Lee	Dan Stenglein
Johnny Costello	Larry Lewis	Mary Teaze
Dan Derieg	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Bernadette Vanderhorst
Vicky Derieg	Doris McDonald	Andrea Wall
Helen Donnelly	Nina Merlino	Maria Zelaya

***for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces***



**Stewardship Corner**

**LOYAL STEWARDS...**

What in the world has 2020 been, and how it has prevented our normal volunteering opportunities here at church? Please let 2021 be one that we can enjoy ourselves sharing our God-given Time, Talents, and Treasures as the Stewardship committee at SMBTS again.

Our **PRAYER WARRIORS** have been extremely helpful (and busy) during our separated time with their prayerful help for those sick, injured or suffering losses. What a positive way to spend our quarantined time and now avoid poor outside air quality. Who would have suspected that Southern Ca would be designated as the place with the worst air quality in the entire world?? Pray hard everyone for this too to end and CV to be a distant memory.

Thank you to all who continue to help with sanitizing seats after Masses.

Dear Lord, in these challenging times, please hear our prayers and answer them with your Love and compassion. Heal those sick, keep safe and healthy our priests, and all those fighting fires..... and our world from it's virus and tragic fires, affecting so many people in so many areas, and for continued good heath for each other. Amen 🙏

***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).

*This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea*

5:00 pm Mass for the soul of Ray Emmons (RIP)

*Sunday, September 20*

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Jean Tkaczyk (RIP)

9:30 am Mass for Mike & Mikayla Leahy (L)

11:30 am Latin Mass for Judith & Patrick  
Clark (L)

4:30 pm Mass for the People of the  
Parish - Living and Deceased

*Monday, September 21*

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Louis Bastone  
(RIP)

*Tuesday, September 22*

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Peter Bay Ta (RIP)

*Wednesday, September 23*

8:00 am Mass for the soul of J.B. Duong Chu  
(RIP)

*Thursday, September 24*

8:00 am Mass for Joseph Giovanni Nottke (L)

**3-4:00 pm Adoration & Benediction**

*Friday, September 25*

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Peter Bay Ta (RIP)

*Saturday, September 26*

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Maria Amalia  
D'Souza (RIP)

**3:00 pm Confessions (only until 4:00 pm)**

5:00 pm Mass for the soul of Suzanne  
Donnelly (RIP)

*Sunday, September 27*

7:30 am Mass for the People of the Parish -  
Living and Deceased

9:30 am Mass for the soul of J.B. Duong Chu  
(RIP)

11:30 am Latin Mass for Diego & Elena  
Navarrette (L)

4:30 pm Mass for the soul of Joseph Martin  
Phuoc (RIP)