

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> \$570,684	<u>Total Paid</u> \$555,815
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2020 PSA

<u># of Pledges</u> (69)	<u>Total Pledged</u> \$59,131	<u>Total Paid</u> \$57,738
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THANK YOU for the support you have shown during this trying time of the pandemic. Your donations can be given electronically via our website at www.stmarysbythesea.net by clicking the large red button on the right which says "DONATE NOW." You can also send your check directly to our Parish. Thank you, and may God bless you during this time of trials.

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*(Notice: The Office has re-opened from Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm.
Please note that we will be closed on Fridays until further notice.)*

December 27, 2020



ALL Masses will be held outside in the Courtyard.

TEMPORARY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS (Mon.-Sat.): 8:00 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES
7:30, 9:00 am & 10:30 am English
12:00 pm Latin Low Mass
4:30 pm English

ADORATION & BENEDICTION:
Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm &
Every 1st Friday 9:00 am—3:00 pm

***CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm**
**except on Jan. 2, 2021*

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

On this feast of the Holy Family, we want to offer all families blessings. "Family" may have a lot of different connotations these days. In the United States, the "father, mother, child" family is less common now, and large Catholic families are not as common as they once were. The concept of family is more fluid with many forms of blended families due to second marriages, multigenerational households, and other living arrangements. In a recent survey by the Pew research center, four in ten babies are born to single mothers. Other children are being raised by grandparents or foster parents. In today's Genesis story, Abraham was ready to concede to another form of family, making the child of one of his servants his heir. The reading from Hebrews reiterates the story of Genesis, and "your descendants will be more numerous than the stars." The Gospel relates the story of the presentation in the temple.

Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration. Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, fewer weddings by clergy, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away. Many have left the church altogether because of the way they were treated. For some the parish is not a welcoming place. For others baptism has become just a ritual they go through for the sake of the grandparents.

When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don't know the rubrics well, or aren't dressed better, or "why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?" Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he see the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon. May we all learn from their wisdom!

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***The Solemnity of Mary,
The Mother of God***

*(This is not a Holy Day of
Obligation in 2021.)*

Jan. 1, 2021: 8:00 am &
12:00 pm - English
10:00 am - Latin Tridentine
Mass

*(NO 1st Friday Adoration)



***Prayers to Use for
Plenary Indulgence***

Last week we told you how the Holy Father has made this the Year of St. Joseph and that plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics not only through prayer and penance, but also through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. We have included two prayers to St. Joseph which may be used:



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

Amen

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

-Pope Francis

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Plenary Indulgence for the 900th Anniversary of the Norbertine Order

A plenary indulgence can be gained as a Jubilee for the 900th Anniversary of the Norbertine Order from Nov. 29, 2020 through Jan. 9, 2022 under usual conditions (confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayers for the Holy Father) plus if you visit jubilee churches and oratories as a pilgrimage, and for a suitable period of time pour forth prayers for the conversion of sinners, for obtaining priestly and religious vocations, and for defending the state of the human family. These prayers are to be concluded with the Lord's Prayer, the Symbol of Faith, and invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Norbert.

For those who by reason of infirmity or other grave causes may be impeded from being present at these celebrations, can still gain a plenary indulgence by having a complete detestation of any sin, and with the intention of fulfilling, when it shall be possible, the three usual conditions, accomplish a visit by a spiritual desire of the heart, and offer to God through Mary the sicknesses and inconveniences of their own lives, having added the prayers as above.

Saints & Special Observances for the Week

- Monday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday
Saturday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church; First Saturday
Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord (1/3/21)

End of the Year Donations

As you review your 2020 tax planning, please consider a year-end gift of support to St. Mary's by the Sea Church. **The deadline for year-end gifts to qualify as charitable contributions for your 2020 income tax return is Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020.** As the year comes to a close, open yourself up to new possibilities and success achieved through giving and receiving. Your faithful response in sharing your gifts is truly a blessing to our community.

For more information, or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office at (714) 536-6913, x-112.

Office of Faith Formation Corner

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

All students in our Faith Formation Program, from age 6 to age 66, were asked to participate in preparing a manger for Jesus' coming this Christmas with acts of charity and devotions such as praying the Rosary and receiving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament spiritually throughout the week. The Confirmation class has the highest number of participants as well as highest number of charitable deeds recorded. Congratulations to the youth of our parish and for parents who encourage them to be people of faith and of virtue.

We invite all to continue preparing themselves for the coming of Christ and be vigilant because God does not sleep. He continually awakens our souls to His Presence. Let our readiness to welcome Christ serve as a Virtual and Virtuous manger for Him this Christmas Season.

Depicted below is the Jr. High students caroling and offering Jesus both the blessings they receive and challenges they face. God wanted the gift of ourselves because that's His way of filling up our hearts with all that is ours, our joys and sorrows. May Jesus come to rest in our hearts and to heal all that is broken.



Have a Very Blessed Christmas Season and New Year!

Classes will resume the week of January 4 and 5

Weekly Collections

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

December 13, 2020

Building Fund	\$1,025.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,398.00
Retirement for Religious	\$1,343.00
Regular	\$5,011.20

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	Chin Ha	Diane Pham
Sarah Asjar	Nathan Hamby	Derek Pham
Bette Barilla	David Harris	Ray Quinn
Bonnie Barilla	Paul Hayes	Debbie Ransom
Angela Bennett	Larry B. Henry	Irene Rinehimer
Teresa Braga	Diane Hoxsie	Susan Rocio
Hugh Cahill	Paula Keating	Mark Scally
Colleen Campbell	Marilyn Kefalas	Janene Shepherd
Earline Campbell	Roger Kunsaitis	Hilda Shipman
Peggy Carrasco	Ernest Landell	Barry Robert Snyder
George Christa	Nam Le	Bob Spellmire
Rosemarie Clouse	Larry Lewis	Dan Stenglein
Ann Costello	Garret Loeffler	Mary Teaze
Johnny Costello	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Bernadette Vanderhorst
Dan Derieg	Doris McDonald	Andrea Wall
Vicky Derieg	Nina Merlino	Britt Wilson
Bryan Donnelly	Rosalie Ocanas	Maria Zelaya
Helen Donnelly	Rose Palmer	
Al Griego	Mary Peduzi	

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces



LOYAL STEWARDS...

Thank you to all those who helped decorate the patio area for Christmas and to all those who contributed poinsettias. Everything was different, but no less beautiful! Let us take this week to look at the bright side of things and be grateful and celebrate our Savior's birth! Rejoice in the knowledge that the greatest gift was given to us by God. Even Covid couldn't stop Christmas from coming, and soon we will be gathering again to worship like we want when vaccines are given. In the meantime God gave us common sense and understanding to use to protect us and those most vulnerable and essential to our parish for continuing Mass. Stewards wear your masks, maintain social distances, and wash you hands. If you CAN'T wear a mask, stay home! Its your responsibility to protect each other until the time comes when we are rid of this pandemic. No one is irreplaceable except our Priests, and this is vital in protecting them! Pray for them, Bishop Vann, and each other to stay healthy and get through 2020.

We have four days left of this difficult year, and will begin 2021 with the remnants of the craziest, saddest, year most of us have known, but we look forward with HOPE, and FAITH that this New Year will bring us together again. It has been a year of more free time.....time for prayer, and appreciating what we had with new ways of helping others and worshiping that we can continue in the new year as loyal Stewards.

God bless us everyone, and HAPPY NEW YEAR. 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).

December 27, 2020

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Mass for Margaret Ponce (L)

Sunday, December 27

7:30 am Mass for the souls of Maria Lieu &

Peter Truong Tran (RIP)

9:00 am Mass for the People of the Parish -
Living and Deceased

10:30 am Mass for Althea Santucci (L)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the soul of Alyce Clark
(RIP)

4:30 pm Mass for Danielle Santucci (L)

Monday, December 28

8:00 am Mass for Joseph & Johnny Chavez (L)

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 am Mass for Elena Navarrette (L)

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 am Mass for Ray & Lupe Jana and Family (L)

Thursday, December 31

Office Closed

8:00 am Mass for Frank Jr. and Laurie (L)

9am-3pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday, January 1, 2021

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

***Office Closed & Happy New Year!**

8:00 am Mass for the People of the Parish

10:00 am Latin Mass for the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Mass for the People of the Parish

Saturday, January 2

8:00 am Mass for Diane Ponce (L)

5:00 pm Mass for Frances Lulu (L)

Sunday, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Mass for Ross Miller (L)

9:00 am Mass for the soul of Flora Simpson (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Danny Cameron
(RIP)

12:00 pm Latin Mass for the People of the Parish
- Living and Deceased

4:30 pm Mass for the soul of Grace Baculio
(RIP)