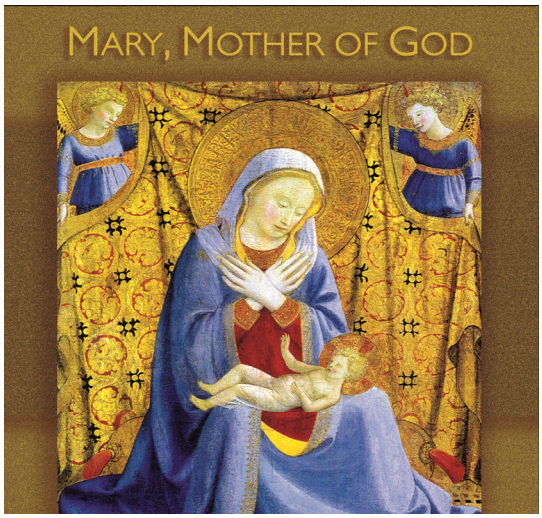
ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Deacon Thomas Concitis ✞ Deacon Glenn Erwin (retired)

MASS SCHEDULE: *(subject to change)*

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS: 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. & 12:00 NOON (LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS)

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY: 8:00 A.M.

HOLY DAYS: 5:30 P.M. ON EVE OF HOLY DAY; 8:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. ON HOLY DAY 7:00 P.M. LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS

EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS: THURSDAYS -7:30 P.M.

ADORATION HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 1:00 - 4:30 PM

THURSDAYS: 3:00 TO 7:30 P.M. (BLESSED SACRAMENT IS EXPOSED & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITED AT 3 PM)

FIRST FRIDAYS: 24-HOUR ADORATION

BAPTISMS: THIRD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 1:30 P.M. BAPTISM CLASSES REQUIRED. THESE ARE HELD THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE BAPTISMS AT 9:00 A.M.

CALL THE RECTORY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

MARRIAGES: ARRANGEMENTS BY APPOINTMENT AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE MARRIAGE.

R.C.I.A CLASSES: SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL – MONDAY EVENINGS. FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M. IN FR. JOHNSON HALL

C.C.D. CLASSES: SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 3:00-4:30 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 A.M.-12 P.M. / 1-5 P.M.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ADORATION & DEVOTION – THE LIEBLANG FAMILY
www.StMarysAdoration.blogspot.com

ALTAR GUILD – SUSAN HAWLEY

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – NINA MERLINO

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – MIKE BANNER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – HANS ANTER

LECTORS – MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY – JOANNE PETERS

MINISTRY TO THE SICK – DEACON GLENN ERWIN

PRO-LIFE – JACKY ROZA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LINDA GILBERT (DIRECTOR)

RETREATS – ANN ERWIN, DALE SCHIERING

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – MARY BANNER, IRENE CLAYPOOL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – FELIPA CHADWICK

USHERS – DERRICK PERONT

WEDDING COORDINATOR – GINNY ARAGÓN

WELCOME MINISTRY – AL GRIEGO

Mission Statement

Jesus comes "to serve, not to be served" (Mt. 20:28)

St. Mary's by the Sea is a Catholic/Christian community of faith, hope, tradition and love, journeying together in the spirit of hospitality, stewardship, respect, unity and charity, welcoming and serving all brothers and sisters in Christ, under the mantle of Our Lady.

Reflections of the Week

Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names throughout history. Most recently, it was called the Feast of the Circumcision and then the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church finally settled on a more ancient title, Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It also has a secondary title of the Octave of Christmas, the secular title of New Years Day, and an honorary title of World Day of Prayer for Peace. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one.

When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God. We honor Mary because God honored her by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. In her humble response of "let it be done to me," she agreed to be part of God's plan for our salvation. And so today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart.

Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep and remember what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? How well do we know God's actions in Church history? And how much do we remember of the personal graces given to us by God? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Am I more generous to others? Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.

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Wise Men Still Seek Him

The ancient wise men undertook much trouble to visit the baby Jesus. We on the other hand do not have to travel nearly as far to see Him. However, we can equal their devotion by visiting Him in **24-Hour First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, which runs from **9am on Friday, Jan. 6th to 8am on Saturday, Jan. 7th**.

Thanks to all who have committed themselves to First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Without your commitment, St. Mary's by the Sea 24-Hour First Friday Adoration program would not be possible.

Controls for the New Year

As we approach the New Year, give some thought to controls in your life.

You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth.

You can't control the shape of your face, but you can control its expression.

You can't control the other fellow's opportunities, but you can grasp your own.

You can't control the weather, much as you try, but you can control the moral atmosphere which surrounds you.

You can't control the distance that your head shall be above the ground, but you can control the height of the contents of your head.

You can't control the other fellow's annoying faults, but you can see to it that you yourself do not develop or harbor any annoying tendencies.

You can't control hard times or rainy days, but you can save money to boost you through both.

Why worry about things you can't control, when you will always have your hands full if you just get busy controlling things that depend upon you.

-Catholic Quote. Vol.65, No.1

Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition

St. Mary's by the Sea **opens the Church for Eucharistic Adoration** every **Monday through Friday** from **1:00 to 4:30 pm.** On **Thursdays**, the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited at **3 pm** and we will have **Eucharistic Exposition** *(where the Blessed Sacrament is displayed outside the tabernacle in the monstrance for adoration by the faithful)* from **3:00 to 7:30 pm**, closing with **Benediction** *(praying the rosary and receiving a blessing with the Host)* at **7:30 pm**.

In addition, **we always have 24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every **First Friday of the month** beginning after the 8am Mass and ending before the 8am Mass begins on Saturday.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Lectionary Scripture Study Group

Evening Scripture Study will resume this Wednesday, **January 4, 2017**.

Applicants Wanted

Men and women, possessing strong faith, hope and charity needed immediately for lifetime work, building a better world. Applicants must furnish their own tools, including the Golden Rule *(Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.* Matt. 7:12). For further details, apply New Year's Day at your nearest Catholic Church. Only, serious applicants need apply.

Stewardship Corner

Happy New Year Loyal Stewards!!

We have so much to look forward to in the New Year, and here's our 2017 schedule of events so far:

SUPERBOWL PARTY - Feb. 5th

LENTEN MEALS - Mar. 10th, 24th Apr. 7th

ST. PATRICK DINNER - Mar. 18th

LADIES TEA - May 20th

RUMMAGE SALE - June 10th-17th *(one week only)*

PARISH PICNIC - Aug. 19th

OKTOBERFEST - Oct. 28th

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND - Nov. 12th

CHRISTMAS DOUBLE EVENT - Dec. 10th

(Of course these are subject to change if need be.)

Thank you for all your gifts of Time, Talents, and Treasures this year….♥

And… MAY GOD BLESS US EVERYONE

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).

God Knows: The One in Need of Hope

Dear Child, God does not say today, *"Be strong,"*
He knows your strength is spent, He knows how long
The road has been, how weary you have grown,
For He who walked the earthly roads along
Each boggy lowland and each rugged hill,
Can understand, and so He says,
"Be still, and know that I am God. The hour is late
And you must rest awhile, and you must wait
Until life's empty reservoirs fill up,
As slow rain fills an empty upturned cup
Hold up your cup, dear child, for God to fill."
He only asks today - - that you be still….

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly…. Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life."

-"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities (www.goo.gl/e60H2Z)

A Wish for the New Year

Enough happiness to keep you tranquil;
Enough trouble to keep you strong;
Enough sorrow to keep you human;
Enough hope to keep you happy;
Enough failure to keep you humble;
Enough success to keep you eager;
Enough enthusiasm to look forward;
Enough faith to banish depression;
Enough wealth to meet your needs, and
Enough friends to give you comfort.

Let Us Pray for the Sick…

Msgr. Peter Tien Nguyen	Ann Erwin	Patricia McKenzie
Aurora Aragón	Deacon Glenn Erwin	Jane Moran
Humberto Aragón	Frank Gillet	Debbie Ransom
Bette Barilla	Al Griego	Arthur Richter
Peggy Carrasco	Jane Hilton	Jack Robe
Frank Cartwright	Diane Hoxsie	Susan Rocio
Rodrigo Castro	Shelly Jones	Toni Sharp
George Christa	Roger Kunsaitis	Elfriede Shipman
Mary Crosby	Baby Hendrix Kunze	Johnny Street
Charlie Erpenbeck	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Andrea Wall
	Jean Markham	George Zin

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

George Henry Spellmire IV Daniel Tierney: 2LT - US Army

Weekly Donations

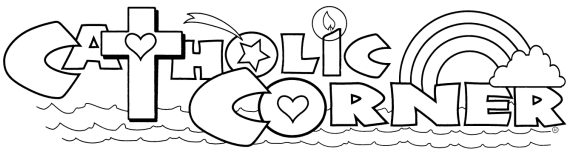
The weekly donations for December 18, 25 and January 1, 2017 will be posted in the Jan. 8, 2017 bulletin.

The Ministry of Kindness

I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any good thing I can do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Of all the ministries open to souls consecrated to God, the most effective, the most far-reaching, the most consoling is **Kindness**.

Kindness is one of God's best gifts to the world.
It drives gloom and darkness from souls.
It puts hope into fainting hearts.
It sweetens sorrow.
It lessens pain.
It discovers unsuspected beauties of human character.
It calls forth a response from all that is best in souls.
It purifies, glorifies, ennobles all that it touches.
It opens the flood-gates of children's laughter.
It gathers the tears of repentant love.
It lightens the burden of weariness.
It stops the torrent of angry passion.



MARY'S STORY

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. We learn a little about Mary from the Gospels. We also know about Mary from our **tradition**, the living faith handed on by people who lived before us.

Using the words below, fill in the blanks in the story of the Blessed Mother.

a) Tradition tells us that Mary's parents were named _____ and _____.

b) On December 8 we celebrate the feast of the _____. On this day we remember that from the first moment of her life Mary was free from sin.

c) Nine months later, on _____, we celebrate the Nativity (birth) of Mary. We do not know the exact day on which she was born, but we have celebrated this feast since the sixth century.

d) When Mary was a young woman, the angel Gabriel appeared and told her that she would have a baby whose name would be Jesus. We remember this event on the feast of the _____, celebrated on _____, nine months before Christmas.

e) Forty days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph kept the Jewish law by taking him to the Temple. We remember this day on the feast of the _____.

f) Mary often followed Jesus on his journeys and stood at the foot of his cross when he was crucified. Jesus did not want his mother to be alone, so before he died he asked his dear friend _____ to care for her.

g) We believe that when Mary died Jesus took her body and soul to heaven to be with him forever. We celebrate the feast of the _____ on August 15.

1. Ann	6. Joachim
2. Annunciation	7. John
3. Assumption	8. March 25
4. December 8	9. Presentation
5. Immaculate Conception	10. September 8

Answers: (a) 1 & 6, (b) 5, (c) 10, (d) 2 & 8, (e) 9, (f) 7, (g) 3

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm *Mass for Rev. Darrin Anthony Mary Merlino, CMF (L)*

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 - The Solemnity of Mary

7:30 am *Mass for the souls of Maria Lieu & Peter Truong Tran (RIP)*
9:00 am *Mass for the People of the Parish*
10:30 am *Mass for Frances Lulu (L)*
12:00 pm *Mass for the soul of George Shutt (RIP)*

Monday, January 2

Office Closed
8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Joe Barilla*

Tuesday, January 3

8:00 am *Mass for Cita Reason (L)*
1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 am *Mass for the souls of Peter & Nora Meis (RIP)*
9:15 am Legion of Mary weekly meeting
1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration
6:30 pm Scripture Reflection

Thursday, January 5

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Richard Hawley (RIP)*
1:00 pm Weekly Adoration
3:00-7:30 pm Blessed Sacrament Exposed
7:30 pm Benediction

Friday, January 6

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Joe Barilla (RIP)*
8:30 am **1st Friday 24-hr. Adoration** *(runs until the 8am Mass begins on Saturday, 1/7)*
9:00 am Cenacles of Life (in the Church)

Saturday, January 7

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Mary Lou Signer (RIP)*
3:00-4:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm *Mass for soul of Miguel R. Aragón (RIP)*

Sunday January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am *Mass for the soul of Danielle Schmid (RIP)*
9:00 am *Mass for the Souls in Purgatory*
10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Alfredo Navarro (RIP)*
12:00 pm *Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting