

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Parish Ministries

ADORATION & DEVOTION - THE LIEBLANG FAMILY  
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BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE - SUSAN SIZLO

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - MIKE BANNER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CARLOS VALENZUELA

LECTORS - MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY - JOANNE PETERS

OUR LADY'S COMFORTERS - ELIZABETH LIEBLANG

PRO-LIFE - JACKY ROZA

FAITH FORMATION - SR. CATHERINE NGUYEN - DIRECTOR

RETREATS - DIANE MILLER

SAFETY MINISTRY - TOM & SUSAN SIZLO

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*The Office is open from Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm.*

## 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 Mass

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### **ADORATION & BENEDICTION:**

Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

### **PERSONAL PRAYER**

Mon.-Thurs. 1:30-4:30 pm

### **CONFESIONS:**

Saturdays: 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."

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

### Reflections of the Week

On this first day of a new year, we look forward to new beginnings, hopeful that this year will be better than the last. The Chosen People were looking forward to a new beginning in the promised land when Aaron and his sons called down God's blessings, God's grace, and God's peace upon them. The shepherds realized a new beginning was taking place in Bethlehem and hurried there to see the newborn king. Mary embraced the new beginning her life had taken after she was visited by the angel. May we look forward to our new beginning, assured that we have a God with us who chose to become incarnate in the world, who chose to share in our humanity, who chose to redeem us from our sins.

The shepherds are Jesus' first evangelizers, proclaiming the "good news of great joy" given them by the angels (Luke 2:10). Ironically, the first people they tell are Mary and Joseph themselves, who already know the good news from the angel's visits. But now they realize that this good news is already spreading throughout the countryside, bringing great joy to those who hear it. Just as we treasure the memories not only of wonderful events but also of the way that they were shared among our loved ones, Mary treasured all that happened the night on which her Son was born.

Luke says that Mary reflected on the shepherds' visit and their message. Reflection is a habit we seem to have lost in today's world. Because we are constantly connected to the whole world and to everyone we know, we have developed a sense of immediacy that makes anything we learned more than a few minutes ago old news. We check for updates on our phones 24/7, obsessively watch for likes and retweets, look to see what our friends are doing. How often do we take the time to power down our electronics and spend some time in prayerful reflection? Sounds like a good resolution for 2023!

### Question of the Week

What happened in my life in 2022 that I treasure in my heart? How do I recognize God's role in these blessings?

-GIA Publications



### Look to Mary, the Queen of Peace

How appropriate that on the first day of every year we honor Mary, the Holy Mother of God, for it was her willing obedience to God's plan that enabled the Incarnation and therefore initiated what in time became Christianity. Today is also the World Day of Peace and so we look to Mary, the Queen of Peace—who bore the Prince of Peace—as our model and inspiration for holding peace in our hearts, our communities, and in our world.

### Wise Men & Women Still Seek Him 12-Hour First Friday Adoration

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 **12-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** which begins at the conclusion of the 8am Mass this FIRST FRIDAY, January 6, and concludes at 9pm with the rosary and benediction.

Thank you to all who have committed themselves to FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Without your commitment, this program would not be possible.

### Thank You, from your Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I would personally like to thank all parishioners who are a member of one of our ministries here at St. Mary's by the Sea Parish. I realize that being part of a ministry may require one to put aside their own interests for the greater good of the Church. Some members may spend many hours away from home to fulfill their mission. For this, I am grateful to have such a dedicated flock. Our Parish could not flourish without you and all you do. I encourage everyone to consider joining one of our ministries where they can offer their time, talent and treasure. Once again, I thank you, and at the beginning of this New Year, may God bless each and every one of you.

Fr. Quang Chu - Pastor

### Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Mike Banner	Marilyn Gulino	Bill & Carolyn Myrter
Bette Barilla	Chin Ha	Steve W. Myrter
Ted Beresford	Nathan Hamby	Thomas Nester
Connie Bowles	Curt Hamilton	Rosalie Ocanas
Lynn Briggs	David Harris	Joanne Peters
Colleen Campbell	Paul Hayes	Diane Pham
Peggy Carrasco	Dave Hedlund	Derek Pham
LaNell Ceballos	Larry B. Henry	Tricia Pusateri
Lindsay Ceballos	Ken Hernandez	Debbie Ransom
George Christa	Diane Hoxsie	Irene Rinehimer
Rosie Clouse	Keri Johnson	Susan Rocio
Ann Costello	Paula Keating	Colleen Rowe
Johnny Costello	Marilyn Kefalas	Hilda Shipman
Rose Delmer	Maurice Kramer	Barry Robert Snyder
Vicky Derieg	Roger Kunsaitis	Bob Spellmire
Bryan Donnelly	Ernest Landell	Mary Teaze
Helen Donnelly	Nam Le	Bernadette Vanderhorst
Mary Dunthorne	Julie Lee	Leann Vanderhorst
Ann Erwin	Arturo Loya	Andrea Wall
Sandy Gee	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Terri Sue Washington
Breanna Greene	Adam Mattocks	Nancy Yaslik
Al Griego	Ken Mattocks	Sam Zappia
Lorraine Griffin	Gregory Mueller	Maria Zelaya

### For Those in the Armed Forces

J. Caico, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, S. Miller, T. Pace, J. Pendergrass, Capt. D. Tierney

## Pro-Life News

### RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION *Called to Serve Moms in Need*

Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "*in haste*" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

## Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of **Chase Tiger Nguyen** who was baptized here on **December 7, 2022**.



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

**5:00 pm** Vigil Mass for Lorraine Griffin (L)

### Sunday, January 1, 2023

\*The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

- 7:30 am** Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
- 9:00 am** Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
- 10:30 am** Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
- 12:00 pm** Latin Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
- 12:00 pm** Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

### Monday, January 2

\*Holiday Observed—Office Closed

- 8:00 am** Mass for Melissa Sprint & Nick Friendt (L)

### Tuesday, January 3

- 8:00 am** Mass for the soul of Mary Ann Kendall (RIP)

### Wednesday, January 4

- 8:00 am** Mass for the Filipe & Lage Families—Living & Deceased
- 9:30 am** Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

### Thursday, January 5

- 8:00 am** Mass for the soul of Mark Butz (RIP)
- 9am-3pm** Adoration and Benediction

### Friday, January 6

- 8:00 am** Mass for the soul of Marie Burt (RIP)
- 9:00 am** 12-Hour 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction (til 9 pm)
- 9:00 am** Cenacles of Life

### Saturday, January 7

- 8:00 am** Mass for the soul of Marcia Korsgard (RIP)
- 3:00 pm** Confessions (til 4:00 pm)
- 5:00 pm** Vigil Mass for the soul of Enrique Saa (RIP)

### Sunday, January 8

\*The Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 am** Mass for the soul of Tom Peters (RIP)
- 9:00 am** Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
- 10:30 am** Mass for the soul of James Spellman (RIP)
- 12:00 pm** Latin Mass for the soul of Annette Spagnoli (RIP)
- 12:00 pm** Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

## Office of Faith Formation

### FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Quotes from the Fathers of the Church

#### Methodius

"Hail to you forever, you virgin Mother of God, our unceasing joy, for unto you do I again return. . . . Hail, you fount of the Son's love for man. . . . Wherefore, we pray you, the most excellent among women, who boast in the confidence of your maternal honors, that you would unceasingly keep us in remembrance. O holy Mother of God, remember us, I say, who make our boast in you, and who in august hymns celebrate your memory, which will ever live, and never fade away" (*ibid.*, 14).

#### Cyril of Jerusalem

"The Father bears witness from heaven to his Son. The Holy Spirit bears witness, coming down bodily in the form of a dove. The archangel Gabriel bears witness, bringing the good tidings to Mary. The Virgin Mother of God bears witness" (*Catechetical Lectures* 10:19 [A.D. 350]).

#### Ephraim the Syrian

"Though still a virgin she carried a child in her womb, and the handmaid and work of his wisdom became the Mother of God" (*Songs of Praise* 1:20 [A.D. 351]).

#### Athanasius

"The Word begotten of the Father from on high, inexpressibly, inexplicably, incomprehensibly, and eternally, is he that is born in time here below of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God" (*The Incarnation of the Word of God* 8 [A.D. 365]).

### INVITATION



It was Jesus who loved us so much to the point of giving us his only beloved mother, at the foot of the cross. Have you said yes to Mary? Are you struggling to accept Our Lady as your heavenly Mother? If you are, that is okay, but what you can do is talk to Jesus about your struggle and perhaps commit to saying the rosary regularly, even without love or devotion. Mother Mary will do her part to intercede for you and enkindle grace-filled fires in your heart; you never know - it will be transformed in no time for God's great plans in your life. Pray for us, Queen of Heaven and Earth, now and after this life. Amen.

## Stewardship Corner



### HELLO STEWARDS! (FROM MARY G. & DEBBIE R.)

**Happy New Year!** We pray that you will have many blessings in this upcoming year. We are grateful for each of you and your unique gifts and talents. We enjoyed working with all of you in 2022 and look forward to working together in 2023 as we celebrate the Centennial of St. Mary's by the Sea Catholic Church. Our **JANUARY MEETING** will be a planning session for this upcoming year **so we hope you can attend**. It is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, January 26**. We will share more details in the upcoming weeks.

Many of us make New Year's Resolutions every year. Many of us include resolutions to deepen our Faith through increased prayer or daily Bible reading. Some of us intend to follow a podcast that will study the Catechism all year. Each of us has a special opportunity to deepen our Faith and spend more time with Jesus at **ADORATION** every **Thursday** or every **FIRST FRIDAY**.

**Stewardship Committee** has been asked to attend **THURSDAYS at 12pm** and **1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAYS at 1pm** to help assure that Jesus is not left unattended or alone during Adoration times. This is why we encourage you to come during those times, but we know that many of you have jobs and other commitments which make this difficult. If this is the case, please try to visit Him at the time that does work with your schedule. If you have the time but your physical presence is not possible, perhaps, you can still allocate this time for prayer and reflection. Please continue to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family members, and neighbors who are dealing with health, financial, and other personal issues. Your prayers are powerful and effective! Always remember that you are appreciated and loved!

### 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 18, 2022**

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$105.00
Building Fund.....	\$1,213.00
Specials.....	\$795.00
Regular Collection .....	\$10,210.41

**December 25, 2022**

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$15,105.00
Building Fund.....	\$21,628.00
Specials.....	\$250.00
Regular Collection .....	\$19,620.71

*Thank you very much for supporting your Church!*