

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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



ADORATION & BENEDICTION:

Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &
Every 1st Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

PERSONAL PRAYER

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

CONFESSIONS:

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 NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Reflections of the Week

Vigil: It's not an easy thing to change one's mind. Once we make a decision, especially once we've thought it out, we stick with it. Joseph had made a well-considered decision. Faced with the news that his betrothed was expecting a child who was not his own, he decided to break off the marriage. Out of mercy, he would divorce her quietly so that she wouldn't suffer any additional shame. This was his decision. This was his plan . . . until the angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. Like Mary, he accepted the word of the angel, even though it was quite unlike anything he'd ever heard. He trusted in God, bringing his pregnant wife into his home. Because he was open to changing his mind, Joseph became the foster father of our Lord.

Have we made a worthy home in our hearts for our Lord? Do we feel that despite our good intentions, our hearts remain filled with unchristian feelings and attitudes? Tonight we remember that Jesus was not born in a palace or mansion, or even a simple, respectable home. He was born in a stable with animals surrounding Him; a home unworthy of any infant, let alone the Son of God. We may feel our hearts seem just as unworthy a home for Jesus, but Jesus was not born into the world as a reward for humanity's goodness. It is out of God's mercy on our imperfection that we have been blessed with such a wonderful gift.

Now it had been nine months since Mary was visited by the angel who announced that she would bear the Son of God. So when the shepherds told her that angels had come to them in their fields, directing them to her infant son, she must have been especially pleased to hear that the angel of the Lord had returned. "A savior has been born," they would have repeated. "[He] is Christ and Lord" (Luke 2:11). Luke tells us that Mary took in their words and reflected on them in her heart. We are called to bear Christ to the world through our words and actions. May the good that we do reflect God's goodness, even as we reflect on how we too pass on God's good news of great joy.

Question of the Week

How can I reflect God's good news of great joy in the way that I treat others?

-GIA Publications

2022 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2022 PSA. The updated figures are below and as you can see, our parishioners are very generous. After the Diocesan goal of \$40,000 was met, that leaves us with \$34,100 we receive as a rebate. Thank you and God bless!

# of Pledges	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
82	\$74,500	\$74,100



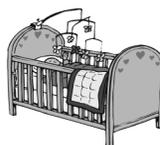
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Welcome!

We wish to welcome all of our guests who are visiting with us on Christmas and also extend loving wishes to our loyal and faithful parishioners. As we gather at His table, knowing that He lives among and within us, we have every reason to be full of joy. As we share the same faith, so we share that special happiness today, and with each other - old and young, married, single, living alone or in company, healthy or confined to bed - to all, the deep blessing of a **Merry Christmas!**

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Quang Chu - Pastor*

Christmas Crib



This is the last week to donate your baby gifts for our local crisis pregnancy center. Please consider a Christmas gift for these precious babies. Items will be used in various programs to help young mothers who have chosen life for their babies. A crib will be in Fr. Johnson Hall during the month of December for this collection or you may bring it to the Office during the week. If you prefer, a monetary donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Crib" would also



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
Brian Capoccia	Dave Hedlund	Derek Pham
Peggy Carrasco	Larry B. Henry	Tricia Pusateri
LaNell Ceballos	Ken Hernandez	Debbie Ransom
Lindsay Ceballos	BabyWeston A. Howe	Irene Rinehimer
George Christa	Diane Hoxsie	Susan Rocio
Rosie Clouse	Keri Johnson	Colleen Rowe
Ann Costello	Paula Keating	Hilda Shipman
Johnny Costello	Marilyn Kefalas	Barry Robert Snyder
Rose Delmer	Maurice Kramer	Bob Spellmire
Vicky Derieg	Roger Kunsaitis	Mary Teaze
Bryan Donnelly	Ernest Landell	Bernadette Vanderhorst
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Mary Dunthorne	Julie Lee	Andrea Wall
Ann Erwin	Arturo Loya	Terri Sue Washington
Sandy Gee	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Nancy Yaslik
Breanna Greene	Adam Mattocks	Sam Zappia
Al Griego	Gregory Mueller	Maria Zelaya

For the Deceased & For Those in the Armed Forces

James Williams, II (J.R.) †	J. Caico, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, T. Ihnot, T. Pace, J. Pendergrass, Capt. D. Tierney
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Dreaming of Christmas with Mary

If Christmas is essentially Christ, it is also Mary, for it is impossible to think of the Child without the Mother.

We do not find it hard to picture her, mounted on the little gray donkey, stolidly plodding the Bethlehem Road. That journey was 90 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and usually took about four days.

Joseph walked at her side, at once her guide and her guard. When you think of it, he was protecting the most valuable cargo this old earth has ever seen. No Western stagecoach, no modern armored car ever carried a treasure half so precious as the unborn Christ.

If you look at the picture from another angle, Mary with the Child under her heart, was like a priest going on a sick call, the Blessed Sacrament under his coat, his hand devoutly on his breast. Our Lady, too, was bringing our Lord to a sick world. Those of good will would be cured who came near him, even if they but touched the hem of his garment.

But our Lord came with his redemption for all times, and this is just as true of the intercession of Mary. His salvation continues through each new generation of men, and so does Mary's sweet but strong influence with her Son.

In Bethlehem she knelt beside the rough manger with its bed of bristling straw and its hard, bleak poverty, but the same Mary is on her knees now before his throne of blinding glory and infinite riches. With a mother's warm-hearted eloquence, she can plead for any petition we place in her unselfish hands.

If we are in tune with the true spirit of Christmas, we shall ask her for such gifts as:

A little more fervor in prayer,

A little more kindness toward our fellow-men,

A little more gratitude to God for the gift of His saving Son!

He was so close to Mary's heart during those first pre-Christmas days. May he be close to our thoughts in these days now! And if so, we can be sure that for us Christmas will dawn as the Birthday of the long-awaited Redeemer, and not be just the holiday of December 25.

-Catholic Quote. Vol.85, No.12

Take Care of Your Parents

In Old Testament times, there were no hospitals, or homes for the elderly; each family looked after both the very young and the very old. Our ancestors in the Faith looked upon such care as a special way to please God.

Listen: God smiles on the children who honor their father and mother.

Children take care of your parents when they get old. Even if old age or illness makes them confused - - be patient. Kindness to parents will never be forgotten; your love for them will help erase many mistakes you yourself make as you grow up.

-Catholic Quote. Vol.85, No.12

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Family Vigil Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, Christmas, December 25

12:00 am Midnight Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
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

Monday, December 26

***Holiday Observed—Office Closed**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Joe Lombardi (RIP)

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Nina Merlino (RIP)

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Mary Ann Kendall (RIP)
9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Thursday, December 29

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Sveta Mazick (RIP)
9am-3pm Adoration and Benediction

Friday, December 30

8:00 am Mass for Connie Bowles (L)
9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, December 31

8:00 am Mass for Colleen Rowe (L)
3:00 pm NO Confessions
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
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Office of Faith Formation

CHRISTMAS 2022



See what some Church Fathers are expressing about the mystery of God becoming man: the Incarnation of Christ, the invisible second person of the Trinity taking on flesh on Christmas day.

This day He who Is, is Born; and He who is becomes what He was not.
(John Chrysostom)

God recapitulated in Himself in ancient formation of man, that he might kill sin, deprive death of its power and vivify man. For He is not the voice of an articulate utterance, but a substance begotten by divine power, who has in all things pleased Him that sent Him.
(Ignatius)

Man's maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that the Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die.
(Augustine of Hippo)



Stewardship Corner



MERRY CHRISTMAS STEWARDS!
(FROM MARY G. & DEBBIE R.)

We hope your day is filled with love and laughter. We thank you for sharing your time and talents with us during the past few weeks of preparation for this day. We enjoyed working with you and getting to know you. *We are blessed and grateful to have such a fun, dedicated, and hard-working group of volunteers!*

We will have **ADORATION** this **Thursday** at **12pm**. Spending this quiet time with Jesus is particularly important during this hectic time of the year. Please continue to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family members, and neighbors who are facing health, financial, and other personal challenges. Your prayers are more powerful than you realize! 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).

A Smile goes a long way - but you're the one who must start it on its journey.

Normal Care for the Sick

God can work directly through a miracle, but more often God uses the means of researchers, scientists, doctors and psychologists—who, in fact, carry out the mission of Jesus to care for the sick.

These things go hand in glove, and while it's important to pray for healing, it's also true that God normally uses **ordinary means**, and we should recognize the hand of the Lord **in that**.

-Catholic Quote. Vol.85, No.11

*May you all have a Blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year! ✨ 🌲*



December 11, 2022

Specials.....	\$290.00
Christmas Concert.....	\$439.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$2,236.97
Regular Collection	\$7,314.72

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!