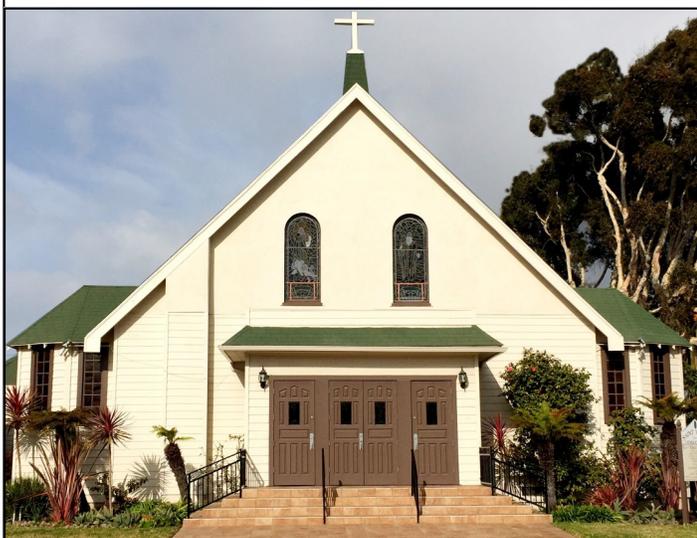


# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



LEGACY PROJECT		
<u># of Pledges</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
(130)	\$571,284	\$557,333

2020 PSA		
<u># of Pledges</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
(69)	\$59,131	\$57,738

**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](http://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.)*

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9:00 am—3:00 pm**

**\*CONFESSIONS: Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 pm**

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



## 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

*Little Drummer Boy*

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh--tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as King, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as He gave Himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let the Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

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Chalking the Door

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance door:

**20 + C + M + B + 21**

The letters **C M B** come from the traditional names for the three kings: **Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar**. It is also an abbreviation for "**Christus Mansionem Benedicat**" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.

**Materials:** a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water.

➤ Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

**Leader:** In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

**20 + C + M + B + 21**

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

**ALL:** Amen!

*(Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.)*

**Living room:** Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

**Kitchen:** Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

**Dining room:** Prepare us for the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

**Bedrooms:** Stay with us Lord, when night has come. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

**Bathroom:** Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

*(All return to the front door to pray together.)*

**Leader:** Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**ALL:** Pray the Our Father

**LEADER:** *(Sprinkle all present with holy water.)*

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen!

# The Epiphany of the Lord

## Office of Faith Formation Corner

### NEW YEAR MESSAGES

Greetings to each reader and each member of our parish faith family: *Happy and Blessed New Year 2021!* For our Catholic Christian faith formation community, our New Year resolution is *not* new because our universal faith formation *goal* is constantly being renewed: to **Commit to Christ Jesus by seeking to Know Him; Love Him; and Serve Him all the more!**

Here is a witness of living faith: Adam Volonte is one of five teen catechist assistants who cannot keep his lamp under the table. He seeks to **know** Christ, to **love** Him, and to **serve** Him—not just once, but twice every week!



**God's Faithfulness** is extended in us when we respond with generosity to the gifts we have received from God's bounty. As St. Teresa of Avila says, "Jesus has no hands but ours..."



Annie, Austin, and Andrew are the three students who always get to class on time and have perfect attendance due to their "guardian angel Grandpa," Mr. Chi. When asked about their greatest blessings, they simply said "Grandpa." May we recognize many blessings in our lives, including those hidden and in disguise.

Rejoice always! Christmas does not conclude on Christmas Day, it stretches twelve more days—and even longer when we attend the Eucharist and witness the miracle of Christ's transformation before our eyes. Rejoice always for 'Tis IS the Season!"

**Our Faith Formation Program wishes everyone, especially our dedicated pastor, Fr. Quang Chu, A Blessed Christmas Season and New Year**  
Classes resume this coming week of January 4 and 5.

## Weekly Collections

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

### December 20, 2020

Specials .....\$1,721.44  
Retirement for Religious .....\$1,096.05  
Regular .....\$7,145.95

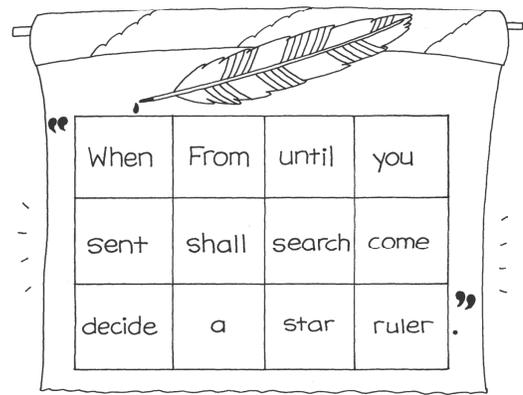
Thank you so very much for supporting your Church during these difficult times. God Bless you all!

## God's Word for Children



### Epiphany of the Lord

Before Jesus was born, the prophet Micah wrote that Bethlehem would be an important place (Micah 5:1). Draw a line through the first word and then every other word after that. The words that are left will tell you part of what was written about this famous town.



## Saints & Special Observances for the Week

**Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, *Religious*  
**Tuesday:** St. John Neumann, *Bishop*  
**Wednesday:** St. André Bessette, *Religious*  
**Thursday:** St. Raymond of Peñafort, *Priest*  
**Sunday:** Baptism of the Lord (1/10/21)

## 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 Peduzzi	

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

*Thank  
you*



*Dear Parishioners,*

*I would like to thank everyone  
for their cards, prayers, gifts and  
thoughtfulness at Christmastime.*

*I am so blessed that God bestowed this parish for me to  
tend, and I pray that all His grace and blessings are  
extended to each and every one of you! Thank you, again,  
and Happy New Year!*

*Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Quang Vinh Chu  
Pastor*



### **IT'S A NEW YEAR LOYAL STEWARDS!**

A brand new year to do God's will with our Time, Talents, and Treasures. In another few months things should be closer to what we used to see and do in the past before we encountered a pandemic which halted our world. But....will there be a NEW NORMAL for the way we do our Volunteering things from now on? Our social events and fund raisers may have to permanently change or we'll have to adapt to the new times, but be assured we will gather again in these new ways.

We have learned a lot of protective ways to help one another and stay safe doing so. These tactics of wearing masks, social distancing and hand washing are still necessary for the time being until we are free of this virus. The other most important thing we can continue to do this year is to pray for our priests, and each other to stay healthy! Our very own **PRAYER**

**WARRIORS**, here at St. Mary's by the Sea came about because of this new way of life and from being quarantined. It's a powerful and wonderful group who continue to bless others with prayers they ask to have said for them. I'm sure this group will continue to grow and help others this year as well. Let Mary Banner have your email address to join us and get the prayer requests and updates. So much can be accomplished this safe and effective way!  
*Thank you Prayer Warriors!!*

Happy New Year and May God continue to bless us all. 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 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)

*Monday, January 4*

8:00 am Mass for Ann Erwin (L)  
10:30 am Staff meeting  
5:30 pm Confirmation Class (til 6:30pm)  
7-8:00 pm RCIA (for adults)

*Tuesday, January 5*

8:00 am Mass for Dan Truzzolino (L)  
3:30 pm First Holy Communion Class Yrs. 1/2  
(til 4:30pm)  
5:30 pm Post Communion Class Levels 6-8  
(til 6:30pm)

*Wednesday, January 6*

8:00 am Mass for Patricia Flathers (L)

*Thursday, January 7*

8:00 am Mass for the soul of James Resurreccion  
(RIP)  
9am-3pm Adoration & Benediction

*Friday, January 8*

8:00 am Mass for Nora Armstrong (L)  
9:00 am Cenacles of Life

*Saturday, January 9*

8:00 am Mass for Richard and Kelly Nye (L)  
3:00 pm Confessions (only until 4:00 pm)  
5:00 pm Mass for the soul of Reginal Gomes (RIP)

*Sunday, January 10*

*The Baptism of the Lord*

7:30 am Mass for Kristy Kim (L)  
9:00 am Mass for the soul of Flora Simpson (RIP)  
10:30 am Mass for Rev. Quang Chu (L)  
12:00 pm Latin Mass for Francis A. Nottke (L)  
4:30 pm Mass for the People of the Parish - Living  
and Deceased