

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 & 12:00 pm
English Masses

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."

Reflections of the Week

It is the passage we hear in the first reading that Mark chooses in part to open his Gospel, which he calls “the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God” (Mark 1:1). This is telling. His goal in writing this account, the first of the Gospels to be written, is to establish that the man Jesus was, first, the Messiah (Christ in Greek), but more importantly, the Son of God. Therefore, it makes sense that he starts by quoting Isaiah and Malachi, identifying John the Baptist as the messenger who prepared the way for the Messiah. Immediately after this passage, Mark describes Jesus’ baptism, during which God’s voice is heard saying, “You are my beloved Son” (Mark 1:11). However, as Mark goes on to reveal, both assertions are rejected by most people and doubted by even his disciples. As his disciples now, we too can have our doubts.

Perhaps our task this Advent is to prepare our hearts for the Lord by removing those obstacles that can lead us to doubt. Perhaps the mountain that blocks our faith is a narcissism that wants to believe that we can do it alone. Perhaps the valley that needs to be filled in is a despair that makes us feel abandoned by God. Perhaps the rugged land is an overwhelming guilt that makes us feel unworthy of forgiveness. Perhaps making a straight path is as simple as opening our hearts to the possibility that God has an answer to all our doubts. Perhaps God’s power, comfort, and forgiveness, proclaimed by both Isaiah and John, are just searching for a clear path into us.

John the Baptist baptized with water, precious to someone like John who had emerged from the desert. But ever since Jesus, the Holy Spirit has also come in baptism, bringing life and sustenance to our spiritual thirst. May we realize what a life-giving gift we have received in baptism. May we find in the Holy Spirit the power we need to overcome the obstacles that thwart our joy.

Question of the Week

What is the most difficult obstacle I face in preparing a way for Christ to come into my heart anew this Christmas? How can I remove this obstacle?

-GIA Publications

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9. What is the difference between Eucharistic adoration and Eucharistic exposition?

Eucharistic adoration is prayer before the Blessed Sacrament housed within the tabernacle. Eucharistic exposition is the ritual by which the Blessed Sacrament is displayed outside the tabernacle in a monstrance or ciborium for public veneration by the faithful. It is a public celebration that enable the faithful to perceive more clearly the relationship between the reserved Sacrament and the sacrifice of the mass which is truly the origin and the purpose of the worship that is shown to the Eucharist outside Mass.

31 Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(#9 of a 31 part series)



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

PENANCE SERVICE

*MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

(5) PRIESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

✠ EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE ✠

What are you hiding behind in your life? Perhaps it is an inordinate pride that keeps you hiding from God or an unwillingness to depend on God in all things. Perhaps it is a failure to pray as you should, to think before you speak or to leave unsaid those words that hurt more than physical blows. To aid your reflection in this regard, you should think of yourself not necessarily as a biblical scarlet sinner, but as a daily, dusty pink one who is afraid, for whatever reason, to reach out and love the people you should have, but didn’t. There’s a whole litany of these dust particles: the words of love you didn’t say; the comfort suppressed; the friendship left to wither; relationships unattended; children neglected as you pursued the better life... for them, of course; the little white lies, the face-saving untruths; the suppression of revealing your hunger for God

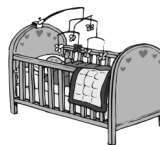
If any of these pertain to you, perhaps you should attend the Penance Service on December 11th. Prepare for the birth of Jesus and start anew.

*(Please Note: There will be NO Confessions on Saturday, Dec. 23rd & Dec. 30th, 2023.)

Local Penance Services

(All at 7:00 pm)

Monday, Dec. 11 St. Mary’s by the Sea
Wednesday, Dec. 13 St. Joachim
Monday, Dec. 18 Sts. Simon & Jude
Tuesday, Dec. 19 Holy Spirit
Wednesday, Dec. 20 St. John the Baptist



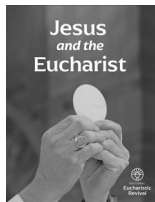
Christmas Crib

Continuing through the month of December, we will be accepting 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. If you prefer, a monetary donation in an envelope marked “Christmas Crib” would also be helpful.

Retirement Fund for Religious

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Each year, the need to provide for them becomes more pressing. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes - often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime!



Jesus & the Eucharist:

Small Group Sign-Ups Today After Mass

We invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through this 7-session Eucharistic Study. **Sessions:**
1. What's Our Story? 2. Who is Jesus?
3. Am I Saved? 4. Why a Church? 5. God is With Us. 6. The Story of the Eucharist 7. Bread for the Journey. Come and See! **Sign up today.**

THE SMALL GROUP SERIES:

Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm: Jan. 10 - Feb. 28
or
Saturday mornings 9-11 am: Jan. 13 - Feb. 24

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Al Griego	Bill & Carolyn Myrter
Mike Banner	Nathan Hamby	Thomas Nester
Ted Beresford	Paul Hayes	Rosalie Ocanas
Mike Bolong, Sr.	Caleb Hill	Joanne Peters
Connie Bowles	Diane Hoxsie	Michael Pezzaniti
Lynn Briggs	Keri Johnson	Don Quinn
Pamela Brown	Paula Keating	Debbie Ransom
George Christa	Lu Kelce	Susan Rocio
Rosie Clouse	James Kosai	Colleen Rowe
Dina DaSilva	Nam Le	Liese Rugo
Vicky Derieg	Arturo Loya	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Helen Donnelly	Adam Mattocks	Andrea Wall
Mary Dunthorne	Ken Mattocks	Nancy Yaslik
Ann Erwin	Patricia McKenzie	Sam Zappia

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



DECEMBER 3, 2023

St. Vincent de Paul..... \$75.00
Building Fund..... \$1,203.00
Specials..... \$616.00
Regular Collection \$7,377.25

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Dan & Diane Ponce (L)
6:00 pm Youth & Young Adult Ministry (til 7:30 pm)

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 10

***St. Nicholas Breakfast after the morning Masses**

***Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection**

7:30 am Mass for the souls of Maria Lieu & Peter Truong Tran (RIP)
9:00 am Mass for the soul of Judith Kramer (RIP)
10:30 am Mass for the soul of Fr. Eamon Mackin (RIP)
12:00 pm Mass for Hank Hernandez (L)
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, December 11

***PENANCE SERVICE at 7:00 pm tonight**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Fil Da Cunha (RIP)
3:30 pm 1st Communion class - Year 1 (til 4:30pm)
5:15 pm Confirmation class - Year 1 & 2 (til 6:30pm)
7:00 pm OCIA & SA Adult class (til 8:15pm)

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 am Mass for the the Filippe & Lage Families—Living & Deceased
3:45 pm 1st Communion class - Year 2 (til 5:00pm)

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 am Mass for Fr. James Martin, SJ (L)
9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Thursday, December 14

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Dominic Thieu (RIP)
9:00 am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed (til 3:00 pm)
4:00 pm Food Bank for the needy (til 5:30 pm)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall

Friday, December 15

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Salvador Amaya (RIP)
9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, December 16

8:00 am Mass for David Quezada (L)
10:30 am Baptism
3:00 pm Confessions (til 4 pm)
5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Stanley & Santana Families (L)

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 17

***Annual Christmas Concert at 5:00 pm**

****100-Year Centennial Dinner Celebration afterwards
(For those who made previous reservations—Now Full)**

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Thomas Mungari (RIP)
9:00 am Mass for the souls of Michael & Angelina Borrelli (RIP)
10:30 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm Mass for Rebecca Richter (L)
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Office of Faith Formation

ADORABLE ACTIVITIES 4 ADVENT

Have you noticed there's a baby crib on display at the back of the church to encourage everyone to buy a gift for needy children? The children in our FF program are donating "money for milk" to assist mothers with their milk bills. Last year we collected about \$300. We hope to exceed this figure this year! Let us never cease to offer up in return the gifts God has given to us—the more we give, the more it multiplies. (Mt. 10:42)



HEART 4 HIM

The First Communion class is making their own Jesus crib and they are creating a very warm and cushioned space filled with hays for Him. These hays are hard to find because they must come from the HEART. Each child (actually the adult members are also asked to do the same) must heart-fully commit to acts of charity, which require some sacrifice.

Nowadays people engage in all kinds of creative workouts to stay fit. When we think of being strong and healthy, we tend to ignore the spiritual and mental aspects. For us Catholic Christians, we strive for eternal fit for the Kingdom of God and it starts in human history at the first Advent as God all-powerful was conceived at the Annunciation.

Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of vigilance at his Sunday Angelus,

“Let us carefully prepare the house of the heart, so that it may be orderly and hospitable”.

Vigilance, he explained, means keeping the heart ready.

Stewardship Corner



Stewardship
Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we wish you a heart full of joy and a life blessed with peace.

➤ **TODAY**, is our **ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST**. Thank you to those who helped decorate on Saturday. **Today, Sunday**, we will need help **SERVING FOOD** (after the morning Masses only). If you are able to help with this, please go to the Hall after the Mass you attend.

In addition, we are serving cake to everyone to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of St. Mary's by the Sea Church. Help will be needed to cut and serve the cake.

➤ **Then, NEXT SUNDAY**, we are having our **CHRISTMAS CONCERT/100 YEAR CENTENNIAL DINNER CELEBRATION** on **December 17th**. A lot of help is needed on the following dates/times:

***Friday, December 15 @ 10am (until done):**

SET-UP & DECORATE IN THE HALL - HUGE JOB!

***Saturday, December 16 @ 12pm (until done):**

SET-UP & DECORATE IN THE HALL - HUGE JOB!

***Sunday, December 17 -**

IN THE CHURCH - 4-4:15pm: Greet guests & pass out programs & tea lights for the concert.

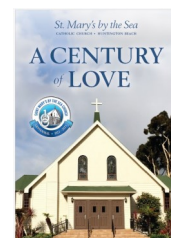
IN THE HALL - 5-5:30pm: Servers and those helping at dinner (or leave before the last song if attending the concert). **Please look for an email with job assignments and arrival time reminders.** Please contact **Mary** or the **Office** if you don't receive an email by **Thursday (12/14) afternoon**.

➤ Please continue to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are facing personal or health issues. 🙏

“A Century of Love”

A Book About St. Mary's by the Sea

For those people who pre-ordered the book about St. Mary's by the Sea or would like to purchase a copy, you can pick them up in the **Office** on **Monday-Thursday** from **9am-12pm & 1-5pm**.



Poinsettias for Sale



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Poinsettias **after all the Masses Dec. 16th & 17th**. Each Poinsettia is beautifully wrapped in foil and is only **\$15 for one or two for \$25**. Plants can be taken home or donated to the Church to decorate the Altar and dedicated *“in loving memory of”* or *“in honor of.”* You can also make a donation to our religious vocation fund.