

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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."

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

### Reflections of the Week

If the first half of the first reading sounds familiar, it may be because this is the passage that Jesus reads in the synagogue at the beginning of his ministry. If you recall, after reading it Jesus proclaims that this scripture passage has been fulfilled in their hearing. Because Jesus is with us as we are gathered here today, Isaiah's words are fulfilled now as well. Jesus continues to bring glad tidings, healing, justice, favor, and vindication. So we prepare ourselves this Advent as a bride prepares for her wedding, wearing the promise of justice and the hope of salvation and shining with the jewels of generosity and praise.

In darkness, the first need is for light. At any given time the world can be full of darkness, but lately it seems like the darkness threatens to overwhelm us. War abroad. Strife at home. COVID-19. Mass shootings. Natural disasters. And on and on. But into all this darkness comes a light. Not just a light, but the light, the light John testified to. The kingdom of God has drawn near to us in Christ and we respond with joy when we realize that he comes to us, for us, and remains with us, even when we're not conscious of his abiding presence. May we recognize the light of the Lord that is within us and our neighbor as well.

May we be as bold as John the Baptist, who testified to the light but declared that he himself was not the light. Even if we have the light within us, we did not create that light, we did not produce that light. That light comes above and we merely direct it in the way that we live. May we bear witness to the light by directing it upon the darkensses in our world, producing glimmers of goodness.

### Question of the Week

How can I recognize and then bear witness to the light that comes from God?

-GIA Publications

### Local Penance Services

Monday, Dec. 18 - 7pm ..... Sts. Simon & Jude  
Tuesday, Dec. 19 - 7pm ..... Holy Spirit  
Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 7pm ..... St. John the Baptist

### The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### 10. What is the purpose of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament?

There are three purposes of Eucharistic exposition: to acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the sacrament; to lead us to a fuller participation in the celebration of the Eucharist, culminating in Holy Communion; and to foster the worship which is due to Christ in spirit and in truth.

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



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Incline Thine ear to our prayers,  
O Lord, we beseech Thee; and make  
bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy  
visitation. Who livest and reignest, with God the  
Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world  
without end. Amen.*

### Jesus & the Eucharist:

#### Small Group Study - Coming in January!

The 7 week Eucharistic small group study will provide formation and opportunities for growth in faith and love for the Eucharist. Join fellow parishioners in growing our faith together! Each week offers a different topic: 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!** Contact the church office to sign up.

#### **THE SMALL GROUP SERIES:**

Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm: Jan. 10 - Feb. 28

or

Saturday mornings 9-11 am: Jan. 13 - Feb. 24

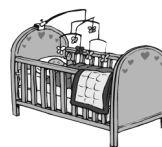


### Flowers & Decorating for the Church



➤If you would like to **donate Poinsettias** for the Church, please bring them to the office by **Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**.

➤If you would like to help us **decorate the Church & set up our trees and Nativity**, we will begin on **Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Friday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** after the **8:00 am Masses**. We will need your help, particularly from men who are able to do semi-heavy lifting, etc.



### 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.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



### Christmas Vigil - December 24<sup>th</sup>

Family Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

### Christmas - December 25<sup>th</sup>

Midnight Mass: 12:00 am

8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am

### The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

Jan. 1, 2024: 8:00 am

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

## 100-Year Centennial Celebration

December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm



Join us for a **Concert in the Church** journeying to Christmas through music and scripture.



➤Afterwards, for those of you who made prior reservations, dinner will be served in the Hall. We apologize, but we cannot accept any new reservations at the door as we are completely full.

## Let Us Pray for the Sick...

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

### For the Deceased & For Those in the Armed Forces

Diane Ann Hoxsie † J. Caico, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, T. Ihnot, T. Pace, J. Pendergrass, Capt. D. Tierney



**DECEMBER 10, 2023**

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| St. Vincent de Paul..... | \$55.00     |
| Building Fund.....       | \$11,027.00 |
| Specials.....            | \$6,303.38  |
| Regular Collection ..... | \$7,639.92  |

*Thank you very much for supporting your Church!*

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

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Stanley & Santana Families (L)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Monday, December 18

8:00 am Mass for Malia Fifita and Living & Deceased Family Members

3:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19

8:00 am Mass for Nicholas Friendt (L)

3:45 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class - Year 2 (til 5:00pm)

### Wednesday, December 20

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Andray Nguyen (RIP)

9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

### Thursday, December 21

**\*Decorate Outside of the Church (after the 8am Mass)**

8:00 am Mass for Karen Pendergrass (L)

9:00 am Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed (til 3:00 pm)

4:00 pm Christmas Baskets given out for the needy (til 5:30 pm)

### Friday, December 22

**\*Decorate Inside of the Church (after the 8am Mass)**

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Rev. George Seifert (RIP)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

### Saturday, December 23

8:00 am Mass for the souls of Frank & Rosa Panzitta (RIP)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the souls of Everett & Ella Shipman (RIP)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 24

7:30 am Mass for Julie Pham (L)

9:00 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

10:30 am Mass for the soul of Andray Nguyen (RIP)

12:00 pm Mass for the soul of Diane Hoxsie (RIP)

12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

5:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass



## Office of Faith Formation

**REJOICE!** We are on our third week of Advent and the candle lit this week is ROSE color representing JOY! This reminds us of the jubilee that enters the world through the birth of Christ our Savior. In the words of our Pope Francis:



"The joy of the Gospel is not just any joy. It consists in knowing **one is welcomed and loved by God**. As the Prophet Isaiah reminds

us today (cf. 35:1-6a, 8a, 10), God is he who comes to save us and who seeks to help, especially those who are fearful of heart. His coming among us strengthens us, makes us steadfast, gives us courage, makes the desert and the steppe rejoice and blossom; that is, when our lives becomes arid. And when do our lives become arid? When they lack the water of God's Word and his Spirit of love."

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco>

### **The Conclusion of the Centennial Celebration**

Throughout this weekend's Eucharistic celebrations, we unite in heartfelt thanks, acknowledging God's abundant blessings bestowed upon us through the unwavering generosity and dedication of those who have contributed to the growth of our church community over the past century.

As we joyfully mark the historical milestone of our parish's establishment for 111 years and 100 years for the Church building, a profound sense of gratitude envelops us as we join in resounding the Magnificat with Mary, our patroness, recalling God's *great favor* — He has been a *constant presence* in our lives, *pouring out His love and mercy*.

Let us courageously embark on a journey to respond to God's profound love, becoming catalysts for faith and reconciliation in our homes, parish, and beyond.



### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

The Sacraments class for Adults met last Monday, and half of the time was spent discussing the significance of the visitation of our Mother in Tepeyac, Mexico, in 1531. We explored the rich layers and meaning of this miraculous artifact that has transformed many lives, especially in strengthening the faith of Christians over

## Stewardship Corner



Stewardship  
Committee

### **DEAR STEWARDS . . .**

➤ Happy Gaudete Sunday! It is fitting that this Joyful Sunday in Advent happens to be the day of our **100-YEAR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CONCERT & DINNER**. The concert begins at **5:00 pm** and the dinner begins **immediately afterwards (only for those who made prior reservations or are volunteering for the dinner)**. We are grateful if you have already signed up to help or already put in time the past two days to set-up the Hall. This should be a most joyous event for all. Here are the times we need volunteers this week:

#### **\*Sunday, December 17:**

**CONCERT GREETERS - 4-4:15pm:** Greet guests & pass out programs & tea lights for the concert.

**DINNER GREETERS, CHECK-IN, RAFFLE, & SERVERS - 5-5:30pm:** Please arrive by 5:30 if not attending the concert. If attending the concert, please leave before the last song begins and sit in the back of the church in case you're needed sooner.

#### **\*Monday, December 18:**

**CLEAN-UP** - We will let you know on Sunday what time we are doing this.

#### **\*Thursday, 12/21 & Friday, 12/22:**

**DECORATE THE CHURCH OUTSIDE & INSIDE** - Begin after the 8am Mass is over.

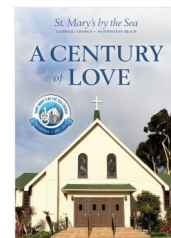
➤ Also, we would like to extend a heartfelt **"THANK YOU"** to our abundant and enthusiastic **ST. NICK** volunteers. We are grateful that Jacky R. initiated this fun celebration at our parish over 11 years ago. We are beholden to Dean & Mary L. for their steadfast participation which continues to make this breakfast fun & memorable for all ages.

➤ 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 this weekend**. 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.