

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

Where do you house what is most important to you? For the Chosen People, the ark of the covenant was the most important object they had. David concluded that it should be housed in a palace, not a tent. But God's perspective was different. For God, it was the house of David, his family line, that is, which was much more important than an object, no matter how sacred it was. Therefore, God blessed David's lineage, establishing a house, not for the ark, but for David. Perhaps that can be a lesson to us to view the people in our lives as more important than our possessions. Do we take more care of our loved ones than we do our precious belongings?

King David lived in a palace, but when it came for Jesus to be born, it did not take place in anything resembling a palace. Instead of a luxurious palace in the holy city of Jerusalem, our Lord was born in a meager stable in tiny Bethlehem. In fact, he was conceived in the remote village of Nazareth, days away from Judea. Why? The person of Mary was much more important than the City of David. God's priority was not the external environment of the holy city, but the blessed womb in which Jesus developed.

Gabriel's visit is shocking and greatly troubling to this young, lowly, unmarried woman. Everything Gabriel said was as incredible as she could possibly imagine. Yet, she immediately assents to God's will, saying, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). It is Mary's faith and trust in the Lord that makes the incarnation possible. It is our faith and trust in God that continues to make Jesus' incarnation possible in today's world.

Question of the Week

How do I discern what God's will is? Am I willing to trust in God and follow God's will?

-GIA Publications

A Christmas Gift for You!

The **Legion of Mary** will be giving away **free books** (by Matthew Kelly and others) to everyone **after each of the Christmas Masses**.

Please stop by the table for your free gifts!

Prepare a Home in Our Hearts

Every so often the fourth week of Advent consists only of the fourth Sunday of Advent. This is one of those years. For three weeks we have been encouraged to use this season to prepare for Jesus' coming. The fact that this Sunday falls on Christmas Eve is a wonderful opportunity for us all. On this day, may the word of God we hear and the Eucharist we share inspire us to prepare a home in our hearts for the Lord.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

➤ Please be aware that Mass attended on Sat. (5pm) & Sun. (7:30am-12pm) fulfills your 4th Sunday of Advent obligation. However, Mass attended on Sun. (5pm) & Mon. (12am, 8:00, 9:30 & 11am) fulfill your Christmas obligation.



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!**

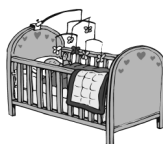
Yours in Christ - Fr. Quang Chu - Pastor

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11. Is the Holy Eucharist exposed for the purpose of private devotion?

No. The liturgical rites for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are found in the ritual book *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass* and presume the presence of a number of people during the period of adoration. The rites require that during the period of exposition there should be prayers, songs, and readings to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of Christ the Lord. The Liturgy of the Hours may also be celebrated during the period of exposition, or the Rosary may be prayed.

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



Christmas Crib

Continuing through the month of December, we are 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 the next two weekends for this collection. If you prefer, a monetary donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Crib" would also be helpful.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Christmas Vigil - December 24th

Family Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Christmas - December 25th

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 Mass

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

Jesus & the Eucharist:

Small Group Study - Coming in January!

Please join fellow parishioners in a 7 Week Small Group Eucharistic Study. Deepen your understanding of the Eucharist and the Mass, come to know the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and embrace your role as an active participant in the Mass and disciple of Christ in the world.

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 or after all Masses next weekend Dec. 30/31.



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 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

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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

4th 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 Jean Simpson Markham (RIP)

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

5:00 pm Christmas Family Vigil Mass

Monday - Christmas Day - December 25

12:00 am Midnight Christmas Mass

8:00 am Christmas Mass

9:30 am Christmas Mass

11:00 am Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Luis Fernando Huertas Pava (RIP)

Wednesday, December 27

8:00 am Mass for Dan & Beverly Truzzolino and all Living & Deceased Family Members

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

Thursday, December 28

8:00 am Mass for Rosalie Ocanas (L)

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)

Friday, December 29

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Rev. Eamon Mackin (RIP)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, December 30

8:00 am Mass for Katherine Schlaerth (L)

10:30 am Funeral

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Michael Reyes (RIP)

Sunday, December 31

7:30 am Mass for Mary Ann & Richard Hoefler (L)

9:00 am Mass for the souls of Joe & Bette Barilla (RIP)

10:30 am Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

12:00 pm Mass for Althea & Danny Santucci (L)

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

Office of Faith Formation Season to Give Thanks For Jesus, our Savior

The Children in First Communion class re-enacted the Christmas story as they recalled the love and simplicity of God-made-man in Jesus of Nazareth. He came so close to us so we can come close to God all-powerful, maker of the universe.



Happy Birthday to Jesus! Since many parts of the world sing Christmas carols but they do not celebrate Jesus, let us join with the angels and saints in singing the everlasting song of God's glory in his Incarnation to be with us forever starting in Bethlehem then in every



Eucharistic celebration and tabernacle throughout the world. We have to keep the STORY of Jesus ALIVE deep within our hearts----and to SHARE IT to every corner of the world. GOD IS WITH US- EMMANUEL! And our GIFT for Him this



Christmas can be nothing less than our HEARTS— And God loves it when it is offered with LOVE and TRUST.

Stewardship Corner



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Dear Volunteers,

I am writing to you today with a heart full of gratitude and appreciation for the incredible work poured into our church events this past Sunday - the Annual Concert and Centennial Dinner – from members of our Stewardship Committee and even some of our younger Confirmation students.

Your dedication and tireless efforts did not go unnoticed. The beauty you infused into our Hall and Courtyard not only enhanced the physical space but also set the perfect backdrop for the dinner, creating an atmosphere of warmth and joy.

Furthermore, your service during the dinner was nothing short of exceptional. Your kindness, efficiency, and genuine hospitality were evident in every interaction. The smiles on the faces of those who attended were a testament to the love and care you extended to each and every person present.

I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your commitment to our church family. Your efforts have played a vital role in creating a sense of unity, fellowship, and celebration within our church community. I am continually inspired by the generosity and love you demonstrate.

May the love and joy you shared during these events continue to resonate within our church and beyond. I am blessed to serve alongside such a remarkable group of individuals, and I thank God for each one of you.

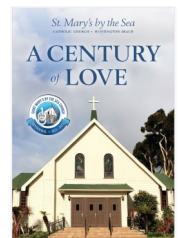
Wishing you a blessed and joy-filled Christmas season!

Fr. Quang Chu—Pastor

“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.**



Weekly Collections

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Building Fund.....	\$1,013.00
Specials.....	\$1,699.00
Regular Collection.....	\$8,733.25

Thank you very much for supporting your Church!