

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:

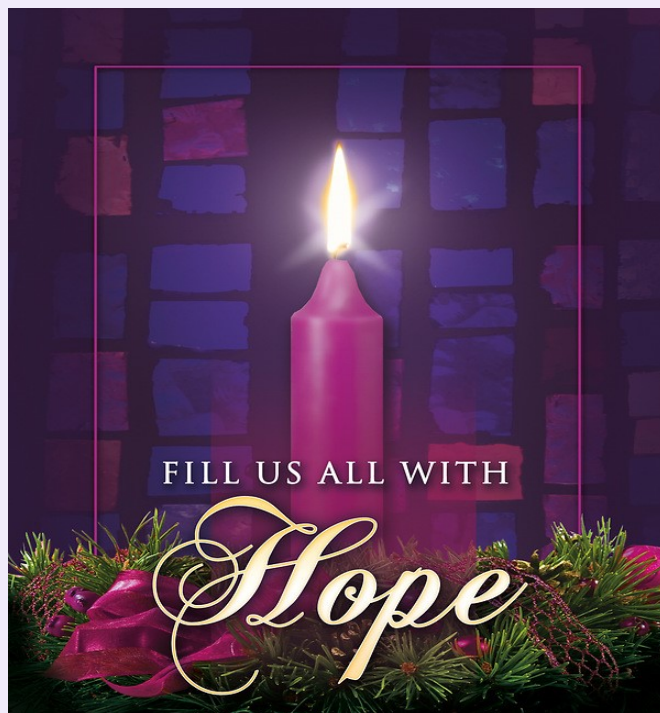
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm &
Every 1st Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

PERSONAL PRAYER

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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 pm



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

MASS SCHEDULE - Thursday, 12/7: 5:30 pm Vigil Mass &
Friday, 12/8: 8:00 am, 12:10 pm, & 5:30 pm

Reflections of the Week

In Isaiah's plea for divine intervention, the call to "rend the heavens and come down" echoes through time, anticipating the rescue of those who have strayed and a transformation of stubborn hearts. For Christians, Jesus is God's response to Isaiah's prayer. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, diligently pursues the lost, and as a teacher, imparts lessons of mercy and forgiveness. In essence, Jesus is the ultimate Christmas gift, sent by God for the redemption of all.

A few weeks ago we heard the parable of the ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom, five who foolishly brought no oil with them for their lamps. Just as some virgins wisely planned ahead with enough oil for their lamps, the servants in today's Gospel exhibit readiness for the master's return. This readiness, however, extends beyond the confines of December 25. The Lord comes in different ways to different folks, not just as an infant child on Christmas Day. Thus, our period of preparation is ongoing—whether the Lord arrives today or years from now, our readiness remains crucial.

In drawing a connection between the two narratives, each servant in today's Gospel has a distinct role and workload, mirroring the diversity of tasks and timelines in our own lives. Instead of comparing ourselves to our neighbors, who may have different challenges and responsibilities, the emphasis is on offering help and support. In essence, the call is to unite in readiness, recognizing the uniqueness of our individual journeys while fostering a spirit of assistance and understanding in our shared preparation for the divine arrival.

Question of the Week

What will I do this week to prepare for Christ's coming, knowing that it may happen at any time?

-GIA Publications



Retirement Fund for Religious

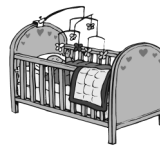
There will be a 2nd collection next weekend, **December 9-10**, for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Each year, the need to provide for them becomes more pressing. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, 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!



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we pray thee and come; that, defended by Thee, we may deserve rescue from approaching dangers brought on by our sins, and being set free by Thee, obtain our salvation. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.



Christmas Crib

Beginning this weekend and 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.

Why Have Eucharistic Adoration?

8. Should priests encourage the faithful to pray before the Blessed Sacrament?

Pope Paul VI urged that the faithful should not forget about paying a visit during the day to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the very special place of honor where it is reserved in churches in keeping with the liturgical laws, since this is a proof of gratitude and a pledge of love and a display of the adoration that is owed to Christ the Lord who is present there. Pastors should see that churches and public oratories where, according to law, the holy Eucharist is reserved, are open every day at least for some hours, at a convenient time, so that the faithful may easily pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

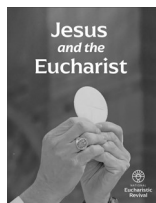
*31 Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(#8 of a 31 part series)*

Local Penance Services

(All at 7:00 pm)

Monday, Dec. 4 St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday, Dec. 5 St. Bonaventure
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

**Please note: SMBTS will not have Confession on Saturday, Dec. 23, and 30.*



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. The study is designed for the Year of Parish Revival. Each session is full of rich, powerful testimonies, with unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together. 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

Special Intentions of Pope Francis ***For December 2023***

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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

Bob Spellmire †

*Rosary/Viewing 12/5 @ 5pm
at Heritage Mortuary

*Funeral - 12/6 @ 10:30am
at SMBTS

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

Happy Advent Sunday to you! May this festive occasion mark a perfect beginning to the Christmas celebrations.



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

St. Vincent de Paul..... \$55.00
Thanksgiving \$929.00
Regular Collection \$7,427.20

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

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

1st Sunday of Advent, December 3

7:30 am Mass for the soul of Mariah Manzanares (RIP)
9:00 am Mass for Shiloh Orr and all Relatives—Living & Deceased
10:30 am Mass for the soul of Brendan Kelly (RIP)
12:00 pm Mass for All Souls
12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, December 4

8:00 am Mass for Cruz Quezada (L)
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 5

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Olimpio De Mello (RIP)
3:45 pm 1st Communion class - Year 2 (til 5:00pm)

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

8:00 am Mass for Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez (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)
5:30 pm Vigil Mass for Patricia Tekulve (L)
6:30 pm Eucharistic Revival Core meeting in Hall

Friday, Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Francis J. Babbish, SJ (RIP)
9:00 am Cenacles of Life
12:10 pm Mass for Elaine Hirayama (L)
5:30 pm Mass for Daniela Smith (L) and the soul of James Smith (RIP)

Saturday, December 9

8:00 am Mass for Peace in the Ukraine & the Holy Land
3:00 pm Confessions (til 4 pm)
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

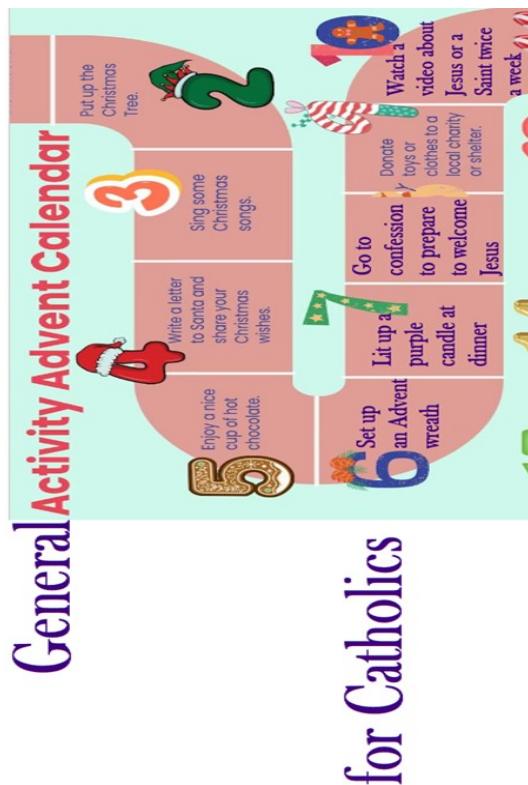
*St. Nicholas Breakfast after the morning Masses
*Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection

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.

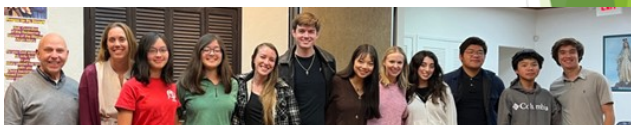
Office of Faith Formation



Have you ever wondered how a devoted Catholic celebrates the season of Advent? The following hopefully will give you some inspiration on how Advent symbolism can help you being intentional and present to the grace of God at work in you and your family in this very blessed-filled season. Even if the world around is enchanted with passing desires for things and possessions, *we CAN, with God's grace*, seek after everlasting wealth that comes from self-emptiness as we seek for Him alone **FIRST!**



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



**NEXT WEEK 12/9@5PM VIGIL MASS-7:30PM.
IN THE HALL. BRING A FRIEND.**

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

This coming Friday, December 8th, is the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**. Let's make sure we all go to Mass, since it is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and give our Blessed Mother the honor she deserves.

➤ So, believe it or not, **ADVENT SEASON** has already begun! We know this is a busy time for everyone, and we appreciate you taking time from your hectic schedules to attend and help with our **December events**.

➤ Next Sunday, is our **ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST**. On **Saturday, December 9 @ 10am**, we will need help **DECORATING**. On **Sunday, December 10**, we will need help **SERVING FOOD** (after the morning Masses). Please contact **Jacky R. or Debbie R.** if you can help with this, or show up after the Mass you attend.

➤ Then, in less than two weeks, we are having our **CHRISTMAS CONCERT/100 YEAR CENTENNIAL DINNER CELEBRATION** on **December 17th**. Help is needed on the following days:

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

TAKE-DOWN ITEMS IN THE HALL

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

SET-UP HALL FOR DINNER

➤ **Sunday, December 17:** Please see next week's bulletin for updates on times needed to serve the dinner and for clean up (possibly on Monday).

**Thank you to all the volunteers who have already signed up to help on specific dates. Also, please note that both Friday & Saturday will require physical labor (heavy lifting, setting up tables and chairs, etc.), so please only come to help if you are able to do so. If you will only be available later in the afternoon, please contact Mary or Debbie that day to see if we could still use your help. Thank you so much!*

➤ 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

We will be **giving out the books** we took pre-sales for this weekend.

We can also take any additional orders for the book as well.

➤ **THE COST OF THE BOOK IS:**

\$40 for Hardcover (sold out)
\$25 for Softcover

Cash or
Check
Only!

