

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

Light is an invaluable resource. It's no accident that in Genesis we hear that it was created first. In complete darkness, we are all blind. For millennia, the stars enabled travelers to navigate at night and light from the moon enabled them to see their way. When the Israelites' long exile ended, Isaiah pointed to Jerusalem as a beacon, shining radiantly to draw families, rulers, and foreigners to its glory, even as it was still rebuilding after years of desolation. So too the star above nearby Bethlehem drew the magi, though it was to a humble stable, inhabited by a family that to Herod would have looked absolutely unremarkable. We may feel that we have nothing radiant in us or in our lives, but with the light of Christ in us we are in fact blessed with a source of light for ourselves and others.

Today—January 7—is the date on which Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas, based on the old Julian calendar. In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul explicitly state that Gentiles are "members of the same body." This was not a foregone conclusion. Paul could have written that Gentiles were second-class members or members of a lesser body. But the early church determined that the body of Christ is one and that all followers belong to it. So too today with all Christians, no matter when they celebrate Christ's birth.

The magi were truly wise, for not only did they set out at once for Judea once they saw the star at its rising, they also changed their plan to return to Herod after finding the child. They had an epiphany, as it were, after encountering the Messiah, after finding him in a place they could not have anticipated when they'd left their homes. We would do well to be open to epiphanies of our own after an unexpected encounter with the Lord.

Question of the Week

Have I had an epiphany, a sudden insight, after an experience where I've recognized an encounter with Christ? If I cannot recall one, can I imagine how it could happen?

-GIA Publications

2nd Collection for the Church in Africa/Latin America/Eastern Europe

Next weekend, there will be a 2nd Collection for the Church in Africa/Latin America/Eastern Europe. Many unique challenges face the Churches in those regions. A lack of priests and trained lay ministers, high emigration rates, and the alarming pace at which parishioners are leaving the faith make it difficult for the region's churches to provide for the faithful. It is more important than ever that we keep faith with the Churches in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

Please be as generous as possible!

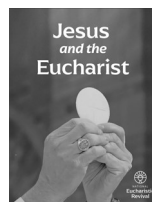
Jesus & the Eucharist:

Small Group Study - Starts this Week!

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

or

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



An excellent opportunity to be with fellow parishioners in a 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.

Come and See! This is the last weekend to sign up after all the Masses.

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12. How often should adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament occur?

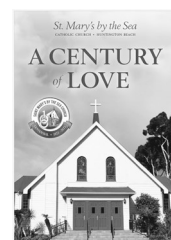
It is recommended that in churches and oratories (where the Eucharist is regularly reserved) an annual solemn exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament be held for an appropriate period of time, even if not continuous, so that the local community more profoundly meditates on and adores the Eucharistic mystery. Thus, every pastor should arrange annually for solemn exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

"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-Thursdays from 9am-12pm & 1-5pm.**



Special Intentions of Pope Francis For January 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

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

For the Deceased & For Those in the Armed Forces

Helen Donnelly †	J. Caico, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, T. Ihnot, T. Pace, J. Pendergrass, Capt. D. Tierney
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Centennial Books, Pins, T-Shirts, Coffee Cups, & Travel Mugs Available

We have the following Centennial items available in the Office to purchase:

- ☆ **BOOK ABOUT SMBTS:** \$25
- ☆ **CENTENNIAL PINS:** \$5 each
- ☆ **COFFEE CUPS:** \$10 each
- ☆ **TRAVEL MUGS:** \$25 each
- ☆ **T-SHIRTS:** \$15 each



Sizes available in **Small-2XL**

The Baptism of the Lord

The Catholic Church observes the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8, 2024, as a concluding celebration of the Christmas season. This significant feast commemorates the moment when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, signifying the initiation of His public ministry. Despite Jesus being sinless and not requiring baptism for forgiveness, His decision to undergo this ritual serves as an expression of solidarity with humanity and establishes the sacrament of baptism for all believers.

The Baptism of the Lord also holds special importance as it reveals the Holy Trinity. As Jesus emerges from the water, the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove, and a voice from heaven proclaims Him as the beloved Son of God. This manifestation highlights the divinity of Jesus and the triune nature of God.

As the Church transitions from the Christmas season to ordinary time, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves as a bridge, inviting believers to carry the grace and mission of their baptism into the world. This includes a call to follow the example set by Jesus in His baptism, embracing humility and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, serving as a reminder of the ongoing journey of faith and the importance of living out one's baptismal vows in the ordinary moments of life.

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Connie Bowles & Family (L)

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany

7:30 am Mass for Colleen & Harold Rowe (L)
 9:00 am Mass for the soul of Diane Hoxsie (RIP)
 10:30 am Mass for the soul of Miguel R. Aragón (RIP)
 12:00 pm Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
 12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, January 8

8:00 am Mass for Bethany Orr & All Relatives Living & Deceased
 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, January 9

8:00 am Mass for Alex Grahmann (L)
 3:45 pm 1st Communion class - Year 2 (til 5:00pm)

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 am Mass for the souls of Michael & Angelina Borrelli (RIP)
 9:30 am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.
 7:00 pm 1) Eucharist Small Group Study in Hall (til 9pm)

Thursday, January 11

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Pete Martinez and Deceased Family Members (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, January 12

8:00 am Mass for Sandy Entrican (L)
 9:00 am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, January 13

8:00 am Mass for the soul of Salvador Amaya III (RIP)
 9:00 am 2) Eucharist Small Group Study in Hall (til 11am)
 3:00 pm Confessions (til 4pm)
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for our Priests, and the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
 *2nd Collection for Church in Africa/Latin America/ Eastern Europe

Sunday, January 14

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7:30 am Mass for Mary Ann & Richard Hoefler (L)
 9:00 am Mass for the soul of J.R. Williams (RIP)
 10:30 am Mass for the soul of Fr. Eamon Mackin (RIP)
 12:00 pm Mass for the soul of Francis Anthony Nottke (RIP)
 12:00 pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Office of Faith Formation

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, which means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." The Church teaches that the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ:

- the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12),
- the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and
- the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

HOW ABOUT AN IN-CAR MINI RETREAT?

You are invited make a mini retreat by doing the following:

- Pick one of the three Epiphany's above.
- Find a quiet place, maybe your car???
- Set aside 30 minutes to meditate and contemplate.
- Read the Scripture slowly.
- Enter into the chosen scripture using all of your senses and your gift of imagination.
- Experience with Jesus and observe everything closely.
- Notice all that is going on in your heart and the unique epiphany God is intentionally revealing to you.
- Behold the precious meditative moments and listen with your heart in contemplative prayer about 15 minutes more, then,
- Conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving.

PRAYER IS A HEART'S HOLY HABIT



Weekly Collection

The collection for the weeks of 12/24-25 (4th Sunday of Advent), 12/25 (Christmas), & 12/30-31/2023 will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! Unfortunately, more than a few of us were sick over the holidays, but hopefully we are now recovering. As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord today, let us pause to think about it's meaning from two of our great saints:

"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see:

heaven on earth, earth in heaven,

man in God, God in man,

one whom the whole universe cannot contain

now enclosed in a tiny body.

As they look, they believe and do not question,

as their symbolic gifts bear witness:

incense for God, gold for a king,

myrrh for one who is to die."

St. Peter Chrysologus (406-450) Doctor of the Church

"As you kneel at the feet of the child Jesus

on the day of His Epiphany

and see Him a king bearing none of the outward signs of

royalty, you can tell Him:

"Lord, take away my pride; crush my self-love,

my desire to affirm myself and impose myself on others.

Make the foundation of my personality

my identification with you."

St. Josemaria Escriva (1902-1975)

➤ Please continue to pray 🙏 for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are facing personal or health issues. Your prayers are more powerful than you realize! Always remember that you are appreciated and loved!

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).

2023 Pastoral Services Appeal Final

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2023 PSA. The final figures are below and as you can see, our parishioners are very generous. After the Diocesan goal of \$40,000 was met, that leaves us with \$21,366 we received as a rebate. Thank you and God bless!

# of Pledges	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
89	\$61,966	\$61,366