

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

DAILY MASS

Monday-Saturday at 8:00am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

5:00pm

SUNDAY MASS

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Thursday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

With Divine Mercy, Rosary, Benediction

Every 1st Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm

With Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm



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

How appropriate that we hear this Gospel on the shortest day of the year, the day with the least sunlight. Joseph's hopes and dreams must have seemed bleak when he realized that his betrothed was found with child. But just as the winter solstice turns around the six-month process of ever-decreasing light with the slow but sure progress of longer and more direct sunlight, Joseph's dream turns his dashed hopes around to the joy that the woman he chose for his wife has also been chosen by God to be the mother of our Savior. Steadily and resolutely, we will be saved from the deep darkness of sin. No matter how low we may feel, God is always with us to turn our situation around.

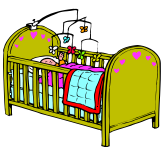
"Do not be afraid," (Matthew 1:20) the angel says to Joseph, echoing the words Gabriel said to Mary when telling her that she would bear God's Son. Joseph, being a righteous man, no doubt feared involvement in a situation that was (apparently) sinful. In one sense, the angel's explanation is reassuring, for not only was Mary not unfaithful, she would bear the Son who would save people from their sins. However, the import of helping to raise such a child and the responsibilities that would result could have greatly increased Joseph's anxiety. But upon waking, he immediately decides to obey the angel, to obey God. He commits himself to God's plan, challenging as it will surely be.

Joseph could have publicly accused Mary of infidelity immediately, before he had the opportunity to be visited by an angel. But he did not and his initial small act of mercy, his decision to not expose Mary to shame, presages the great act of divine mercy that will soon come into the world. Our small human acts of mercy may seem inadequate or unimportant, but when they participate in the divine mercy that God has shown repeatedly, they may themselves lead to something greater. If nothing else, they add to the amount of mercy operating in the world, and that is always a good thing.

Question of the Week

What small act of mercy can I carry out this fourth week of Advent?

-GIA Publications



Christmas Crib

We are still 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; You can drop this off at the Office or in our mail slot.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bestir, 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.



*CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil - December 24th

Family Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm

Christmas - December 25th

Midnight Mass: 12:00 am
8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Please Note: There will be NO Confessions on Dec. 27

The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

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

Jan. 1, 2026: 8:00 am



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.



Flowers & Decorating for the Church

*If you would like to **donate Poinsettias** for the Church, please bring them by the office tomorrow.

Local Advent Penance Services

(All at 7:00 pm)

Monday, Dec. 22 St. John the Baptist
Holy Family..... Individual Confessions
St. Anne..... Individual Confession



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

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Christmas Concert and Dinner. It was a wonderful turnout! Also thank you to everyone who took part in working for the Dinner. You honestly outdid yourselves!

Weekly Collections



DECEMBER 14, 2025

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS..... \$2,810.00
REGULAR COLLECTION..... \$10,181.26

VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS, YOU MAY USE THE QR CODE TO MAKE ONLINE DONATIONS (EITHER ONE TIME OR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATIONS).



Let Us Pray for the Sick



Natalia Amezuqueta	Nancy Friedman	Don Quinn
Tracy Andonian	Cindy Friendt	Debbie Ransom
Tony Aragón-Sotelo	Rudy Friendt	Tim Ransom
Mike Banner	Paul Hayes	Carmela Rugel
Frank Barrera	Jim & Paula Keating	Susan Rocio
Ted Beresford	James Kosai	Colleen Rowe
Rowyn Bolinger	Nam Le	Yvonne Ruiz
Connie Bowles	Arturo Loya	Carol Summerfield
Pamela Brown	Susan Mastroianni	Ernesto Aragón-Trevino
Rosie Clouse	Dan McKelvie	Roberta Velasquez
Vicky Drieg	Patricia McKenzie	Andrea Wall
Bryan Donnelly	Tracy Murray	John Waldron
Ann Erwin	Erin Nakamoto	Baby Brooks Webb
Rachel Ferrarie	Thomas Nester	Nancy Yaslik
Molly Flaherty	Rosalie Ocanas	
	Derrick Peront	

For Those in the Armed Forces

J. Caico, G. Campbell, D. Coffey, Sgt. R. Colbert, Sgt. L. Donovan & Team, T. Donovan, R. Hanrahan, S. Miller, J. Pendergrass, N. Sanchez, Capt. D. Tierney, T. Pace

This Week at St. Mary's By the Sea

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Al Griego (RIP)

4th Sunday of Advent, December 21

7:30am Mass for Julie Pham (L)
9:00am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased
10:30am Mass for All Souls
12:00pm Mass for the souls of Vincente Ky Pham and Teresa Thanh Le (RIP)
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, December 22

8:00am Mass for the Joseph Bishoff Family (L)

Tuesday, December 23

8:00am Mass for the souls of Ella & Everett Shipman (RIP)

Wednesday, Christmas Eve - December 24

8:00am Mass for the Charlie Kirk Family—Living & Deceased
5:30pm Vigil Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests

Thursday, Christmas - December 25

12:00am Midnight Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests
8:00am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests
10:00am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests
12:00pm Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased and Guests

Friday, December 26

8:00am Mass for Rev. Frank Pavone (L)
9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, December 27

8:00am Mass for Lucy Agnes Schlaerth and Family (L)
11:00 am Baptism
3:00pm NO Confessions
5:00pm Mass for the soul of Gloria Lugo (RIP)

December 28

7:30am Mass for the soul of Maria DeSilva (RIP)
9:00am Mass for President Donald Trump (L)
10:30am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased
12:00pm Mass for Patricia Flathers (L)
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.



CHRIST IS COMING

The journey of Advent—a journey of waiting and hope—is now drawing to a close. Over the past three weeks, we have reflected on the different dimensions of Christ's coming.

In the **first week**, a time of **hope and watchfulness**, we focused on Christ's second coming at the end of time. We were invited to stay awake, alert, and ready, living with hearts attentive to His presence.

The **second week** called us to **preparation and conversion**. Through the voice of John the Baptist, we heard the urgent call to "prepare the way of the Lord," turning our hearts toward repentance and inner renewal.

Then came the **third week—Joy! Gaudete Sunday**. The rose candle reminded us that Christian hope is never empty—it always leads to joy.

And now we arrive at the **fourth and final week of Advent**. In just three days, we will celebrate the birth of Christ, the **Word made Flesh**, incarnated into our finite world. Our gaze turns to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the profound mystery of God becoming human. In her, we learn that love enters the world quietly, humbly, and intimately.

As we approach the holy manger in a few days, let us remember to BE WITH God Almighty, who humbles Himself to become so small, so close, that all may embrace Him. Listen for His gentle whisper in your heart, unveiling the mystery of His love—eternal from all ages, now made visible among us.

Jubilee Year of Hope

What are the memoirs of this Jubilee thus far? Did you have a chance to visit the Holy Doors to pray, engage in inner renewal, and receive the plenary indulgences? You still have until December 28 to do the above. (Please do not hesitate to stop by our parish office or search online for more information.)

As we come to the close of this Holy Year of Hope, we do so not with an ending, but with a sending forth. Hope has been renewed in us—not as an idea, but as a Person. Christ has come among us, walked with us, and gently reshaped our hearts.

Throughout this holy year, Mother Church has reminded us again that hope does not disappoint, for it is rooted in God's faithfulness. It is born in silence, sustained in waiting, and fulfilled in love. The God we hoped for has drawn near—so near that He chose to dwell among us. As this holy year concludes, may the hope we have received become the hope we share. May it be carried into our families, our communities, and the quiet places of our daily lives.



Stewardship Corner



Stewardship
Committee

DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! We know that Christmas is almost here when we light the 4th candle on the Advent wreath. We wish each one of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! (Just in case you're wondering, we will not have a December Stewardship Meeting.)

➤ We would like to thank everyone who helped with last Sunday's Christmas Dinner. Your help is appreciated more than you can ever imagine. We had a huge turnout and things were hectic at times but, overall, it was a festive and joyful evening. Thank you for all your help at the dinner and at all the events of 2025! We could not do these events without you!

➤ Don't forget to check out our Facebook page (www.rv.by/d0jbv7) to view pics from SMBS events as they are posted.

➤ Once again, we invite you to spend time with Jesus in **ADORATION** every **Thursday** at **12pm** and on **First Fridays** at **1pm**. We hope you will stop by and visit **JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** during our time slots or whenever your schedule allows.

➤ Please continue to pray for fellow Stewards, parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors who are in need of your prayers. Always remember that you are loved and appreciated!

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).

Join us.....
after Sunday Mass

