

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

CONFESIONS

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Reflections of the Week

"Here is my servant," the LORD says through Isaiah of a chosen one, a Messiah, a Christ, who would bring justice and healing to the nations (Isaiah 42:1). Isaiah writes again and again in these chapters of the Messiah as a servant, someone who would act at God's behest in the world. In this way, Isaiah foresees the character of the Messiah. The Messiah would serve God's will. Therefore, when Jesus insists on John baptizing him, he says it is "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). Righteousness is moral conduct in accordance with God's will. Jesus was sent by the Father to save humankind. This is the service he was called to do and, in turn, the service Jesus now calls us to do.

How do we do it? Jesus can be our model. Isaiah put it well when he wrote that the Messiah would bring justice, but not by shouting or violence, for he would not injure a bruised reed or extinguish a barely flickering flame. Jesus comes with tenderness and compassion. Moreover, he sticks to these ideals even when arousing the ire of the authorities (think of him forgiving the woman accused of adultery or healing the disabled man on the Sabbath). This is the example he left us to follow.

One more aspect of this tender loving care is asserted by Peter in the second reading: "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). This allowed Peter to enter the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, without considering himself to be unclean. Moreover, Peter realized that the Holy Spirit had been poured out on those gathered there and so these Gentiles should be baptized and welcomed into the flock. He recalled that John the Baptist preached that Jesus would baptize not with water, but with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, poured out on us in baptism, now guides us as we live a Christian life. As we pursue justice tenderly and lovingly, we are called to not discriminate among those in need.

Question of the Week

This coming week, in what way can I be a servant of the Lord with tenderness and compassion?

-GIA Publications

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Weekly Collections



JANUARY 4, 2026

REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$10,137.99

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

We always appreciate your Generosity!

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

This 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!

Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition

Every Thursday beginning at 9:00 am, St. Mary's by the Sea is blessed to have **Eucharistic Exposition** (where the Blessed Sacrament is displayed outside the tabernacle in the monstrance for adoration by the faithful), and closing with **Benediction** (praying the rosary and receiving a blessing) at 3:00 pm.

Please stop by to visit with Jesus during these times!

Special Intentions of Pope Leo XIV For January 2026

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Let Us Pray for the Sick



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

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

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Visit

The world-famous **INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA** is on a historic tour of America to commemorate the apparitions at Fatima, and is coming to our parish!



St. Mary's by the Sea Church will host the tour on **Wednesday, Jan. 14th** from **8am-5pm**. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might

not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you!

Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted according to the description of Sister Lucia, the Fatima seer) is a great gift to our community.

SCHEDULE FOR JAN. 14—8AM TO 5PM

- 8:00 am..... Daily Mass
- 8:45 am..... Procession of *Our Lady of Fatima* statue into the Church & Crowning of the statue
- 9:00 am..... Talk given by the statue's custodian
- 9:30 am..... Rosary led by custodian
- 10:00 am.... Veneration of the Statue
- 4:30 pm..... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 5:00 pm..... Final Blessing & Departure of the Statue

To learn more about the tour and the statue, visit www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, a Public Association of the Faithful under the Vatican.

8 Ways to Create a Faith-Filled Home

1. Attend and participate in Sunday Mass as a family.
2. Designate a small table or the middle of your kitchen table as a prayer table. Decorate it according to the Church year seasons.
3. Make prayer a part of your family's daily life.
4. Make reading and talking about the Bible a part of family life too.
5. Live your lives according to the teachings of Jesus, the teachings of the Church, and the examples of the saints.
6. Share with one another how God is working in your lives.
7. Enjoy God's creation and be caretakers of it.
8. Identify ways that your family can serve others as Jesus did.

-Anon.

This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Charlie Kirk (RIP)

Sunday, January 11

- 7:30am Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Mass for the soul of Robert Reilly (RIP)
- 10:30am Mass for the Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
- 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Don Stack (RIP)
- 12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Monday, January 12

- 8:00am Mass for Lupe Jana and Family (L)
- 3:30pm 1st Holy Communion Class Year 1
- 5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2
- 7:00pm OCIA Class

Tuesday, January 13

- 8:00am Mass for Sandy Entrican (L)
- 3:30am 1st Holy Communion Class Year 2

Wednesday, January 14

- 8:00am Mass for Reggie Williams (L) & the soul of J.R. Williams (RIP)
- 9:30am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

Thursday, January 15

- 8:00am Mass for Rudy Friendt (L)
- 9:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed until 3:00pm and Benediction
- 4:00pm Food Bank for the Needy (til 5:00pm)
- 6:30pm Finance Council meeting

Friday, January 16

- 8:00am Mass for James Lieblang (L)
- 9:00am Cenacles of Life

Saturday, January 17

- 8:00am Mass for the soul of Nancy Lillis (RIP)
- 10:30am Pastoral Council meeting
- 3:00pm Confessions (til 4:00pm)
- 5:00pm Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 18

- 7:30am Mass for Elijah Orr (L)
- 9:00am Mass for the soul of Andrew Pompura (RIP)
- 10:30am Mass for William Hernandez (L)
- 12:00pm Mass for Rebecca Richter and Family (L)
- 12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

WHY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD IS A “CHRISTMAS” FEAST?

In the Roman Rite, the Baptism of the Lord has been celebrated as a separate feast for many centuries. Originally part of the January 6 Epiphany celebration, it was later assigned to the Epiphany octave (January 13) in 1955, and after the Second Vatican Council, moved to the Sunday following Epiphany.

Though it may seem unusual to still picture the baby Jesus in the manger while celebrating a moment from his adult life, both the Nativity and the Baptism of the Lord highlight Christ’s humility. In each, Jesus reveals his desire to unite with us so that he may raise us up with him.

Pope Benedict XVI explains in his 2013 homily that Jesus demonstrates solidarity with our efforts to turn from sin and grow in holiness. His immersion in human life—fully experiencing our weaknesses and frailty—moves him to compassion. He chooses to “suffer with” us, to share in our penance, and to carry out the divine mission of healing and redemption.

By assuming human flesh at the Nativity and submitting to baptism by John, Jesus identifies with us completely, showing that even in our baptismal journey, he is with us, guiding us toward God the Father.

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In his baptism, Jesus shows us the depth of God’s love and humility. Though sinless, he submitted to John’s water, fully embracing our human condition and inviting us into new life. His baptism calls us to turn from sin, grow closer to God, and follow him in love and service. Through this divine act, we are reminded that God walks with us, uplifts us, and invites us to share in his mission.

You are invited to reread today’s Gospel and reflect on the message God has for you. Take a moment to sit with the words, let them sink in, and listen for how God is speaking to your heart today.



NEW COHORT for the OCIA class 2026-2027 is starting this Monday, January 12 at 7pm.

Please pray and invite your friends and family to join our OCIA class if they have not completed all three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. And congrats to the following for being the first four members of this cohort: Lorin, Jenny and Trey

Stewardship Corner



DEAR STEWARDS . . .

Happy Sunday! We hope you had a joyful Christmas season and are having a propitious transition into 2026. We will have a **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** on **Thursday, January 22** at **6:00 pm** to share a preliminary schedule for **2026 events**. At the meeting, we will have **info** about and **sign-ups** for the **MINISTRY FAIR/MARDIS GRAS BREAKFAST** on **Sunday, February 15**. We hope to see you at there!

➤ This coming **Wednesday, January 14th** from **8am-5pm**, St. Mary’s by the Sea will be blessed to host the **INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**! This is such an honor for us as a Parish! We hope that everyone will be able to attend at some time during the day to venerate the statue.

➤ Don’t forget to check out our Facebook page (www.rv.by/d0jbv7) to view pics from all of our 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).

Have You Made a “Visit” to the Blessed Sacrament Lately?

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament - to God really living in our Churches - should be as regular in the life of a Catholic as eating. This is true particularly of the tens of thousands who live within walking distance of the Church - and God! Regular at least daily visits to God in His Church home is a sure sign of living faith. It is hard, on the other hand, to understand the “brand” of faith of one who claims belief in Christ’s Real Presence among us but fails to prove that faith by corresponding actions, one of which is the most natural human trait - visiting of a friend, one we love.

For those who are not in this thoroughly Catholic habit, there is no time like now - pre-Lent - to start (since Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 18th this year)!

-Catholic Quote (Vol. 65, No. 2)