

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm  
With Benediction

### CONFESIONS

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm



HAPPY FEAST  
OF THE

Epiiphany

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Reflections of the Week

When Isaiah proclaimed the words we hear today, God's chosen people had just returned to Judah after sixty years of exile in Babylon. The city of Jerusalem was in ruins, the temple had been destroyed, and many of its families had not survived or were still lost. Picture the devastation after a city or region is heavily bombed during a war. "Rise up in splendor," was aspirational at best, unimaginable to most (Isaiah 60:1). Yet Isaiah insists that Jerusalem's light was not only possible, but had already come. Isaiah was able to see God's glory amidst destruction and squalor, as the shepherds and magi could see a king and Messiah in a wooden trough, as we are challenged to see peace, justice, and hope in a world with wars, injustices, and despair. We can choose to try to see through God's eyes, as Isaiah and the magi did.

Herod, who awarded the title "King of the Jews" by the Roman Senate, was understandably perturbed to hear from the magi that somewhere there was a "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2). This baby was a threat to his power. But Matthew tells us that "all Jerusalem" was troubled by this development as well (Matthew 2:3). Why would the people of Jerusalem be troubled? Herod was tyrannical, murderous, and not particularly religious in the first place. But then as well as now, those who surrounded him valued their proximity to power and tended to support him no matter what. Herod likely regarded his sycophants and others he regularly interacted with as "all Jerusalem," saw his worries and concerns projected onto them, and concluded the entire populace was upset. To him, they were.

The Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope," ends this Tuesday on the traditional date of Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God's Son to the whole world. This year, Epiphany reminds us that we are called to manifest Christian hope—the hope of God's kingdom, of our redemption, of eternal life—to a world often in despair. May we be manifestations of Christ's presence in what we believe and in all that we do.

### Question of the Week

What will I do this week to manifest the presence of Christ in me to others?

-GIA Publications

### 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Church in Africa/Latin America/Eastern Europe

Next weekend, January 11-12, there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!*

### Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk

One really good Catholic tradition is the house blessing of the door with chalk (called chalking the door) done every year on the Epiphany. The spiritual leader of the home starts by leading the family in prayer (Google "Catholic Epiphany prayers for the home" to find a suitable one for your family or go to this link: [www.rb.gv/nhez15](http://www.rb.gv/nhez15) for ideas). At the end, the leader will write at the top of the front door of the house the following in chalk:

**20 + C + M + B + 26**

The **20** stands for the first two numbers of the year and the **26** for the last two numbers of the year. The three letters are the first initials of each of the kings (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar). The **C, M, B** also stands for the Latin blessing *Christius Mansionem Benedicat* which means "May Christ Bless this House." The "+" signs symbolize the cross. At the conclusion, everyone can sing "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

The **LEGION OF MARY** will have a table outside after all the Masses for you to pick up your **blessed chalk**.



**Weekly Collections**



**DECEMBER 28, 2025**

CHRISTMAS.....	\$13,650.00
REGULAR COLLECTION .....	\$6,059.10

**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!*

## What is Evangelization?

The mission of evangelization is concisely summarized in the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis statement, Disciples Called to Witness:

*The Church's ad gentes ("to the world") mission given to her by Christ is the proclamation of the Good News to those who do not know him. The historical and social circumstances of the twentieth century prompted the Church to renew her mission to evangelize.*

This renewed vision of evangelization includes, as Pope Benedict XVI stated in 2010, the challenge to "propose anew" the Good News to all of the Christian faithful, most especially to those of the faithful who are absent from the Lord's Table. This New Evangelization is a call for all of us to have a deeper encounter with Christ, best expressed in a simple, confident, informed, and joyous witness to the faith, which attracts others and invites them to wonder what secret is motivating the Christian disciple. The late Pope Francis affirmed that this New Evangelization was a "summons addressed to all" and connects this inner thrust with an outward movement of all the baptized as missionary disciples.

Christ commands us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. We are to proclaim his Good News to all people, everywhere and at all times. After Christ promises the disciples that the Holy Spirit will come upon them, He ascends into heaven. The disciples, rather than heeding Christ's command to be His witnesses, stare "intently at the sky." It takes "two men dressed in white garments" asking, "Men of Galilee, why are you. . . looking at the sky?" for the disciples to begin to realize the meaning of Christ's command (Acts 1:10-11). How often do we fail to realize that we are called to be Christ's witnesses to the world? Do we realize that our Baptism, Confirmation, and reception of the Eucharist bestow on us the grace we need to be disciples? Are we like the disciples staring at the sky rather than inviting those around us to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Church? How often do we reach out to our missing brothers and sisters by inviting them to join us at Mass or by asking why they no longer feel welcomed at the Lord's Table? The answers to these questions underlie the mission of the Church, especially in the call of the New Evangelization.

If it had to be expressed in one sentence, the best way of stating it would be to say that the Church evangelizes when she seeks to convert, solely through the divine power of the message she proclaims, both the personal and collective consciences of people, the activities in which they engage, and the lives and concrete milieu which are theirs. The work of the New Evangelization is done primarily through the witness of faith by the baptized in their everyday lives. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization. We cannot give what we do not have. Therefore, cultivating a life of faith is essential to helping others to do so.

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## This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea

5:00pm Mass for Jamie Pagnanelli (L)

### Sunday, January 4

7:30am Mass for Ross and Diane Miller & Family  
9:00am Mass for the soul of Damien O'Brien (RIP)  
10:30am Mass for Nancy Close (L) & the soul of Frederick Close (RIP)  
12:00pm Mass for our Priests and the People of the Parish—Living & Deceased  
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

### Monday, January 5

8:00am Mass for Elaine Hirayama (L)  
3:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class Year 1  
5:15pm Confirmation class Year 1 & 2  
7:00pm OCIA Class

### Tuesday, January 6

8:00am Mass for the Filipe and Lage Families—Living & Deceased  
3:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class Year 2

### Wednesday, January 7

8:00am Mass for Nicholas Friendt (L)  
9:30am Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

### Thursday, January 8

8:00am Mass for Tom Orr (L)  
9:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed until 3:00pm and Benediction  
4:00pm Food Bank for the Needy (til 5:00pm)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus meeting in Hall

### Friday, January 9

8:00am Mass for the soul of Don Nix (RIP)  
9:00am Cenacles of Life

### Saturday, January 10

8:00am Mass for Gwenn Russell (L)  
3:00pm Confessions (til 4:00pm)  
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 Holy Souls in Purgatory (RIP)  
12:00pm Mass for the soul of Don Stack (RIP)  
12:00pm Legion of Mary meeting in Conf. Rm.

*Join us.....*  
after Sunday Mass





## CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR & LOOKING AHEAD IN HOPE

Last Sunday, Bishop Kevin Vann closed the Jubilee Door in our diocese. This coming Tuesday, January 6, Pope Leo XIV will officially close the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, marking the conclusion of the Jubilee Year. The next Ordinary Jubilee Year will return in 2050.

We hope that over the past year, many of us have received special graces through pilgrimage, participation in the sacraments—especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist—and through acts of charity. As pilgrims journeying together, even after the Jubilee has ended, may we never cease to renew our hope, strengthen our faith, and be inspired by the life of Christ and His teachings to become living witnesses of His mercy and love in our families, our parish, and our world.

Look! There is also another significant date closer on the horizon. During his pastoral reflection last month, Pope Leo alluded to the hope of a joint Christian Jubilee in Jerusalem in 2033, marking 2,000 years of Christ's Paschal Mystery. Though eight years away, the time will come quickly. We look forward with Epiphany hope and prayer that the Morning Start will lead us to all truths and inner freedom. And—we hope for the possibility of organizing one or two pilgrimages for our St. Mary's family as part of this historic

NEW COHORT for the OCIA class 2026-2027 is starting next 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 three members of this cohort: Lorin, Jenny and Trey.



## Stewardship Corner



### DEAR STEWARDS . . .

**Happy Epiphany Sunday!** Once again, we are very grateful for you and for the time you shared with us to support parish events in 2025. We look forward to spending more time with you in 2026. We will have a **STEWARDSHIP MEETING** on **Thursday, January 22** at **6:00 pm** to share a preliminary schedule for 2026 events.

►Don't forget to check out our Facebook page ([www.rv.by/d0jbv7](http://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).

## 2026 Calendars

You can still pick up a free copy of the 2026 calendar located at the back of the Church.



## Let Us Pray for the Sick...



Natalia Amezqueta	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 Derieg	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	

### For the Deceased

Derrick Peront †  
Funeral—1/6/26 at 10:30am

### For Those in the Armed Forces

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