



# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

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<u># of Pledges</u> (70)	<u>Total Pledged</u> \$58,431	<u>Total Paid</u> \$54,580

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*(Notice: The Office has re-opened from Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm. Please note that we will be closed on Fridays until further notice.)*

**ALL Masses will be held outside in the Courtyard.**



## TEMPORARY SCHEDULE

**DAILY MASS (Monday-Saturday): 8:00 am**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**  
5:00 pm

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
7:30 am

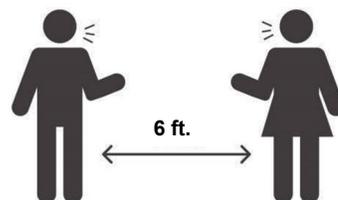
9:00 am

10:30 am Mass

12:00 pm Latin Low Mass

4:30 pm Mass

SOCIAL DISTANCING



**ADORATION & BENEDICTION: Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm & Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9:00 am—3:00 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**

*Watch Out!*

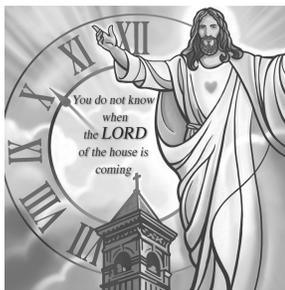
In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. As sinners, we too hope for forgiveness. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. And God's power was manifest in the raising of Christ from the dead. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

The Gospel reminds us to look constantly for signs of God's work. Jesus says simply, "Watch!" Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' short parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. Just as we expect people driving cars to turn off their cell phones and keep their eyes on the road, so we can stop looking for whatever makes us comfortable and watch for ways to love others as God loves us.

When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend. The recent re-translation of the prayers of the Mass can be an opportunity to stretch our faith and our understanding of the Eucharist.

The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. Paul encourages them (and us) by his reminder that we "are not lacking in any spiritual gift" (1 Corinthians 1:7). The Holy Spirit gives us all we need to help each other prepare for the Lord's coming. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

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**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.*



**Office of Faith Formation News**

**ADVENT, A TIME TO BEAR FRUIT**



Do you want to know which fruit of the Spirit is *most popular* among the adult members of our Faith Formation community here at St. Mary's? Here is the results of the recent poll: Patience: 1; Self-control: 2; Gentleness: 2; Joy: 2; Love: 3; and

*Kindness* takes the crown in this survey with 4 votes!

As we begin Advent this week, we gently echo the voices of angel Gabriel and Elizabeth in the "Hail Mary, Full of Grace! Blessed is the **FRUIT** of thy womb, **JESUS**."

Advent—a Time to Bear Fruit!

That Fruit is JESUS who clothed Himself with love, kindness and humility. You're invited to take on one or two challenges to help us make space for God in our heart and become fruitful as our Mother Mary this Advent:

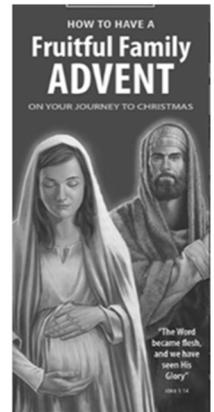
- ♦ *Read an Advent reflection* each day before a meal, be in silence for 5 minutes to listen to the voice of God, and share the inspiration with each other.

- ♦ *Create a family Nativity manger* for Jesus where each hay placed on the manger reflects an act of charity or sacrifice.

- ♦ *Make your own Advent candles* and place them at the center of your living/dining room—and light up the candle at each meal as you say grace. In the spirit of Waiting and Expecting with Joyful Hope in the Coming of Christ, we pray that the heart and soul of each person on earth comes to know and receive Christ their Beloved Savior.

Each student in our program will bring home a family Advent activity. We hope that all families will participate with us.

Any questions or suggestions, please feel to email SrCatherine at [emailsisterc@yahoo.com](mailto:emailsisterc@yahoo.com).



What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

-J. S.Paluch Co.

Poor in Spirit

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."* (Matt 5:3-10)

The first of the Beatitudes is very much disputed. What Jesus meant by this kind of poverty is not always easy for us to grasp. The reason for this difficulty lies in our pride.

Certainly when you are materially poor, you know you need many things. Depending on your own self-sufficiency isn't enough. You need to know, even as you need understanding, love, food, shelter, guidance, peace and so much more, that God has already given you a great deal. He is your total support and placing total trust of your life in His hands will continue that blessing. Because you turn to the source of your support, you ask God to come to your aid. You constantly invite Him to show you the way to meet your total needs (like when a little child clings to its father or mother's hand, not knowing, where they might be going, but knowing that they will be safe and always have their loved ones to watch over them). As God responds to your real needs, His reign is established in your living. You are blessed. You will experience the serenity known only to those people who do not trust in their own apparent self-sufficiency.

When you are poor in spirit, you know your needs, and by reaching out to God, you must then trust Him to meet those needs. If your goal is material wealth - a million dollars for your security - then you are shifting your trust to your own energies and your own self. Therefore you cannot expect God to help you provide this material wealth as your primary aim. After all, worldly possessions are of no value to the spiritual life.

But if your goal is God and your relationship makes Him primary in your life, then He will take over your whole life, directing it for its primary needs (spiritual) and then physically for the perishable (bodily needs). These might not be abundant and may not arrive until the last minute, but He will provide and your needs will be met! Often in the most unexpected ways and if you are open to His will, you will see His hand in the happening.

Some people may say, "I did ask and I did trust, but I still did not receive." Prayerfully consider the deeper meaning of what is desired. Could it be that not receiving it is for the spiritual good of your soul? God does respond and promises to give good things, but just as you might show a child a snake, you as a good parent, would not give that snake to them, even if it meant that the child would be brought to tears by your refusal. Does this mean that you don't love the child by not granting his request? Certainly not; you are doing the best thing for them.

Great is God's understanding of your "WANTS" and your "NEEDS," whether you accept it or not.

-Catholic Quote Vol.71, No. 11

St. Andrew's Christmas Novena

HAIL AND BLESSED be the hour and moment in which the **Son of God** was born of the **Most Pure Virgin Mary** at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe **O my God**, to hear my prayers, and grant my desires, through the merits of **Our Savior, Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother.**  
Amen.

It is piously believed that whoever recites this prayer fifteen times a day from the Feast of St. Andrew (November 30<sup>th</sup>) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.

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+MICHAEL AUGUSTINE  
Archbishop of New York, NY

*Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.*

-Mark 13:33

Saints & Special Observances for the Week

- Monday:** St. Andrew the Apostle
- Tuesday:** World AIDS Awareness Day
- Thursday:** St. Francis Xavier
- Friday:** St. John Damascene; First Friday
- Saturday:** First Saturday
- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent (12/6/20)

Weekly Donations

The collection for November 22, 2020 will be posted in next week's bulletin. Thank you.

***Let Us Pray for the Sick...***

Pay Asjar	Al Griego	Mary Peduzi
Sarah Asjar	Chin Ha	Diane Pham
Bette Barilla	Nathan Hamby	Derek Pham
Bonnie Barilla	David Harris	Debbie Ransom
Angela Bennett	Paul Hayes	Irene Rinchimer
Teresa Braga	Larry B. Henry	Susan Rocio
Hugh Cahill	Diane Hoxsie	Mark Scally
Colleen Campbell	Paula Keating	Christine Schiering
Earline Campbell	Marilyn Kefalas	Janene Shepherd
Peggy Carrasco	Roger Kunsaitis	Hilda Shipman
Baby Ceballos	Ernest Landell	Flora Simpson
George Christa	Nam Le	Barry Robert Snyder
Rosemarie Clouse	Larry Lewis	Bob Spellmire
Ann Costello	Garret Loeffler	Dan Stenglein
Johnny Costello	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Mary Teaze
Dan Derieg	Doris McDonald	Bernadette Vanderhorst
Vicky Derieg	Nina Merlino	Andrea Wall
Bryan Donnelly	Rosalie Ocanas	Maria Zelaya
Helen Donnelly	Rose Palmer	

***for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces***



**Stewardship Corner**

**IT'S ADVENT LOYAL STEWARDS...**

A time of preparation. Preparing ourselves, our Church, and homes for Christmas; the birth of our Savior. What a perfect time for this in our lives, right now! If ever we needed to focus on something so magnificent, now is the time! Starting new traditions because of social distancing and avoiding crowds will take creativity and imagination we should share, don't you think? But we can't forget our neighbors and fellow parishioners who need our help with their own preparations. This is our mission as Stewards of God now. We can inspire those around us with decorations that are cheerful and get back to sending and sharing Christmas cards with those we can't be with over Christmas.

And most importantly, focus more on praying for ourselves, our families, our priests, fellow parishioners, and for an end to this disease the whole world is suffering from; another powerful opportunity not only for our Prayer Warriors, but for all Stewards!

*"Prepare thee the way of the Lord!" The season is here!*

May God bless us everyone! Amen 🙏

***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).

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

5:00 pm *Mass for the souls of Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary (RIP)*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 29**

7:30 am *Mass for All Souls [#10 of 10]*  
9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Flora Simpson (RIP)*  
10:30 am *Rosalie Ocampo (L)*  
12:00 pm *Latin Mass for the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*  
4:30 pm *Mass for the soul of Lorraine Dunn (RIP)*

**Monday, November 30**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Anna Wiseman (RIP)*  
5:30 pm **Confirmation Class** (til 6:30pm)  
7-8:00 pm **RCIA** (for adults)

**Tuesday, December 1**

8:00 am *Mass for Priscilla Morrison (L)*  
10:30 pm **Funeral for Thomas Dunthorne**  
3:30 pm **First Holy Communion Class Yrs. 1/2** (til 4:30pm)  
5:30 pm **Post Communion Class Levels 6-8** (til 6:30pm)  
7:00 pm **Faith Formation Reflection Night**

**Wednesday, December 2**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Charles Giddings (RIP)*

**Thursday, December 3**

8:00 am *Mass for Stan Li (L)*  
3-4:00 pm **Adoration & Benediction**

**Friday, December 4**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Maria Theresa Adamo Nottke (RIP)*  
9:00 am *Cenacles of Life*  
3-4:00 pm **First Friday Adoration & Benediction**

**Saturday, December 5**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Flora Simpson (RIP)*  
3:00 pm **Confessions (only until 4:00 pm)**  
5:00 pm *Mass for the soul of Brigit Benjamin (RIP)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 6**

7:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish - Living and Deceased*  
9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Flora Simpson (RIP)*  
10:30 am *Mass for the soul of Rhonda Lyn Hodges (RIP)*  
12:00 pm *Latin Mass for the soul of Modesta Guterres Aguilar (RIP)*  
4:30 pm *Mass for the soul of Fred Neely (RIP)*