

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday -  
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## PARISH STAFF:

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## PASTORAL MINISTRIES

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Phillip Curtis, Alicia Ritter,  
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**PARISH COUNCIL:** Steve Bloom, Chris Bloom,  
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**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY:** Barbara Rodriguez,  
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**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** Steve Bloom, Wayne  
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**CHURCH FLOWER DECOR:** Gloria Lyons and  
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**GARDENING:** Catherine Imbrie & Marie Hennessey

**MAINTENANCE:** Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

## St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

December 11, 2022

## Third Sunday of Advent

*We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic  
community committed to being a welcoming  
parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus  
Christ throughout our community and into the world.*



## THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday December 10**

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm JoAnn Critelli

**Sunday December 11**

Mass 8:30 am Gregory Molley

Mass 10:30 am People of the Parish

CONFIRMATION CLASS 11:30 am

**Monday December 12**

Mass 9:30 am Sandy Henriksen

**Tuesday December 13**

No Mass and the Office is Closed

**Wednesday December 14**

Mass 9:30 am + Art Pieretti

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

**Thursday December 15**

Mass 9:30 am Wagner & Alberta Garcia

Adoration, after Mass until Noon

Red Cross Blood Drive Noon-5pm

RCIA CLASS 3 pm

**Friday December 16**

Mass 9:30 am + Art Pieretti

RECONCILIATION CLASS 5 pm

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### A TIME FOR HEALING AND

**SORROW:** Please pray for  
Jessica and Isaac Taylor, Greg  
Molley, Harold Stern, and all those  
who are sick or who need healing.  
Also pray for Art Pieretti, Marilou  
Bowman, Rev. Jim Graham, Rev.  
Vincent Cunniff, Godfried Bresser  
and all those who have died  
recently and for those who have  
asked for our prayers.

### A TIME FOR JOY AND

**CELEBRATION:** We pray for all  
those who are celebrating a  
Birthday, Anniversary, or other  
special occasion this week. Happy  
Birthday this week to JoAnn Critelli,  
Jeff Williams, Isabella Gonzalez,  
Scott Galvin, and Vanessa Rigger.



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*Joy in the Lord*

“Be strong and do not fear! Here is your God.” Today is called Rejoicing Sunday. Today the candle on the Advent Wreath is pink, not purple as on the other three Sundays of Advent. It is meant to express our joy at the nearness of Christ’s birthday.

Some people seem to be happy by nature; others mournful by nature. Here is the story of a Rev. Monsignor who always preached mournful sermons. He was asked by his bishop to preach about St. Joseph instead, as he was a cheerful man. The following Sunday the Monsignor spoke about Joseph who happened to be a carpenter and as a result spent a lot of his time making coffins and here we go again with sad, sad tales.

Here are three impressions about happiness. First, that happiness is right here and now. We convince ourselves that life will be better when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now.

Second, ‘If you are happy, let your face know.’ Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by taking a peek in the mirror and asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard the good news of the Gospel, namely that I am loved unconditionally by God?

Third, joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer.

**PARISH RENEWAL PRAYER DAY:** On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a Parish Renewal Prayer Day from 9am until 2pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend as we pray together to provide inspiration and support for our parish ministries.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA:** We encourage all to join in the Christmas Novena between December 16 and Christmas Day. Recite the Novena prayer below and then the Rosary. Our website has a link for additional reflections and prayers.

*“Hail and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure virgin, At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. At that hour deign, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires (mention your personal request) Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.”*

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:** We will have an Advent/Christmas Penance Service on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am until noon. Whether you have gone to confession recently or haven’t gone for years, this is a great opportunity to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY:** Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one to death? Have you learned valuable lessons and experienced healing from hurt? Would you like to help others to do the same? Then please call or email to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities with our Grief Share ministry. We plan to have an information meeting soon. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241

**SUNDAY SOCIALS:** The Sunday socials are held the first and third Sunday of every month after the 8:30 and 10:30 mass. If you are interested in helping or donating cakes, please contact Terri Southwick at gtsouthwick@gmail.com.

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:** On Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, after Mass, we are having a planning meeting and we are looking for people to help decorate the Church for Christmas. Please join us on Wednesday or contact Gloria Lyons or Barbara Rodriguez.

**MASS OFFERING CARDS** are still available in the vestibule of the church. This set offers us an opportunity to give the Spiritual Gift of a Mass for Christmas to a loved one. Please take a Christmas Mass Card, fill out the information request on the supplied envelope and return the donation envelope in the collection basket or in the red box provided in the vestibule.

**GIVING REPORT  
For the Week of December 3-9.**

Offertory Collection	\$1,674.20
Building Maintenance Fund	\$185.00
Parish Gift Donation	\$100.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Needy Fund	\$53.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$180.00
Votive	\$2.00
Hospitality Coffee & pastry	\$0.00