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FINANCE COUNCIL: Phillip Curtis, Alicia Ritter,
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HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: Barbara Rodriguez,
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CHURCH FLOWER DECOR: Gloria Lyons

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MAINTENANCE: Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

*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 24

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm Becca Lockwood

Sunday December 25 Christmas

Mass 8:30 am People of the Parish

Mass 10:30 am Doral Vance and
Lorn Ramstead

Monday December 26

Mass 9:30 am Alex Neto

Office Closed

Tuesday December 27

No Mass and the Office is Closed

Wednesday December 28

Mass 9:30 am John Ritter

Office Closed

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday December 29

Mass 9:30 am Kathy Ritter

Adoration, after Mass until Noon

Office Closed

Friday December 30

Mass 9:30 am Rebecca Hoover

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for
Harold Stern, Pastor Mike
Grogan 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
Edwina Morgan



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

We need to *allow* the Savior to be reborn in our lives. A German mystic *Angelus Silesius* said, “**Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me.** So, let us *allow* Him to be reborn in our lives during 2022 Christmas and every day of the New Year 2023. Let us also show our gratitude and good will by generously sharing Jesus, our Savior, reborn in our hearts, with others as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and humble service.

We need to experience Christmas as it takes place at Christ’s Mass on our Altars. Jesus becomes present on our Altars to become our spiritual food, to nourish our souls so that we may become his healthy children.

We need to have a Christmas gift for the Christ-Child because we are celebrating his birthday. Hence, as we focus our full attention on giving Christmas gifts to family members, and friends, let us give our hearts to Jesus today, filled with sacrificial love, overflowing mercy, selfless caring, and unconditional forgiveness.

The message of Christmas is that we can truly find Jesus if we look in the right places – in the streets, in the orphanages, in the nursing homes, starting in our own homes, workplaces, and town. We need to look for Him in people that we might otherwise ignore: the Elderly, the sick, the addicts, the unpleasant people, or the people of different culture and lifestyle from us.

It is about our responsibility to be part of the liberating process. It is about working to remove from our world the shameful blot of poverty, discrimination, and exploitation which are the lots of too many in our World.

God challenges us to be like the shepherds who overcame their fear in order to seek out Jesus, or like the Wise Men who traveled a long distance to find Him. Then we will have the true experience of Christmas – the joy of the Savior.

BOOK CLUB: All parishioners and neighbors are invited to join St. Mary's Book Club starting in January 2023! We will be reading a wide variety of books related to our Faith!! The book club will meet twice a month on Tuesday mornings, January to May and September to December. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9:30am. We will meet in the Church Hall in person and via Zoom, so all may attend. Look for further notices in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Vinciguerra at 508 878 3538 or by email at mavbeach@yahoo.com

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS! We are so grateful for our St. Mary’s family and all those who give of their time and talents to help. Whether it’s decorating or maintaining the church; leading groups; serving coffee; setting up for Mass; playing or leading the music; or any one of the countless unseen tasks that keep our parish running and support our ministry. Thank you to everyone for all you do! Have a very blessed and merry Christmas.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK Except for on Friday.

PARISH RENEWAL PRAYER DAY: On Saturday, January 21st 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: We plan to have the first meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

**GIVING REPORT (Weekly Goal \$2663.46)
For the Week of December 17-18.**

Offertory Collection	\$1,081.10
Building Maintenance Fund	\$1,000.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Needy Fund	\$25.00
Votive	\$2.00
Hospitality Coffee & pastry	\$10.25
Winter Survival Fund	
Raffle	\$4,605.00
Cookie Jar Donations	\$5,129.30
2 nd Collections	\$3,064.00
Spaghetti Dinner	\$2,021.00
Other Donations	\$2,729.00
TOTAL	\$17,348.30

CHRISTMAS MASS REQUESTS

MASS INTENTIONS

1. John, Michelle, Monica, Clare, and Molley Berghout, Wayne and Roxy Shultz, Debbie Kirk, Monica, Joseph, Ras, Basil, and Annabelle Bowen and Gail Bowman requested by Loretta Schutten
2. + Art Pieretti requested by Joanie Kinsman
3. + Rita Mae Kellogg requested by Debra Lee
4. Polly Klingensmith requested by Mark & Lin Storey
5. + Art Pieretti requested by Don & Jeanne Artz
6. Shawna Adams, + Aubrie Hennessy, Kevin Hennessy, and + Denny Hennessy requested by Marie Hennessy
7. John Ritter and + Kathy Ritter requested by Alicia Ritter
8. Mary Benoit requested by Willie Helwig
9. Rebecca Hoover requested by Ellie Hilger
10. Fr. Macdonald Akuti requested by Bill & Michelle Maitland
11. Carol Bloom and Del Ras, Matthew and Amy Bloom, and David and Christina Bloom requested by Steve and Chris Bloom
12. Andy and Mary Ann Robinson, Doug and Sandra Girdner, Lynne Kelly and Denise Girdner, Milton and Linda Girdner, Johnny Jim Sullivan, and LaDonna Sullivan requested by Reta Girdner
13. + Larry Matthews, + Dorothy and Roy Terheggen, + Anne Lee and + Gene Terheggen requested by Doris Matthews
14. Vicki Croman and Family, Bryn and Isabel Vanderstoep, The Vanderstoep Family, The Hemachandra Family, Gladys and Kristine Jacobson, Father Larry Gooley & Karen Sousa, Lilian DeCoteau & Daniel Casimano, Lorraine Grant and Harold Stern, Steve and Laura Press, Fred and Sally Badger, Larry and Mable Badger, Sheri Shultz and Mark Lindford, Sherri Auditor and Heather Olson, Julian Croman and Hannah, Steve and Patrice Lahtinen, Father Macdonald Akuti, Gloria Lyons and Carol Cook, Mike & Lucy Davis, Doris Matthews, The Cota Family & The Evans Family, Wayne and Roxy Schultz requested by Barb Croman
15. + Art Pierett, and Loretta Shutten requested by Colleen and Leo Gabalis
16. Jack Bloom, Edith Nachajiko, Maryann Rizo & Family, Michelle & Tony Vinciguerra, the Gartin Family, and The Gerbi Family requested by Dianne Bloom