



Welcome to St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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.

St. Mary by the Sea – Rockaway Beach January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord



ACTIVITY TIME MASS INTENTION

Saturday – January 1

Mass 8:30 am Larry Badger and
Larry Vandermay

Sunday January 2

Mass 8:30 am † Gene Terheggen
Mass 10:30 am Bonnie William

Monday January 3

Mass 9:30 am † Anne Terheggen Lee

Tuesday January 4

NO MASS and the Office is closed

Wednesday Dec. 29

Mass 9:30 am † Elizabeth Terheggen
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday December 30

Mass 9:30 am † Roy and Dorothy
Terheggen

Friday December 31

Mass 9:30 am Curt Nibler

ST. MARY BY THE SEA - Contact Information

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, 9AM until 3PM. **The Parish Office will be closed this week except for Wednesday.**

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

The Greek word Epiphany (επιφάνεια), means appearance or manifestation. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (today's second reading), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: *"the Gentiles are...co-heirs ... co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."*

Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. This tells us that if God brought the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus.

There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored Jesus, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Jesus.

SOME TAKEAWAYS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

(1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group by:

a) By Actively worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration;

b) By Giving a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from pride, injustice and impunity, bad thoughts, words, and actions, evil habits, and selfish behavior;

c) By becoming stars leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Jesus. Let us remove the darkness of the evil around us by radiating the light of Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.

(2) Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany and every day:

a) The Gift of our life by offering it on the altar during the Holy Mass and every morning as soon as we get up, asking for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit to do good and avoid evil during the course of the day.

b) The Gift of responsive relationship with God by talking to Him in personal and family prayers and listening to Him through reading the Holy Bible every day.

c) The Gift of friendship with God by recognizing Jesus' presence in, and offering loving, humble service to, everyone we encounter, and by getting reconciled to God every night asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins and failures during the day. May the glory of Our Lord, who has manifested Himself and dwelled among us be with us, and bless us all in our good endeavors.Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR: As we begin a new year we reflect on our challenges and blessings. This time last year we were having Mass in the Parish Hall because of the fire damage in the church. And, of course we have been dealing with the Covid pandemic. We pray for God's grace and for hope because we need peace in our life and our community for a better future for everyone.

HELPING HANDS is serving so many of our homeless. During this Pandemic the need is greater than ever and Alan Evans says they are providing at least 600 beds a night at their 11 locations, which includes the one in Tillamook. If you would like to be part of creating access to this transformative program for the homeless. please consider making a contribution to Helping Hands. Gifts of any amount can be mailed to Helping Hands PO Box 413, Seaside, OR 97138.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

For safety and security reasons, we will be locking up each of the Parishes within 15 minutes after Mass has ended.

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW:

Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Gene Terheggen Tom Moore, 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 special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Deborah Jack.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank all the parishioners who gave us food, gifts, and beautiful cards for the holidays. Serving at St Mary by the Sea is a blessing and an honor. Thank you all for your selfless generosity and acceptance. Father Angelo, Father Akuti, and Doris

FAITH FORMATION classes will be resuming for the New Year on Sunday, January 9th at 10:00am. Also, a reminder for the parents of children in our Faith Formation program who will be receiving their 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion, that there will be a meeting at 10:15 am; while your kids are in class on January 16th inside Sacred Heart Church.



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