



# 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 23, 2022**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday – January 22</b>		
Mass	5:00 pm	Gerry Davis
<b>Sunday January 23</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	† Tom Moore
Mass	10:30 am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday January 24</b>		
<b>NO MASS and the Office is closed</b>		
<b>Tuesday January 25</b>		
<b>NO MASS and the Office is closed</b>		
<b>Wednesday January 26</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	Healing for the sick
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday January 27</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	Roni Winters
(No Adoration this week, while Father Akuti is on vacation)		
<b>Friday January 28</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory

## ST. MARY BY THE SEA - Contact Information

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## MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANGELO

As you may have observed, before the beginning of mass, we have been praying the Synod on Synodality prayer. I would like to share an excerpt of an article by Julian Paparella to give us further insight and understanding on the Synod which started on October 2021.

This October, the entire Church will enter into a synod. Pope Francis will open the synod in Rome on the weekend of October 9-10, and every diocese across the whole world is called to celebrate the opening of the synod on the local level the following Sunday, October 17. The theme for this synod is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”.

### *What is unique about this synod on synodality?*

Unlike past synods, this one isn't about addressing a particular issue but about becoming who God calls us to be as a Church, all of us together, amidst the reality of today's world! The Synod starting in October 2021 is totally **unprecedented**, for at least three reasons.

- „It is no longer only a one-month Synod of Bishops but a two-year synodal process for the entire People of God, all the baptized! All are invited and no one is to be left behind or excluded!

- It is a synod that aims on giving the entire Church a lived experience of synodality. It's not just about filling in a questionnaire, but gathering the fruits of what the Holy Spirit is saying to us here and now.

- The aim of the synod is not just to talk about synodality, but to put synodality into practice from now onwards, in every diocese, parish, and country across the whole world. This calls all of us, at every level of the Church, to renew our way of being and working together moving forward.

### *So why a synod on synodality?*

It's an invitation for the whole Church to have our voices heard. We can only move forward if we work and walk *together*. No Christian is an island! Every limb and appendage is necessary in the Body of Christ!

Through this synod, the Church is saying: the voice of *EVERYONE* matters because God can talk though *ANYONE* -- not only bishops, priests, deacons, brothers, or sisters but *ALL OF US*! Pope Francis has stated that this collaborative, inclusive approach of *synodality* is precisely the “*the path that God expects of the Church in the third millennium.*” This is truly a revolution of the Holy Spirit towards the Church that God is calling us to be for tomorrow, starting today!

**THANK YOU** and Welcome to Father Cornelius Ssekitto who is with us this weekend while Father Akuti is on vacation. There will be no Masses on Monday or Tuesday at Sacred Heart or here at St. Mary's this week. On Thursday we will have Mass but there will be no Adoration. There will be Adoration at Sacred Heart on Fridays from 9am until 2pm.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN (CCC):** Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support helps CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world.

**PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE** from January 19–27. 9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. The novena link can be found on our website or at <https://www.respectlife.org>

**A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW:** Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Cory Sean Miller, 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 Mary Watson and Sister Sylvia Swanke.

**CANDLEMAS DAY** is celebrated on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. If you would like to have your home candles blessed, there will be a Blessing of the Candles at the 9:30am Mass on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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



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