



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 30, 2022 The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday – January 22		
Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday January 23		
Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass	10:30 am	Mark Croman
Monday January 24		
Mass	9:30 am	Nick Snider
Tuesday January 25		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Wednesday January 26		
Mass	9:30 am	Healing for the sick
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	
Thursday January 27		
Mass	9:30 am	
Adoration	10:00 am	
Circle of Caring	10:00 am	
Friday January 28		
Mass	9:30 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory

ST. MARY BY THE SEA - Contact Information

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

Our view of God.

A girl was bent over her copybook, her pencil poised to draw. When her mother asked what she was doing, she said she was drawing a picture.” Of what?” the mother asked. “Of God,” was the answer. “But you can’t draw a picture of God,” her mother declared. “Nobody knows what God looks like.” “Well, they will, when I finished drawing,” replied the girl.

Jesus Christ drew for us a picture of what God is like. And he drew it in his own body, soul and spirit the picture as the reality. Our gospel points to an essential element of the reality that is God. God is sovereign; he is not subject to our prejudice. He is the God of all peoples; he belongs to all classes; nobody is excluded from his love.

Jesus painted that picture when he rebuked his townspeople in Nazareth for their rejection of his message. He pointed to unlearned lessons of the past and so indicated that his own mission too would embrace the Gentiles. And so, it was. There is about Jesus and his actions a certain universalism. His disciples came from a range of backgrounds; his mission is weighted in favor of the poor and disadvantaged, yet he dines with the powerful and wealthy; his healing ministry benefits both the poor and the powerful, Gentiles and Jews. It is clear that all people from all walks of life and from all nations will be the recipients of God’s saving message.

Yet Jesus’ universalism is never bland. There is always a strong hint of challenge about it. It is never a mere acceptance of the way things and people are. It is a challenge to people to be what God wants them to be his image and likeness; and to live in justice, love, forgiveness, and peace. So, Jesus will reprimand his disciples for their overweening ambition; and he will constantly call on those who are powerful to become like himself and to be of service to the powerless and poor.

His local neighbors felt that Jesus should show them special preference. The proverb “Physician, heal yourself” is like saying “charity begins at home.” They would not accept that his message was not a gospel of status or privilege. They failed to see that with God charity begins wherever human need is found and when people have a welcoming faith to receive it. Jesus came to preach the good news about the mercy of God to those open to receive it. The challenge to us is to have an idea about God based on what Jesus taught about Him. Our impression of God should also have an effect on our daily living. God’s grace is not for a small, exclusive circle, and salvation is intended for all people everywhere. If we were to paint our picture of God, let’s hope that it would be recognizably the same as what Jesus taught.

May God Bless us all.....Amen

BAPTISMS: If anyone is interested in having a child baptized, Baptism classes are taught on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 10:00am at Sacred Heart in their Parish Admin. Building. You must call the office and register at least 2 weeks prior to attending a class.

MASS FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:
The Mass for the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated by Archbishop Sample, on **Saturday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m.** at St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK this year is Sunday, January 30th to Saturday, February 5th Please pray for all the teachers and students as we celebrate, and congratulate the great work and good news of Catholic schools.

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 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 Chris Bloom, Nick Snider, and Mark Croman.

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 this Wednesday, February 2nd.

THE BLESSING OF THE THROATS takes place on the feast of St. Blaise which is this Thursday, February 3rd. If you would like to have a blessing of your throat, please attend Mass on the 3rd at 9:30am.

NEXT WEEKEND: Parishioners are invited to bring a statue of Baby Jesus from your home to be blessed by the priests during all of the Masses the weekend of Feb. 5th/6th.



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