



# 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  
November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent**



ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday November 27</b>		
Confessions	4:00 pm	
Vigil Mass	5:00 pm	† Marjorie Mattson
<b>Sunday November 28</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	<b>H</b> Mary Alger and Fran Parker
Mass	10:30 am	<b>T</b> Sally Ott
<b>Monday November 29</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	† Marjorie Mattson
<b>Tuesday November 30</b>		
<b>NO MASS (Mass at Sacred Heart is at 8am)</b>		
<b>Wednesday December 1</b>		
Mass	9:30 pm	People of the Parish
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday December 2</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	† Marjorie Mattson
Adoration	10:00 am	
<b>Friday December 3</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	† Gene Blackburn

## 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 ANGELO

As we enter into the Church's new liturgical year, we begin the New Year with the season of Advent. We celebrate this too often that sometimes we forget what this season really means to us. To prepare better, it is important to understand the character and background of the season. The word Advent in Latin means coming thus, this season is a time of preparation for the period of Christmas like lent for Easter. The preparation for advent has a penitential character. It was originally called St. Martin's lent. In the 11<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Gregory established a full week penitential season that included fasting for advent until the code of Canon Law in 1917 removed the fast but retained the penitential character. Advent has two distinct parts that is important for us to remember as we prepare ourselves for this season. The first part, from the first Sunday of Advent to December 16, is dedicated to the second coming of Christ. And the second part, from December 17 to 24, is focused on the first coming of Christ.

The season of Advent can be viewed as our annual retreat, the annual great vigil as we wait in darkness and long for the light of truth. It is the summary of the history of the world. A time of great expectation of the one hope of the world. The annual vigil we do at this time is a preparation and rehearsal for the final coming of Christ. This season calls us to realize the real need for Jesus, our redeemer and savior, who comes to us in a human and glorified body. When we come to a full understanding of the reality of God coming into our world to be one with us, to be like us so we can be like Him, Advent would be a time of necessary importance. The period of preparation and waiting is needed for us to fully realize the gift of God's son to humanity. This is a season of Hope; A time that reminds us of God's great promise.

**CIRCLE OF CARING RAFFLE:** Tickets are only \$5 and are available after every Mass for the beautiful quilt hanging in the vestibule. It will be raffled off after the 10:30 Mass on December 12<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go into our church Building/Maintenance Fund.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** St. Joseph's Church in Cloverdale is having their Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar this coming Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 3pm. Lots of gifts, raffles, homemade baked goods and their famous polish dogs and sauerkraut to go

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Please consider signing up to donate blood at our December 16<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. The need is great and giving blood is a simple thing to do, but can make a huge difference in the lives of others. Go to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to schedule an appointment or call Doris in the office.

**THANK YOU** to Teri Bruneau, Judy Sours, and all those who helped make the Thanksgiving Dinner so many of us enjoyed. Hopefully, next year we will be able to do it in the Parish Hall instead of take out. We really appreciate our Parish and all those who help in so many ways.

### **A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW:**

Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Bill Stripline, Linda Berndt, John Parker 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 Diane Getty, Sandra Watson, Dale Brosius and Julian Croman.

### **REMINDER ON RECEIVING**

**COMMUNION:** Those of you who prefer to receive communion on the tongue, you are asked to go to the back of the line to receive after those receiving in the hand. Thank you for your understanding during this Pandemic.

### **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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