



# 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  
December 19, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**



ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday December 18</b>		
Confessions	4:00 pm	
Vigil Mass	5:00 pm	Fred Badger
<b>Sunday December 19</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	† Mary Thompson
Mass	10:30 am	Andrew Staruch
<b>Monday December 20</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	James Wills
<b>Tuesday December 21</b>		
<b>NO MASS (Mass at Sacred Heart is at 8am)</b>		
<b>Wednesday Dec. 22</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday December 23</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	Terrie Patterson
Adoration	10:00 am	
<b>Friday December 24</b>		
No Morning Mass		
Mass	5:00 pm	Becca Lockwood

## 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

Today's readings remind us that Jesus is reborn every day in ordinary people living ordinary lives. People who have the willingness to respond to God's call and the openness to do God's will. The readings suggest that Christmas should inspire us to carry out God's word as Mary and Jesus did, in perfect, loving obedience to His will transparently, and sincerely with cheerful kindness and unselfish generosity. Fostering inclusive and healthy interactions between generations, both young and old.

## TAKEAWAY NOTES FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION/ACTION

- 1) We need to carry Jesus to others as Mary did. Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the Spirit of Christ, through Whom Christ is reborn in us and thus enables us to share His love with all whom we encounter. We do so by offering them all humble and committed service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate caring love. Let us take the time to visit others during this Christmas season, especially the sick and shut-ins, to bring some inspiration into their lives, and hopefully to bring them closer to God.
- 2) We need to bless and encourage the younger generation. Elizabeth demonstrates the responsibility of the older generation to inspire the younger generation. Grandparents, parents, teachers, and leaders are responsible for encouraging those around them. By complimenting and encouraging one's spouse, children and friends, let us make them know how valuable they are to us and to God.
- 3) We need to recognize the Real Presence of the *Emmanuel* (God is with us) in the Holy Eucharist, in the Bible, in the Sacraments, and in the praying community. The hill country of Judea is right here in our surroundings. Let us convey Jesus to people around us by our acts of love, kindness and forgiveness. All we have to do is to desire to hear God's voice, listen and say YES! Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.... Amen.

**QUILT RAFFLE:** Congratulations to Mary Spiering's mother, Bernice Dummer, who is the winner of the quilt that was raffled off by the Circle of Caring ladies. Thank you to everyone who supported the Bazaar and Quilt Raffle.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** A special Thank you to Dianne Bloom, the Celebrate Recovery crew, and everyone who participated and helped to make our Blood Drive a success.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.** A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

**2022 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS:** The calendars for next year are available on the table in the vestibule of the Church.

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:** If you are planning to make a year-end contribution that you wish to appear on your 2021 contribution statement, please remember it needs to be received, or if mailing postmarked, on or before December 31, 2021.

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

Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Tom Moore, 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 Al Giacchero and Edwina Morgan.

### **HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

Friday Christmas Eve – No Mass in the morning,  
Mass will be at 5pm.  
Saturday Christmas Day – Mass 8:30 & 10:30 am  
No Saturday Vigil Mass  
Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 am  
There will be no Masses and the parish office will be closed December 27 thru December 30.

### **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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