



# 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 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTION
<b>Friday December 24</b>		
Christmas Vigil Mass	5:00 pm	Becca Lockwood
<b>Saturday – Christmas Day December 25</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	† Larry Matthews
Mass	10:30 am	Dora Vance
<b>Sunday December 26</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	† Tom Moore
Mass	10:30 am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday December 27</b>		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
<b>Tuesday December 28</b>		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
<b>Wednesday Dec. 29</b>		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday December 30</b>		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
<b>Friday December 31</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	All those who are sick

### ST. MARY BY THE SEA - Contact Information

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Parish Office Phone: 503-355-2661

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### PARISH STAFF:

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### MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANGELO

Jesus is finally here. Now what? Our experience of Jesus 'coming is only as memorable and grace-filled based on how we prepared for this season of joy. I hope and pray that our preparation for this season has given us a renewed disposition and perspective on the true meaning of Christmas. As the Christmas car stickers say "Let us put Christ back in Christmas". Let us recognize the greatest gift we can ever receive at this time, the gift of the Son of God coming into our lives. Let us take a moment to ponder on the meaning of this season to help us in our reflection.

1. We need to answer the same question as the Christians in the 4<sup>th</sup> century: "Who is Jesus Christ? Who is Jesus Christ for you?"
2. Christmas is fundamentally a feast of the manifestation of God. Seeing and holding the invisible God. For us, Jesus came so we can be drawn into the Trinity. It's a call to personal holiness; Christ became flesh, he sanctified the flesh.
3. Christmas is the feast of God's expression of Divine love.
4. The incarnation theologically forces us to look at Christian anthropology. The apex of creation is the majestic reality of the human being. The profundity of Christmas is love and respect for every human person. Every human being is called to return to the Father. Christmas calls us out of selfishness to love.
5. Christmas is the beginning of what we've been considering the Paschal mystery. The great feast days (Easter triduum) begin with Christmas. Christmas makes no theological or spiritual sense outside this context.
6. Christmas is a feast of today. Christ becomes present in his mysteries. Christ is reborn in our church and our world. Christmas is a renewal event because it's the coming of the mystery of salvation. Christmas calls us all to conversion and communion. To love in real order.

I wish you all a joyful and faith-filled celebration of Christmas that hopefully starts off our new year in the right direction. May the Prince of Peace truly be reborn in our hearts.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** May the peace and joy of the season surround you with the love of God and the wonder of the birth of His only Son, our Savior and brother, Jesus. We look forward to the new year with hope and prayers for everyone.

**THANK YOU:** We are blessed to have a wonderful, generous, and helpful family of parishioners who always step up when there is a need. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talent to decorate the church for our Christmas celebration.

**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.

### **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 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.

**REMINDER:** There will be no Masses and the parish office will be closed from Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, thru Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 year-end contribution to Helping Hands. Gifts of any amount can be mailed to Helping Hands PO Box 413, Seaside, OR 97138.



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