



# 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 5, 2021 First Sunday of Advent



### ACTIVITY TIME MASS INTENTION

#### **Saturday December 4**

Confessions	4:00 pm	
Vigil Mass	5:00 pm	Julian Croman and Linda Donaldson

#### **Sunday December 5**

Mass	8:30 am	† Olivia Garcia
Mass	10:30 am	Nicki Newman

#### **Monday December 6**

Mass	9:30 am	Lorenzo Ybarra Jr.
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#### **Tuesday December 7**

**NO MASS (Mass at Sacred Heart is at 8am)**

#### **Wednesday Dec. 8 Feast of The Immaculate Conception**

Mass	9:30 am	Scott Hemachandra
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	

#### **Thursday December 9**

Mass	9:30 am	Rosalia Ybarra
Adoration	10:00 am	

#### **Friday December 10**

Mass	9:30 am	Jo Ann Critelli
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### 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

#### Second Sunday of Advent: Main Focus

The Second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts so that we may receive Jesus as our saving God on Christmas. We should also be prepared for Christ's daily coming into our lives in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in everyone we encounter, and in the praying community. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet Jesus as our Judge on His *Second Coming*, at the end of our lives and at the end of the age.

#### Some takeaways for action

1: We need to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus our Savior to be reborn in us during this Christmas time. We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls, formed from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist living out of our Faith. We have to straighten whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make it good. If we have been harboring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. As individuals, we might have to overcome deep-seated resentment, persistent fault-finding, or spying on other people we suspect to be doing something wrong, unwillingness to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, or a bullying attitude. And we all have to level the "mountains" of our pride and the valleys of impunity, and injustice. We are to refrain from egocentrism by practicing the true humility of rendering humble service to others.

2: We need to repent and seek forgiveness from God and those we have injured: John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins. We need to turn away from them in sincere repentance and receive God's forgiveness. Next, we need to forgive others who have offended us and ask forgiveness for our offenses. Jesus explicitly declares (Mt 6:14-15): *"For if you forgive men their transgressions, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."*

May God bless our many good intentions, words, gestures, our works and efforts to spread the Good News and the truth that He has revealed to us and bestow on us, His gift of true and everlasting peace. Amen.

**CIRCLE OF CARING CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND QUILT RAFFLE:** The Circle of Caring ladies are having a Holiday Craft Bazaar sale in the Parish Hall. They have one of a kind, handmade hats, scarves, blankets, quilts and other accessories. Don't miss out, they will only be there this weekend, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and next weekend the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are still available after every Mass for the beautiful quilt that is now hanging in the Parish Hall. 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.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** 7 open spots still available. Please consider signing up to donate blood at our December 16<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. There is a critical need 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.

**THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.** Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

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

**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 Cathy Imbrie, Loretta Schutten, Jessica Motsinger, Jeff Williams, and JoAnn Critelli.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** There will be no Masses and the parish office will be closed December 27 thru December 30.

**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.



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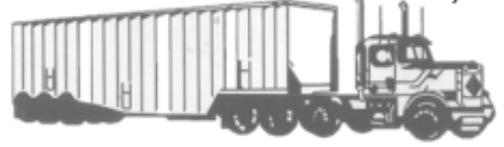



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