



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
February 13, 2022
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



ACTIVITY TIME MASS INTENTION

Saturday – February 12

Mass 5:00 pm Beth Vanderstoep and Danny Hemachandra

Sunday February 13

Mass 8:30 am + Gene Terheggen
Mass 10:30 am + Margaret Anderson

Monday February 14

NO MASS and the Office is closed

Tuesday February 15

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Wednesday February 16

Mass 9:30 am Doris Matthews
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday February 17

Mass 9:30 am All the sick and those
Adoration 10:00 am who need our prayers
Circle of Caring 10:00 am

Friday February 18

Mass 9:30 am People of the Parish

ST. MARY BY THE SEA - Contact Information

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, (beatitude), lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our "*option for the needy*," as Jesus did. Contrary to the popular belief, wealth, health, power, and influence are not the sources of true happiness.

In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. "*Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced*," because in poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions.

What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of one's commitment to Jesus and his spirit of sharing. Beatitudes consist in humble selflessness and compassionate, generous sharing of our blessings with the needy. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements which see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness.

TAKEAWAY NOTES

1) **We need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in our daily life.** Millions of people may be starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the Beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, or the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

2) **Let us light a candle instead of blaming the political set-up.** God knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80% live in substandard housing and 70% have no education. If over half of our children were hungry, cold and uneducated, how would we respond to their suffering? God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.

3) **We must take care to choose our way wisely.** "*There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways.*" These are the opening lines of the "*Didache*" a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The way of life and true happiness is the way of Jesus, the way of rendering loving service to God by serving our brothers and sisters. May God bless us all.,Amen

THIS WEEK: Father Angelo is on vacation and Father Akuti will provide pastoral support at both St. Mary's and Sacred Heart. There will be no Mass at either parish on Mondays or Tuesdays while Father Angelo is away. Helping on the weekends, Father George Knab, this Saturday, & Father Hackenmueller, next Sunday, will be celebrating Mass and telling us about the work of the Unbound Ministry, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries.

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.

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 Margaret Anderson 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 Willie Helwig, Richard Steel, and Bradley Watson.

Pope Francis has called for a Worldwide Synod on Synodality taking place from now through August 15, 2022. For more information go to the Archdiocese website. Please join us with this daily prayer:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts: "Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



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