



For the One who carved the islands / has come to live among us,
And this is the house He has chosen, / St. Mary Star of the Sea. — Anne Porter

**GREETERS AND SERVERS—NEXT WEEK
DEC. 23/24/25, 2017**

REMINDER: Servers and Greeters, not Parish staff, are responsible for finding a substitute once a schedule is disseminated. Thanks.

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT 9:00 am: Spanish Assigned
SAT. 5:30 am: Edward Carder
SUN. 8:15 am: Travis & Elena McConaghy
SUN. 11:00 am: Maggie Anderson
MON. 10:00 am (CHRISTMAS DAY): Isaac & Elias Johnson

GREETERS

SAT. 8:45 am: Carmen Boling
SAT. 5:30 pm: Mary & Michael Kulish
SUN. 8:15 am: Kim Hammers
SUN. 11:00 am: Open
SUN. 5:30 pm (CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS): Parish Children (Family Mass/Bilingual)
SUN. 10:00 pm (CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS): Kathie and Larry Bomke
MON. 10:00 am (CHRISTMAS DAY): Sharon Sofie and Mark Ortmeier

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 9:00 AM: (HISPANIC): For the special intentions of the Hispanic Community of St. Mary Star of the Sea.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 5:30 PM: For the repose of the souls of Ray and Frankalene Bower, as requested by Maria Bower.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 8:15 AM: For special intentions of the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 11 AM: In remembrance of Laurine Ortmeier on the anniversary of her birthday and for all the holy souls.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 12:05 PM: For the repose of the souls of Violet Twiggs and Bill VanNess, as requested by Bob and Kathy Johnson.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 6:30 PM: For the special intentions of Helen Maglasang.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 12:05 PM: For the repose of souls of Paula Stingle and Gloria Larson, as requested by Bob and Kahty Johnson.

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalms 72:1-2, 13, 18-19 Matthew 1:18-25	TUESDAY Judges 13:1-7, 24-25 Judith 7:1-3-6, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25	WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalms 24:1-6 Luke 1:26-38	THURSDAY: Song of Solomon 2:8-14 Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45	FRIDAY: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8 Luke 1:46-56	SATURDAY: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66	SUNDAY: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

11:30 am: CONFESSIONS
12:05 pm: MASS
1:00 pm: Rosary Makers--Hall
3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet--Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:05 pm: COMMUNION SERVICE
3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet--Church
6:00 pm: Choir Practice--Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet--Church
6:00 pm: CONFESSIONS
6:30 pm: MASS
7:00 pm: RCIA--Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

11:30 am: CONFESSIONS
12:05 pm: MASS
1:00 pm: Prayer Shawl Group--Hall

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

11:30 am: CONFESSIONS
12:05 pm: MASS
1:00 pm: Adoration--Church
3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet--Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 am: Spanish Mass
10:00 am: Spanish--Hall
4:30 pm: Rosary
4:30 pm: CONFESSIONS
5:30 pm: MASS
6:45 pm: Charismatic Renewal

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE**

8:15 am: SUNDAY MASS (CONFESSION 30 MIN. PRIOR)
11:00 am: SUNDAY MASS
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:
5:30 pm: Family Mass--Bilingual
10:00 pm: Vigil Mass

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

10:00 am: Mass



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Third Sunday of Advent December 16/17, 2017

AROUND THE PARISH



COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

There will be a coffee hour after the 8:15 am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome as well to attend the Simbang Gabi Celebration after the 11:00 am Mass.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Envelopes for donations towards the floral decoration of our church at Christmas are now in the pews.



YOUTH MASS

The regular monthly Youth Mass will be **SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, at 5:30pm - the Christmas Children's Mass (Bilingual)**. Parents are encouraged to check with their RE teachers to coordinate details. Parents and families are most welcome and encouraged to participate too.



ST. MARY'S SIMBANG GABI CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY!

Hosted by our Filipino Community again this year is the wonderful Simbang Gabi Celebration which is a special prelude to the Christmas season on this Sunday, December 17, at the 11:00 am Mass followed by a potluck in the Parish Hall. **All are welcome!!!**

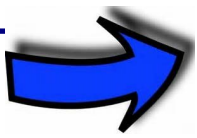


AN ANGELIC THANK YOU!

It has been known that angels often bring good tidings around this time of year. And then there was that angel Gabriel who announced the birth of Jesus and all those angels that sang at his birth -- probably keeping everyone up all night... And then there are all the angels in the Parish who took time out of their busy holiday rush to remember the children in our community who need a little extra love this year through your generosity in giving to the Angel Tree Project. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THE ANGELS ARE GONE FROM THE TREE. THANKS TO YOU ALL!

"OUR MISSION IS TO...

**CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST BY MASS, SACRAMENTS, AND PRAYER;
LIVE CHRIST'S LOVE BY SERVING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, NEGLECTED, AND SUFFERING;
GROW IN THE TRUTHS AND VALUES OF OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION, TEACH THEM TO OUR CHILDREN, AND
PROCLAIM THEM TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THEM."**





*FROM THE DESK OF
FATHER PETER
ADOKO-ENCHILL...*

Confession of Sins

According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. "Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession. Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nerveless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins help us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful.

Whoever confesses his sins...is already working with God. God indicts your sins; if you also indict them you are, so to speak, two realities: When you hear "man"--this is what God has made; when you hear "sinner"--this is what man himself has made...When you begin to abhor what you have made, it is then that your good works are beginning, since you are accusing yourself of your evil works. The beginning of good works is the confession of evil works. You do the truth and come to the light.

Fr. Peter



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation. Attendance at one of these masses will fulfil this requirement.)

Christmas Eve Masses:

Sunday, December 24, 5:30 pm (Family Mass-Bilingual)

INCENSE WILL BE USED AT THIS MASS

Sunday, December 24, 10:00 pm

Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve

INCENSE WILL BE USED AT THIS MASS

Christmas Day Mass:

Monday, December 25, 10:00 am

INCENSE WILL BE USED AT THIS MASS.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

SÁBADO MISA EN ESPAÑOL	9:00 am
SATURDAY VIGIL	5:30 pm
SUNDAY	8:15 am & 11:00 am
MONDAY	12:05 pm
TUESDAY ** COMMUNION SERVICE	12:05 pm
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	12:05 pm
FRIDAY	12:05 pm

(CONFESSIONS 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH MASS)

***Mass times are subject to change during the year. Please consult the Weekly Calendar on the last page of this bulletin for the specific schedule of Masses for the week.*



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 12/10/2017

Week #24

Week / Semana

Actual / Colecta Real \$ 5,215.15

Budgeted / Presupuesto \$ 7,382.49

<\$ 2,167.34>

Year to Date / Año Corrido

Actual / Colecta Real \$ 170,196.04

Budgeted / Presupuesto \$ 177,179.76

<\$ 6,983.72>



BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions for the bulletin for the week of December 25, must be received by the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 27 at noon.



PAX CHRISTI MEETING

The next meeting of Pax Christ will be this Sunday, December 17, at 12:30 pm in Rm. 6.



BOOK CLUB MEETING

The St. Mary's Book Club will meet on Friday, January 5, in Room. 6. The fascinating book for discussion will be "Bad Religious: How We Became Nation of Heretics," by Ross Douthat. The reviewer will be Marian Meany. All are welcome!



ST. MARY'S HOMELESS SHELTER SERVICE BEGINS

Please remember the members of the parish who will be assisting at our local homeless shelter these next two weeks and all the guests that they will serve there. Thanks for your willingness to reach out to those who may need some respite from life's trials. St. Mary's Parish provides meals and overnight support for our local homeless shelter for two weeks beginning Sunday, December 17. This is one of the two times during the year when our Parish undertakes two weeks of service there. The next will be in the Spring.



THE MAGNIFICAT - A PRAYER FOR ADVENT AND BEYOND

We have in Advent a most wonderful opportunity to spend a little time reflecting upon the Magnificat which is our Blessed Mother's exquisite prayer proclaiming the Lord's greatness with her characteristic humility and grace. We find here reminders of the profound mysteries of this season regarding our Lord's birth as well as a thought ahead to the outcome of that birth. May Mary help obtain for us the graces we need to follow her Son and His Church as we reflect on her Magnificat. And may we have in this a good reason to rejoice as she did this Christmas Season.

*"My soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His
handmaid;
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call
me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things
for me, and holy is His name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of
their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his servant,
mindful of His mercy
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham
and to his posterity forever."*

