



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

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION /

SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIACIÓN:

\*\*NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT /

EXPOSICIÓN DEL SAGRARIO:

Friday Noon to 4:00 pm

EUCCHARIST TO SHUT-INS & THE ILL /

EUARISTÍA PARA DESCAPACITADOS:

\*\*NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

PRAYER CHAIN / CADENA DE ORACIONES:

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / SACRAMENTO

DEL BAUTISMO:

Required prep. classes, please call 360-385-3700

Clases de preparación—360-385-3700

FUNERAL / CHRISTIAN BURIAL / ENTIERRO:

Contact Parish Office before setting date. Contactar

al sacerdote antes de apartar la fecha. 360-385-3700

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE / SACRAMENTO

DEL MATRIMONIO:

Six month notice and preparation classes required, call

360-385-3700. Clases de preparación requeridas 6

meses antes—

In the event of sacramental emergencies during Parish Office hours M-Thurs. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm please call 360-385-3700. After hours please call 360-385-3700 ext. "1" to leave a message.

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Contact Tel: 360-379-1325

<https://svdpejc.org/>

COVID REMINDER

If your answer is "Yes" to any of these questions, please stay home! Note the new requirements below? **In the last 14 days, have you?**

- \* Traveled internationally?
- \* Been exposed to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID19?
- \* Had a temperature of at least 100.0° F?
- \* Had new or increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- \* Had a new cough?
- \* Had at least two of the following symptoms together: Chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of smell or taste, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion or fatigue?

For further information contact the Jefferson County Health District 360-385-9400. If severely ill or unable to reach a public health nurse, please call your personal health care provider. For more information and COVID-19 information in other languages, please visit [www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org](http://www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org).

ALL HANDS ON DECK....

Winter weeds are blooming! and spring weeds are just around the corner. All gardeners and non-gardeners are invited to participate in tending God's gardens around the church in the coming weeks. More to follow in coming bulletins...



Readings for the Week...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 John 1:5--2:2	1 John 2:3-1	1 John 2:12-17	1 John 2:18-21	Numbers 6:22-27	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 124:2-5, 7-8	Psalms 96:1-6	Psalms 96:7-10	Psalms 96:1-2, 11-13	Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8	Luke 1:69-75	Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Matthew 2:13-18	Luke 2:22-35	Luke 2:36-40	John 1:1-18	Galatians 4:4-7	Mark 4:35-41	Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
				Luke 2:16-21		Matthew 2:1-12



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(The Parish Office is temporarily closed.)

Please call for an appointment during office hours)

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Fridays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Feast of the Holy Family, December 27/26, 2020 and  
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, December 31/January 1, 2021



Happy 2021

Let us welcome our new year of 2021 with hopefulness and for the new adventure that it is. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessing shower upon each one of you a bright and healthy new year. Let us always remember that: We are God's individual creation and therefore a gift He has bestowed on the world.

- The choices we make are our responsibility. Sometimes our choices hurt us but let's learn from them and move on.
- Sometimes NOT getting what we want or what we think we need is a blessing. If we trust God, we should thank Him for whatever comes.
- Always count your blessings, not your troubles.
- Always do your best. The "best" is all God expects from each of us.
- Grace will always be there, but it only comes one day at a time. Don't fret about the future.
- Prayer is the most powerful of weapons and will be our greatest ally in all diversity.
- There may be crosses but there will also be Easters.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE UPDATE



We have received back Stewardship of Treasure pledge cards with a heart full of gratitude from 82 of the 214 parish families. Thank you to all of the 38% who have pledged prayers and funds to our parish so far. We look forward with hope to see the remaining 62% of pledge's made. The funds are what keeps our parish running throughout the whole year. Please return your pledge card today.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED



The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st, 2021, for the New Year's Holiday.

2021 CALENDARS



2021 calendars will be available in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend, December 26/27. Please take only one copy per family so there will be enough for 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."





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### Advent-Christmas Schedule

St. Mary Star of the Sea welcomes all!

#### New Year's Eve/ Solemnity of Mary

\*Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 31

English Mass 4:00 pm  
Spanish Mass 5:30 pm

#### New Year's Day / Solemnity of Mary

\*Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, January 1, 10:00 AM

#### Epiphany Masses

Saturday, January 2

English Mass 4:00 PM  
English Mass 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 3

Spanish Mass 8:30 AM  
English Mass 11:00 AM

\*(The Archbishop's dispensation for Mass attendance is still in effect)



We are very fortunate to have Father John Topel, SJ, with us for our Christmas Masses and Father Lyle Konen to celebrate all of our weekend and New Year's Masses. Please welcome them warmly back to our

parish and thank them for being with us.

- December 24, Christmas Eve Masses: Fr. John Topel, SJ,
- Friday, December 25, Christmas Day: Fr. John Topel, SJ,
- December 26-27: Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR,
- Thursday, December 31: Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR,
- Friday, January 1: Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR,
- January 2-3: Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR



#### CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Through the kindness and generosity of our visiting priests confessions will be available on the following dates/times in the Parish Center:

- ♦ December 26/27 - Fr., Lyle Konen, CSsR  
Saturday, December 26, 3:00-3:30 pm  
Sunday, December 27, 9:45-10:30 am
- ♦ January 2/3 - Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR  
Saturday, January 2, 3:00-3:30 pm  
Sunday January 3, 9:45-10:30 am



#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Feast Day January 1

Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan? In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith. The Solemnity of Mary on January 1, is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy as our year gets started. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. On the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

\*Please remember - The Archbishop's dispensation from Mass attendance will remain in effect until further notice.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

#### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve)

(Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR, will be our celebrant)  
4:00 pm: English Mass  
5:30 pm: English Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

#### The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (New Year's Day)

10:00 am: English Mass

-- THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION THIS WEEK --

FRIDAY, January 1

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

(Father Lyle Konen, CSsR, will be our celebrant)  
3:00-3:30 pm: Confessions (Parish Center)  
4:00 pm: Early Vigil Mass  
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Father Lyle Konen, CSsR, will be our celebrant)

8:30 am: English Mass  
9:45-10:30 pm: Confessions (Parish Center)  
11:00 am: English Mass (live streamed on our website)

### Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 4:00 PM: For the repose of the soul of **Rollie Hipitusan**, as requested by Helen Maglasang.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 5:30 PM: For the repose of the soul of **Mary Ann Fox**, as requested by Kate.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 8:30 AM: Para la comunidad hispana de **St. Maria Estrella del Mar**.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 11:00 PM: For all those whose names are included on the Christmas flower envelopes on the Altar.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 4:00 PM: For all of the parishioners of **St. Mary Star of the Sea**.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 5:30: For all of the faithful people of God.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 10:00 AM: For all of the faithful people of God.



#### MASS VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW YEAR'S MASSES

##### December 31:

###### 4:00 pm

**Sacristan** Ed Carder  
**Sign In** Judith Lamas  
**Usher** Lamont Thornton  
**Lector** Nancy Thornton  
**Sanitizers** Nancy/Lamont Thornton and Rita Beebe

###### 5:30 pm

**Sacristan** Natalia Guevara  
**Usher** Rita Beebe  
**Lector** Kenia Valazquez

##### January 1:

###### 10:00 am

**Sacristan** Nancy Bluhm  
**Sign In** Nancy McGillis  
**Usher** Mark Ortmeier  
**Lector** Dan Kimball



#### FIRST OF THE MONTH ST. VINCENT de Paul COLLECTION

Please remember our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society generously next weekend which would be their traditional first Sunday of the month collection time. Your donations can also be made on line at: <https://svdpejc.org/>.

#### Parish Stewardship Weeks 12/20/2020 Week #26

<b>Actual / Colecta Real</b>	\$3,640.00
<b>Budgeted / Presupuesto</b>	\$6,902.15
	<\$3,262.15>
<b>Year-To-Date / Año Corrido</b>	
<b>Actual Collection / Colecta Real</b>	\$121,327.25
<b>Budgeted Collection / Presupuesto</b>	\$172,553.75
	<\$ 51,226.50>



#### THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father wrote *Patris Corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."