



*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—DECEMBER 14/15, 2019

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

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT. 5:30 pm: To be assigned

SUN. 8:30 am: To be assigned

SUN. 11:00 am: To be assigned

GREETERS

SAT. 5:30 pm: Judi and Richard Smith

SUN. 8:30 am: Karla Kauzlarich and Kim Hammers

SUN. 11:00 am: Nancy and Mark Johnson

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

MON. Dec. 9, 12:05 pm: Jeannie McMillen/Judy Atkinson
and Roger Cesmat

SAT. 5:30 pm: Jeannie McMillen/Rosa Aguling and Ronnie
Graeme

SUN. 8:30 am: Angel Guevara/Julia Soto and Rosario Mora

SUN. 11:00 am: Pat O'Keefe/Nancy McGillis and Linda Monroe

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9:00 AM: **That God may grant us a new priest for our parish very soon.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 5:30 PM: **For the special intentions of Nora McEnery**, as requested by her daughter Anna McEnery and granddaughters Lena Rachael

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:30 PM: **For the Special intentions of all the parishioners of Saint Mary Star of the Sea.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 11:00 AM: **For the special intentions of Julia Nell**, from her loving family.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 12:05 PM: **For all Christ's faithful people.**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 12:05 PM: **For Deacon Bill Swanson for his special intentions**, as requested by Liz Sabo.

At this time the availability of a priest for daily Masses has not been determined. Those having requested Masses during this time will be contacted as Mass schedule information is available.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(FATHER DWIGHT LEWIS WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT)

11:30 am: Confessions

12:05 pm: Solemnity Mass (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) – INCENSE WILL BE USED

1:00 pm: Rosary Makers Meeting--Hall

3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy--Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:05 pm: COMMUNION SERVICE

3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy--Church

6:00 pm: Choir Practice--Church

DECEMBER 11

3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy--Church

6:30 pm: COMMUNION SERVICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(FATHER DWIGHT LEWIS WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT)

11:30 am: Procession from La Isla Restaurant to church

12:00 pm: Rosary--Church

1:00 pm: Solemnity Mass—INCENSE WILL BE USED
Celebration will follow Mass in the Hall

1:00 pm: Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting--Rm. 5

3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy--Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:05 pm: COMMUNION SERVICE

1:00-6:00 pm: Adoration

3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy--Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

(FR. JOHN TOPEL, S.J., WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT)

4:30 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(FR. JOHN TOPEL, S.J., WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT)

8:30 am: Mass

11:00 am: Mass – Simbang Gabi Celebration
**Potluck to follow Mass in Hall



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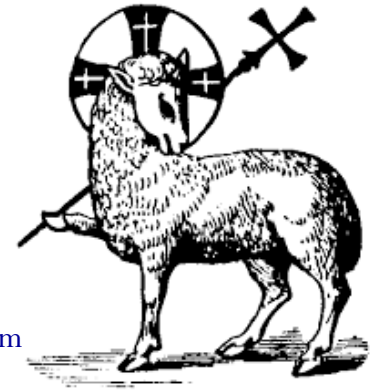
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**OUR PARISH
STEWARDSHIP OF
TREASURE CAMPAIGN
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

To date \$177,433.00 has been received in stewardship pledges towards our Parish Stewardship of Treasure Campaign. This represents 39% participation for the parish towards our goal of \$358,912. We still have a ways to go yet to meet this amount. All proceeds of this campaign remain in our Parish. These funds provide for our parish's ordinary income which specifically supports parish ministries, sacramental preparation, church and building maintenance and our staff and priest's needs.

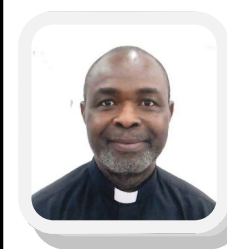
This campaign is different from the Annual Catholic Appeal in the spring which supports the needs of the broader Archdiocese. An introductory letter has been sent along with a follow up letter including pledge cards. Please prayerfully consider how you might offer your support to our parish at this time.



**AS MARY'S MANTLE
CONSECRATION NOVENA
CONCLUDES**

For all those who have participated in the Mary's Mantle Consecration Novena may all the wonderful graces it promises be yours in abundance.

FATHER PETER UPDATE



Father Peter Adoko-Enchill has been in the Archdiocese for five years, most recently serving as priest administrator of St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Port Townsend. He was here in the U.S. on an R-1 VISA, which is a non-immigrant visa for religious

workers. These VISAs last for 5 years, after which the employer must apply for permanent residency on the person's behalf or the visa-holder must leave the country.

The Archdiocese of Seattle began the application process for a new permanent resident visa for Fr. Peter earlier this year. Unfortunately, the Immigration Service can be slow and unpredictable. As of this week, Immigration has not yet processed Fr. Peter's initial paperwork. The Archdiocese is able to track the case status. Officially, his paperwork is still in process.

Because Fr. Peter's authorized stay has expired, he will wait in Ghana for U.S. immigration authorities to process the initial paperwork. After which, he will need to complete the permanent residency process through Homeland Security and the U.S. Consulate in Ghana. The timing for this process is unknown at this time.

We ask that you continue to pray for Fr. Peter and for the thousands of other people in his same situation. We also ask that you pray for the immigration authorities so that they may provide a speedy resolution for families waiting for news about their future status.

Helen McClenahan
Archdiocese of Seattle
Managing Director of Communications

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalms 98:1-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	TUESDAY Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalms 96:1-3, 10-13 Matthew 18:12-14	WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10 Matthew 11:28-30	THURSDAY Zechariah 2:14-17 Judith 13:18-19 Luke 1:26-38	FRIDAY: Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalm 145:1, 9-13 Matthew 11:11-15	SATURDAY: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:10-13	SUNDAY Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 Psalms 146:6-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
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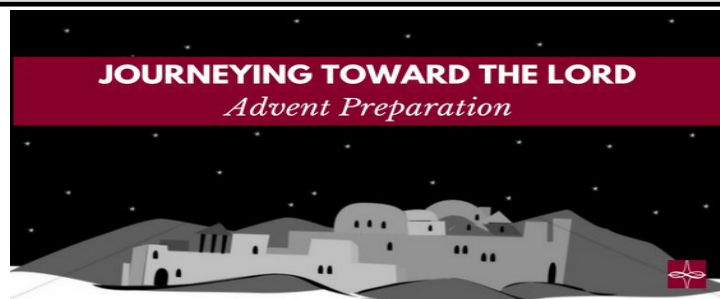
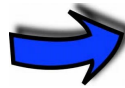
“OUR MISSION IS TO...

**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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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

****INCENSE WILL BE USED AT ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES**

FATHER JOHN TOPEL WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT

- December 24, 2019, the Vigil of Christmas will be celebrated at 5:30 pm - **Bilingual** - with a children's homily and Christmas Caroling afterwards;
- A second Vigil Mass of Christmas will be at 10:00 pm;
- December 25, 2019, The Nativity of the Lord, (Christmas) is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be held at 10:00 am.
- (Attendance at one of the Vigil Masses will satisfy the Holy Day obligation.)

ADVENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE

There are some excellent CDs of Advent homilies by Bishop Robert Baron in the Narthex kiosk (\$3.00), as well as some great free Advent reflection books by Archbishop Sartain. We also stock some "God's Word Among Us" Advent issues in the rack in the Narthex, which have wonderful daily meditations. For the kids, we have Advent calendars available in English and Spanish in the Narthex as well.

CONFESSION TIMES
AT OTHER PARISHES

St. Mary's will not be holding a Penance Service prior to Christmas this year and opportunities for confessions in the Parish may be limited. For those of you wishing to go to Confession before Christmas the following are several alternatives you might consider. *It would be a good idea to confirm times/dates in advance given this busy season.*

- St Joseph's in Sequim: Fridays 8-8:25 am, Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm;
- Queen of Angels in Port Angeles: Wednesdays 11:30-11:55 am, Sundays 1:45-2:45 pm;
- St. Olaf's in Poulsbo: Wednesdays 5:00 pm;
- St. Cecelia's in Bainbridge: Saturdays 3:45-4:45 pm;
- Holy Trinity, Bremerton: Sat 2:30-4:00 pm, Advent Penance Service December 13, at 12:00 pm and December 18, at 7:00 pm;
- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bremerton: Wednesdays 5-6:00 pm, Saturdays 10-11:00 am, 3-4:45 pm.



Our Re-gifting and Cookie Sale is this weekend, December 7 and 8. Hours will be after the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, and Sunday after both Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall and enjoy the festivities, find a gift for someone special and take some cookies home for later!



THANKS FOR THE LIGHTS

Some places have elves or maybe even gnomes who do nice things around this time of year to brighten things up a bit. At St. Mary's we have our Knights of Columbus. Thanks guys for the wonderful lights in the courtyard!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEETING CANCELED

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be cancelled for the month of December.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

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

PAX CHRISTI WILL NOT MEET IN
DECEMBER

Pax Christi will not meet in December. Please watch for updates in January.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 12/1/2019

Week #22

Week / Semana

Actual / Colecta Real	\$ 6,392.66
Budgeted / Presupuesto	\$ 6,902.15
	<\$ 509.49>

Year-To-Date / Año Corrido	
Actual Collection / Colecta Real	\$145,751.67
Budgeted / Presupuesto	\$ 151,845.10
	<\$ 6,093.43>



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SIMGANG GABI
CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 15

Another wonderful Simbang Gabi celebration is planned for Sunday, December 15, at the 11:00 am Mass. A potluck will follow Mass in the Social Hall. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition and is a spiritual preparation for commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

THE FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Monday, December 9

This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday, December 9 and **it will not be a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass that day at 12:05 pm will still be celebrated in honor of the Immaculate Conception however. Please try and attend this special day in honor of the patroness of our parish.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Feast Day December 12

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Americas - will be celebrated with a day full of wonderful events. In addition to the beauty of the celebration in honor of our Blessed Mother our Hispanic Community has planned a procession starting from La Isla Restaurant with a Mariachi band at 11:30 am. Upon arrival at church the rosary will be prayed at 12:00 pm followed by Mass. A fantastic party is planned in the Hall afterwards. Everyone is invited so plan not to miss it!

THE ANGEL TREE HAS
ARRIVED

The Angel Tree is now in the Narthex. Please stop by and select an Angel tag to help brighten the Christmas of someone whose Christmas may need a little "brightening". **Please drop your gifts off no later than December 16, either under the Angel Tree or at the Parish Office 9:00 am - 4:00 pm during the week.**

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATES

Given the availability of priests to serve our parish our Mass schedule for the near future is as follows:

- WE WILL HAVE MASSES THIS WEEKEND - December 7/8 - PER THE USUAL SCHEDULE.** The Very Reverend Father Augustine Hilander, O.P, will be our celebrant;
- There will be no daily Masses until further notice however Communion Services will be held at the same times as the regular daily Mass schedule (except Saturday 9:00 am Masses);
- A priest will be available on December 9, Feast of the Immaculate Conception and December 12, for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father Dwight Lewis will be our celebrant for these Masses;
- Weekend Masses are confirmed for December 14-15, 21-22, and for the three Christmas Masses. Father John Topel, S.J., will be our celebrant;
- For December 28-29, Father Dwight Lewis will be our celebrant;
- Please be sure that the Parish Office has your current (new?) e-mail address so that we can provide updated information when available.*

THE SECOND WEEK
OF ADVENT

Pope Francis has been noted as saying that, "Christmas is not just a temporal celebration or memory of a beautiful event; Christmas is more...Christmas is an encounter!" One would expect that the Holy Family encountered many interesting people and events on their journey to Bethlehem. We may encounter similar folks ourselves every day too. Maybe our returning college students, visiting family, RCIA candidates, friends from other faith traditions, shelter guests, and so many others. In your "encounters" this Advent Season try and show them all that Christmas is more than what comes from a store.