



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:

NOTE: Confessions are not heard before every Mass.

- \* Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm
- \* Sunday: 10:00-10:45 am
- \* Monday, Thursday, Friday: 11:15-11:45 am
- \* Wednesday: 4:45-5:15 pm

\*\*\* Confessions are heard in the Confessional.  
Confessions may also be scheduled by appointment by calling 360-385-3700.

- \* Sábado: 3:45-4:15 pm
- \* Domingo: 10:00-10:45 am
- \* Lunes, Jueves, Viernes: 11:15-11:45 am
- \* Miércoles: 4:45 - 5:15 pm

\*\*\*Las confesiones se escuchan en el Confesionario.  
Las confesiones también se pueden programar con cita previa llamando al 360-385-3700.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT /

EXPOSICIÓN DEL SAGRARIO:

Friday 12:00– 6:00 pm; First Friday 20 Hour Adoration

EUCCHARIST TO SHUT-INS & THE ILL /

EUARISTÍA PARA DESCAPACITADOS:

\*\*CALL PARISH OFFICE AT 360-385-3700

PRAYER CHAIN / CADENA DE ORACIONES:

Pat White 360-385-3063  
Carol Hurley, ptcabin2@msn.com

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / SACRAMENTO

DEL BAUTISMO:

Requires 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.  
Call 360-385-3700

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE / SACRAMENTO

DEL MATRIMONIO:

Six month notice and preparation classes required.  
Call 360-385-3700. Class de preparation requeridas  
6 meses antes—360-385-3700

In the event of sacramental emergencies contact the Parish Office: Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 am-4:00 pm and Friday 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Please call 360-385-3700.

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 John 2:22-28 Psalms 98:1-4 John 1:19-28	Philippians 2:5-11 Psalms 113:1-8 Matthew 1:18-23	1 John 3:7-10 Psalms 98:1, 7-9 John 1:35-42	1 John 3:11-21 Psalms 100:1-5 John 1:43-51	1 John 5:5-13 Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20 Mark 1:7-11	1 John 5:14-21 Psalms 149:1-6, 9 John 2:1-11	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalms 72:1-2, 7- 8, 10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5- 6 Matthew 2:1-12

ADMINISTRATION / ADMINISTRACIÓN

REVEREND PETER ADOKO-ENCHILL

PRIEST ADMINISTRATOR / SACERDOTE ADMINISTRADOR

PASTORAL ASSISTANT FOR ADMINISTRATION /

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Kathleen Wadkins

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Mark Ortmeier

MASS ASSISTANTS

JANUARY 7/8, 2023



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

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT. 4:30 pm: Sam and Eli Johnson

SUN. 8:30 am: TBD

SUN. 11:00 am: TBD

GREETERS

SAT. 4:30 pm: Judy Atkinson

SUN. 8:30 am: Aixa and Alex Duran

SUN. 11:00 am: TBD

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30 pm: Wayne Nagy

SAT. 8:30 am: Javier Castillo

SUN. 11:00 am: Sally Nuernberg

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Lucero Moreno Figueroa	208-447-9471
Nancy Thornton	360-385-3540
Wayne Nagy	360-379-6887
Mary Kulish	360-297-4842
Robert Bufford	360-774-1062
Jovy Russ	360-385-0493
George Marciano	360-385-9651



St. Mary Star of the Sea  
Catholic Church

Reverend Peter Adoko-Enchill

Priest Administrator

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Port Townsend, WA 98368

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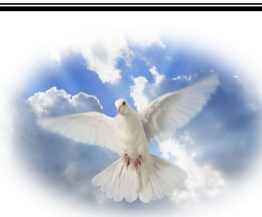
Website: www.stmaryss.com

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

Fridays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

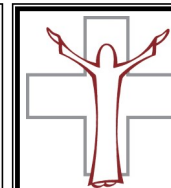


Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, December 31 / January 1, 2023



FUNERAL FOR JOAN OPEL

The Funeral Mass for Joan Opel will be celebrated on Thursday, January 5, at 12:00 pm, in the church. May all of the angels guide her to heaven.



FUNERAL FOR MARY JOHNSON

The Funeral Mass for Mary Johnson will be celebrated on Saturday, January 7, at 11:00 am in the church preceded by the rosary at 10:30 am. May God greet her with joy.

FATHER PETER ON VACATION

January 14-February 17

Father Peter will be on vacation from January 18, through February 17. Please watch future bulletins for changes to our sacramental schedules and the names of our visiting priests.



IS EPIPHANY A HOLY DAY?

The 1983 Code of Canon Law, or Johanno-Pauline Code, was a comprehensive codification of ecclesiastical laws handed down to the Latin Church by Pope John Paul II. In it was Canon 1246, which governs the Ten Holy Days of Obligation, when Catholics are required to go to Mass in addition to Sundays. The ten days required of Catholics listed by John Paul did include Epiphany, the last day of the Christmas season, when Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar arrived following the Star of Bethlehem. However, the canon also noted that "With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, . . . the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday." On December 13, 1991, the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America reduced the number of extra non-Sunday days at which attendance is required as Holy Days of Obligation to six, and one of those days transferred to a Sunday was Epiphany.

A NEWYEARS GREETING

Dear Parishioners,

By God's grace the year has ended. It is better than last year when we were restricted in doing many things because of COVID. We have received many blessings from the Lord, and we have experienced His protection. It is important to give thanks to God for all that He has done for us throughout this year. He has given us life and strength.

It is time for us to take stock of our lives to know what went wrong and what went well. It is important also to think about how we are going to improve upon our spiritual life this year 2023. Our lives are flowing like a river which passes and does not return.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for your immense support for the parish. I have also enjoyed a lot of goodwill and help from many of you. I thank you very much for all that you have done for me.

One behalf of my home church in Ghana, I thank you most sincerely for the huge support for the building of the new rectory. Your contributions have made a great impact on the financing. May God bless you all. I pray that the good Lord will continue to bless us all in the New Year.

I wish you all a Happy New Year full of God's blessings  
AFEHYIA PA (Happy New Year!)

Father Peter

"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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**CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- January 2 - (New Years Holiday observed) Mass at 10:00 am
- January 5 - 12:00 pm Funeral Mass for Joan Opel  
- NO 12:00 pm daily Mass
- January 6 - 11:30 am Sacred Heart Devotion, 20-Hour Adoration with Hispanic Adoration from 6:00-9:00 pm
- January 7 - There will be NO 9:00 am Mass
- January 7 - The Funeral Mass for Mary Johnson will be celebrated at 11:00 am/rosary at 10:30 am.

**NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

*(Please silence your cell phones prior to the beginning of Mass or other religious devotions. Thank You!)*

**THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH** are open M-Th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday until 6:00 and on weekends at Mass times.

**MASSES:**

**WEEKEND MASSES -**

- Saturday Vigil Mass - In English 4:30 pm
- Domingo Misa - en Español 8:30 am
- Sunday Mass - in English 11:00 am

**DAILY MASSES - In English**

- Monday - Mass 12:00 pm
- Wednesday - Mass 5:30 pm
- Thursday - Mass 12:00 pm
- Friday - Mass 12:00 pm
- Saturday - Mass 9:00 am

**HISPANIC PRAYER GROUP - Thursday 7:00 pm**

**CONFESSIONS - Please see Confession times below.**

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**SPIRITUALITY CLASSES - 6:00 pm** on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Building and after Mass and at 12:30 pm on Thursday afternoons in Parish Office class rooms.

**ADORATION - Friday 12:30-6:00 pm**

**\*HISPANIC ADORATION - Friday 6:00 pm**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

If you, a family member or friend would like to have this special ministry pay you a visit please give the Parish Office a call—360-385-3700 to schedule.



**CAREER OPPORTUNITY AT ST. MARY'S**

St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Parish is seeking a Pastoral Assistant for Administration to serve our vibrant faith community in beautiful Port Townsend, Washington. If you have been blessed with gifts of business administration, accounting, staff supervision, facilities management, and IT, then we would like to talk with you. It's so much more than a job when your faith aligns with your work; interested practicing Catholics are encouraged to apply. We offer competitive wages and good benefits. Please send your cover letter and resume to St. Mary Star of the Sea, ATTN: Kathleen Wadkins PAA, 1335 Blaine St., Port Townsend, WA 98368.

**DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND ADORATION**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena will be prayed next Friday, December 6, at 11:30 am, followed by Mass at 12:00 pm and then 20-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through Saturday morning until 9:00 am.

- \*11:30 am - The Novena Prayer will be prayed in the Church followed by Mass at 12:00 pm
- \*20-Hour Adoration - 12:30 pm Friday until 9:00 am Saturday morning
- \*Hispanic Adoration from 6-9:00 pm on Friday



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

Heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers who have helped to make our church so beautiful this Christmas and always. Thanks especially to our sacristans for having the church beautifully ready for Christmas; to those who assist with our liturgies; for those who clean our church and prepare for the many who will attend our Masses; for our Greeters; for our Angel Tree angels; for those who helped clear our sidewalks of snow; for the intrepid souls who put up our outside and inside manger scenes; for our flower arrangers, our collection helpers, and for those who kindly overlooked our foibles in spite of our foibles...



**LOST AND HOPELY FOUND SOON**

A pair of glasses and set of keys have been dropped off at the Parish Office. If you think that they may be yours please give the office a call at 360-385-3700.



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, December 31/January 1, 2023



*Dear God, Thank you for making all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good and the hard things that have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else.*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 4:30 PM: For all of the names on the envelopes on the Altar which were specially remembered by their friends and families.**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 8:30 AM: For the intentions of all faithful people.**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 11:00 AM: For the intentions of all faithful people.**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 10:00 AM: For the grace of another new healthy and happy year in all of our lives.**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 12:00 PM: In thanksgiving for the abundant opportunities of faith and spiritual growth in the new year.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 12:00 PM: For all souls who are dying at the beginning of this new year especially those in our parish. May they continue to pray for us all through the new year.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 12:00 PM: For the peace of all departed souls of the parish.**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 9:00 AM: For the intercession of our Holy Mother for world peace in the new year especially in Ukraine.**



**USE OF PARISH FACILITIES**

The use of Parish Facilities—church, hall, parking lots, etc., are coordinated through the Parish Office. NO use of these facilities should be made unless this contact is made first. Two weeks

advance notice for use of our facilities is requested. Recently, groups have been using our facilities without prior authorization which causes problems for others who may already have reserved these spaces and cleanliness and security policies are not being followed.



Please remember our **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AT NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES** for their first of the month collections. Your donations can also be made on-line at: <https://svdpejc.org/>.



**5% COMMITTEE MEETING January 4**

St. Mary's five Percent Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 4. All requests for consideration must be received by the Parish Office no later than 3:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3. Your requests must be provided in writing the purpose of the Five Percent committee is to assist those experiencing financial needs that are not being address in other ways.



*In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ~Acts:20:35*

Truly, the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea are living examples of our Lord's words.

Thanks to your generous gifts of time to consider, buy, wrap, and return gifts, financial support for gifts and donations that enabled the purchase of grocery gift cards, and prayers that provided comfort and hope to people in need. The Angel Tree served 35 families and 96 children this season. Special thanks to a businessman in Alaska who shipped a box full of stuffed toys to share with young children, anonymous donors who gave more than a thousand dollars in grocery money and the 5% Committee which provided the rest, and three young parishioners (Jack, Riley, and Ella Bufford) who took time on a Saturday to decorate the Christmas tree in the narthex. It is by bringing action to Jesus's words that we help share God's light with our world during the Christmas season and all year long. Blessings to all for a luminous 2023.

**Parish Stewardship As of 12/25/22 Week #26**

<b>Actual/Colecta Real</b>	\$ 24,683.00
<b>Budgeted/Presupuesto</b>	\$ 5,769.25
	\$ 18,913.75
<b>Year-To-Date/Año Corrido</b>	
<b>Actual Collection/Colecta Real</b>	\$ 171,944.51
<b>Budgeted Collection/Presupuesto</b>	\$ 150,000.50
	\$ 21,944.01