



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—JANUARY 4/5, 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**

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**SUN. 8:30 am:** To be assigned  
**SUN. 11:00 am:** To be assigned

**LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**SAT. 5:30 pm:** Nancy Thornton/Ed Carder, Rosa Aguling and Susan Gomez  
**SUN. 8:30 am:** Blanca Sanchez/Fabian Mendoza, Natalia Guevara, Angel Guevara and Blanca Sanchez  
**SUN. 11:00 am:** Nonette Geptulan/Nancy Bluhm, Marlena Knill and Marian Meany

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 5:30 PM: **For all of the faithful people of God.**

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 5:30 PM: **For the repose of the soul of Neil Willestoft and the comfort of his family,** as requested by his sister, Patricia Willestoft.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 8:30 AM: **For the repose of the soul of Denton Sherry,** as requested by Ken and Jeanne McMillen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 11:00 AM: **For Michelle and Nate Larson on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary,** as requested by Judy Atkinson.

*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.*

**Readings for the Week...**

<b>MONDAY</b> 1 John 2:12-17 Psalms 96: 7-10 Luke 2:36-40	<b>TUESDAY</b> 1 John 2:18-21 Psalms 96:1-2, 11-13 John 1:1-18	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Numbers 6:22-27 Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	<b>THURSDAY</b> 1 John 2:22-28 Psalms 98:1-4 John 1:19-28	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 113:1-8 Matthew 1:18-23	<b>SATURDAY:</b> 1 John 3:7-10 Psalms 98:1, 7-9 John 1:35-42	<b>SUNDAY</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

12:05 pm: **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy--Church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
(Incense will be used at this Mass)

10:00 am: **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
5:30 pm: **VIGIL MASS** - The Solemnity of Mary

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER JANUARY 1, 2020**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
(Incense will be used at this Mass)

**HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
(The Most Reverend Augustine Hilander, O.P. will be our celebrant)

10:00 am: Solemnity **MASS**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

12:05 am: **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy--Church  
6:00 pm: Parish Pastoral Counsel Meeting--Hall

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

12:05 pm: **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
1:00-Midnight: *Adoration*  
1:00 pm: Book Club Meeting--Hall  
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy--Church

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**  
(Father Harry Grile, CSsS, will be our celebrant)

Midnight-9:00 am: *Adoration*  
4:30 pm: Confessions  
5:30 pm: **Vigil Mass**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

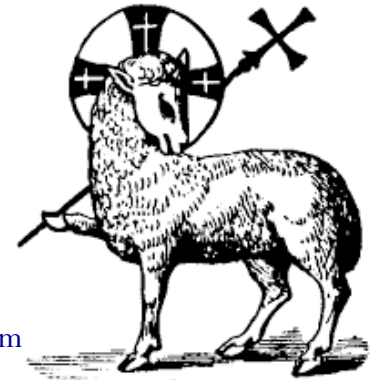
**THE EPIPHANY**  
(Father Harry Grile, CSsS, will be our celebrant)

8:00 pm: Confessions  
8:30 am: **Spanish Mass**  
10:30 pm: Confessions  
11:00 am: **English Mass**



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*The Holy Innocents and The Holy Family December 28/29, 2019*



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*New Years is a happy holiday because we can put the old year away and plan for the new year ahead with joy and anticipation. May God be with each of you as you embark on your new journeys. May he fill your lives with abundant blessings and be there to comfort you when those bumps inevitably occur. May you find the quiet presence of God in each moment of your lives and thank him daily for his kindness.*

*Happy NewYear from all of the Parish Staff*



**NEW LECTOR AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE**

New schedules for our Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors are now available in the sacristy. Please take one home with you today. Many thanks to all of you whose work enhances these important parts of the celebration of our Masses.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, for the New Year's Holiday.



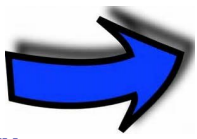
**MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE**

We are very fortunate to have priests to celebrate the sacraments with us on the following dates:

- December 28-29: Father Dwight Lewis will be celebrant for the three weekend Masses;
- December 31 / January 1 - The Solemnity of Mary - *A Holy Day of Obligation*. The Very Reverend Father Augustine Hilander, O.P., will be celebrant for the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31 and 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 1. **Note:** Attendance at one of these Masses will satisfy your Holy Day Obligation. *Incense will be used at each of these Masses;*
- January 4-5 - The Epiphany of the Lord: Father Harry Grile, CSsC, will be celebrant at all three of the weekend Masses.
- January 11/12 - The Baptism of the Lord: Father Bob Wynn will be celebrant for all three of the weekend Masses.

**“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.”**





**WEEKLY COMMUNION SERVICES**

Reminder: 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.



**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

**Feast Day January 4**

Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened

the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her own five children.

By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed, penniless, with five small children to support. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness.

While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

Elizabeth Seton had no extraordinary gifts. She was not a mystic or stigmatic. She did not prophesy or speak in tongues. She had two great devotions: abandonment to the will of God and an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote to a friend, Julia Scott, that she would prefer to exchange the world for a "cave or a desert." "But God has given me a great deal to do, and I have always and hope always to prefer his will to every wish of my own." Her brand of sanctity is open to everyone if we love God and do his will. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be canonized (1975).



**MARCH FOR LIFE 2020**

Looking ahead --The date for the Mass for Life 2020 is Tuesday, January 21, 2020, and will be celebrated at two parishes:

- The Mass at Sacred Heart, Lacey will begin at 9:30 am;
- The Mass at St. Michael, Olympia will begin at 10:00

am. The sanctity of human life from beginning to end is a hallmark of our Catholic faith. Your support of the March for Life is a wonderful way of putting our faith into action in the community.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

Our monthly collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Your generosity serves to meet the needs of many in our community for which they are very gratefully. As all the members are volunteers virtually all funds collected are made available to those they serve.



**5% COMMITTEE MEETING**

The 5% Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 8. All requests for consideration by the committee must be received by the Parish Office by no later than 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 7.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Week of 12/22/2019

Week #25

Week / Semana

<b>Actual / Colecta Real</b>	\$ 5,389.77
<b>Budgeted / Presupuesto</b>	\$ 6,902.15
	<\$ 1,512.38>
<b>Year-To-Date / Año Corrido</b>	
<b>Actual Collection / Colecta Real</b>	\$171,136.26
<b>Budgeted / Presupuesto</b>	\$ 172,553.75
	<\$ 1,417.49>



**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**

Each year the World Day of Peace is observed by the Catholic Church around the world on January 1. Pope Francis reminds us that "the world needs peacemakers open to dialogue and forgiveness", and he announced that the 2020 theme is: Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion. Join Saint Mary's Pax Christi group in honoring this day and be part of the solution by taking small steps, including praying for peace daily.



**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

If you would like to be included on St. Mary's Prayer Chain please contact Pat White, 360-385-3063 or Carol Hurley at ptcabin2@msn.com. The purpose of our prayer chain is to provide spiritual support and healing for parishioners and their families and friends. Your prayer request will be included in the daily prayers of the members and are kept confidential.



**CONSIDERING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?**

Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. There is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on Feb. 21-23, 2020, call 206-706-2608 or go to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).



**EUCARISTIC ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY**

Consider as part of your new year adding some time with the Blessed Sacrament to your schedules on Fridays. Time with the Blessed Sacrament will be the best time that you can spend on earth. Stop by for a visit this week? (Please remember that silence is golden.)



**SAINT MARY'S LADIES GUILD**

St. Mary's Ladies Guild will resume their regular monthly meeting schedule with the first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 6, at 1:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the Parish are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Guild's many parish activities.



**BOOK CLUB MEETING**

St. Mary's Book Club will meet on Friday, January 3, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The book for discussion will be: "He and I" by Gabriel Bossis (Pauline Books). Our Discussion Leader will be Sharon Robinson. All are invited to attend and join in the discussion.



**THANKS TO OUR YOUNG RE STUDENTS**

We would like to offer a note of thanks to our senior RE students for the most thoughtful coffee hour that they hosted last weekend between the Sunday Masses. The event featured both business and pleasure in that in addition to the fun of the coffee hour itself this was sponsored as a learning exercise for our students in how to set up, take down and run a parish event.



**THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed each Monday-Friday, at 3:00 pm, in the Church. It emphasizes God's plan of unfathomable mercy for the world and is a channel for God's mercy towards us.