



*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 24–29, 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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:30 pm**

*Larry and Kathie Bomke*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, VIGIL CHRISTMAS 10:00 pm**

*Mary and Michael Kulish*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY, 10:00 am**

*Bennette and Ralph Sanner*

**SAT. 5:30 pm:** Jackie and Cliff Rich

**SUN. 8:30 am:** Amber and Tyler Johnson

**SUN. 11:00 am:** Trish Murphy and Nancy McGillis

#### LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:30 pm**

*Susan Gomez, Lucero Figueroa/Luz Savalza and Karen Riel*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 10:00 pm**

*Nancy Thornton/Dan Kimball and Jovy Russ*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY, 10:00 am**

*Crystal Pillifant/Carol Kenyon and Nancy McGillis*

**SAT. 5:30 pm:** Kim Hammers/Karen Riel and Susan Gomez

**SUN. 8:30 am:** Rosario Mora/Blanca Sanchez and Cedia Salcedo

**SUN. 11:00 am:** Nonette Geptulan/Linda Monroe and Jovy Russ

#### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 5:30 PM:** For the special intentions of Father Peter, as requested by the Rosary Makers.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 8:30 AM:** For the repose of the soul of Neil Willestoft and the comfort of his family, as requested by his sister, Patricia Willestoft.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 11:00 AM:** For the repose of the soul of Ken Golden, as requested by his family.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 8:00 PM:** For all of the faithful people of God.

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#### Readings for the Week...

<b>MONDAY</b> Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66	<b>TUESDAY</b> 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Psalms 96:2-5, 27, 29 Luke 1:67-79	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalms 96:1-3, 11-13 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14	<b>THURSDAY</b> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Psalms 31:3-4, 6, 8, 17 Matthew 10:17-22	<b>FRIDAY:</b> 1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 John 20:1-8	<b>SATURDAY:</b> 1 John 1:5--2:2 Psalms 124:2-5, 7-8 Matthew 2:13-18	<b>SUNDAY</b> Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14 Psalms 128:1-5 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

##### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:05 pm: COMMUNION SERVICE

1:00 pm: Rosary Makers Meeting--Hall

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

##### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

#### CHRISTMAS VIGIL

(INCENSE WILL BE USED AT ALL MASSES)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

4:30 pm: CONFESSIONS

5:30 pm: BILINGUAL VIGIL MASS

10:00 pm: VIGIL MASS

##### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

(INCENSE WILL BE USED)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

10:00 AM: MASS

##### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 am: COMMUNION SERVICE

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

##### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

#### ST. JOHN

12:05 pm: COMMUNION SERVICE

1:00-6:00 pm: Adoration

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

##### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

#### THE HOLY INNOCENTS

(INCENSE WILL BE USED AT THIS MASS)

(FR. DWIGHT LEWIS WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT)

4:30 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Solemnity Mass

##### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

#### THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(INCENSE WILL BE USED AT THIS MASS)

(FR. DWIGHT LEWIS WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT)

8:00 pm: Confessions

8:30 am: Solemnity Mass

10:30 pm: Confessions

11:00 am: Solemnity Mass



## St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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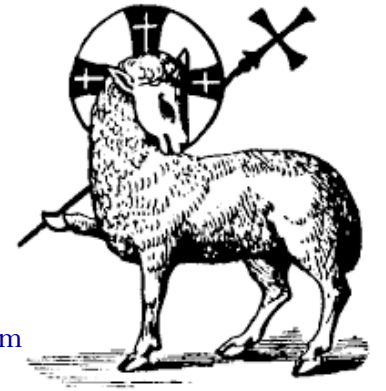
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21/22, 2019



### Christmas Mass Schedule

**\*\*INCENSE WILL BE USED AT ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
FATHER JOHN TOPEL WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT

- INCENSE WILL BE USED AT ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES.
- December 24, 2019, the Vigil of Christmas will be celebrated at 5:30 pm - **Bilingual** - with a children's homily;
- A second Christmas Vigil Mass of will be celebrated 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 any one of the three Christmas Masses will satisfy the Holy Day obligation.)
- For December 28-29, Father Dwight Lewis will be our celebrant;
- New Years is the Solemnity of Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass on December 31, will be at 5:30 pm and on January 1, Mass will be at 10:00 am. INCENSE WILL BE USED AT BOTH MASSES. Our celebrant will be the Very Reverend Father Augustine Hilander, O.P.



### PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed in for the Christmas Holiday on December 24, 25 and 26.

## “OUR MISSION IS TO...

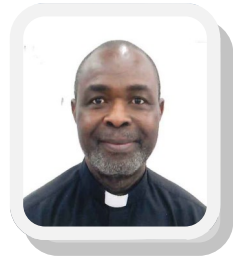
CELEBRATE GOD’S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST BY MASS, SACRAMENTS, AND PRAYER;  
LIVE CHRIST’S LOVE BY SERVING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, NEGLECTED, AND SUFFERING;  
GROW IN THE TRUTHS AND VALUES OF OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION, TEACH THEM TO OUR CHILDREN,  
AND PROCLAIM THEM TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THEM.”





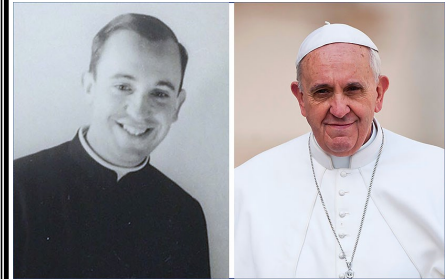


**SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**



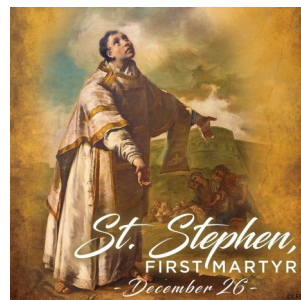
**REMEMBERING WITH GRATITUDE**

At this season of grace and blessings let's take a moment to remember Father Peter and the time that he was with us. May his future be filled with blessings and much happiness in all of his new undertakings with the hope that he will have an especially bright Christmas with his family in Ghana. May we as well look ahead expectantly for the possibility of a new priest for our Parish and in the mean time thank God for all of the wonderful visiting priests that have joined us in the celebration or the Mass and our faith.



**BEST WISHES TO POPE FRANCIS**

As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, we might wish to take a moment to consider another joyful occasion. The Holy Father celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 13. May God continue to renew, increase, and strengthen in Pope Francis the graces received at his ordination as he continues his priestly ministry in service to our Holy Church.



**THE FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN  
December 26**

Curiously, the day after Christmas is the Feast of St. Stephen who was the first martyr. Perhaps the church wishes to remind us that while the joy of Christmas is with us always, the day after Christmas we need to get back to the work of our regular lives. In the case of Stephen he died as Jesus did: falsely accused, brought to unjust condemnation because he spoke the truth fearlessly. He was ceased by the Sanhedrin for his testimony to the faith and stoned to death. He died with his eyes trustfully fixed on God, and with a prayer of forgiveness on his lips. A "happy" death is one that finds us in the same spirit, whether our dying is as quiet as St. Joseph's or as violent as Stephen's: dying with courage, total trust and forgiving love.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



With deep joy and gratitude, the Parish Staff would like to extend to you all our prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas and our deepest thanks for the special gifts that each of you bring to our Parish. In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns here in the Parish at this time we are assured of the love and support of God the Father in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus who is with us always. He is the true peace on earth that flows from the presence of God in our lives. May our Dear Savior, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this holy time of hope and grace. As well, may Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish always.  
*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



**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 (except Saturday 9:00 am Masses).



**MARY'S MANTLE CERTIFICATES**

The Mary's Mantel Consecration certificates for the people who signed up, are now available in the Narthex to be picked up. Please pick up the certificate with your name on it."

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Week of 12/15/2019**

**Week #24**

**Week / Semana**

<b>Actual / Colecta Real</b>	\$ 5,855.99
<b>Budgeted / Presupuesto</b>	\$ 6,902.15
	<\$ 1,046.16>
<b>Year-To-Date / Año Corrido</b>	
<b>Actual Collection / Colecta Real</b>	\$165,746.49
<b>Budgeted / Presupuesto</b>	\$ 165,651.60
	\$ 94.89



**THE ROSARY MAKERS WILL MEET**

Reminder: The Rosary Makers will meet on December 23, as usual at 1:00 pm in the Hall.



**THANKS FROM THE BRINNON FOOD BANK**

The Brinnon Food Bank would like to gratefully acknowledge receipt over 700 pounds of food during the past year. Your continuing help is so very much appreciated by all those served by their good works. Thanks also to the members of the parish who do wonderful service in collecting and delivering the food to Brinnon.



**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).



**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 he 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.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

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



**MANY, MANY THANKS**

With So Many wonderful events in the parish lately some serious thanks are in order! So, let's see...where to begin....

- Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Confirmation celebration a wonderful spiritual event for our youth and all of us a short while ago.
- Thanks to all who helped at the Ladies Guild Regifting and cookie sale. Always fun and the cookies were marvelously fattening...again;
- Thanks to our Hispanic Community for hosting a magnificent tribute to our Lady of Guadalupe and presence of our faith to our community. Again the food was wonderful;
- Thanks to our Filipino Community for hosting their annual Simbang Gabi celebration. Always such a wonderful traditional tribute to this Holy Season. And again the food was abundant and delicious;
- Thanks to our young people for hosting the coffee hour this weekend after the Sunday Masses. Their holiday spirit is much appreciated by all and their future service to the parish is much anticipated;
- Thanks to all those who helped make our new Parish Directory possible whose publication is much anticipated;
- Thanks to those who helped brighten numerous Christmases through their generous support of and work on with the Angel Tree program;
- Thanks to our visiting priests, may they be richly blessed for their service to our parish;
- And thanks to all of the silent helpers without whom so much could not be done---

**THANK YOU ALL!**