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

Our Priests


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Parochial Vicar


Rev. Jacob Maurer
Pastor


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Parochial Vicar

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SACRAMENTS / *SACRAMENTOS*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / ***SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIACIÓN:*** *(In English and y en espanol)*

Wednesday	9-9:15 am
Thursday	9-9:15 am
Fridays	5-6:00 pm

****Confessions may also be scheduled by appointment by calling 360-385-3700.*
****Las confesiones también se pueden programar con cita previa llamando al 360-385-3700.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / ***EXPOSICIÓN DEL SAGRARIO:***
Fridays 1-6:00 pm

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Requires prep. classes, please call 360-385-3700
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FUNERAL / CHRISTIAN BURIAL / *ENTIERRO:*
Contact Parish Office before setting date. *Contactar al sacerdote antes de apartar la fecha. Call 360-385-3700 (Cemetery Location: San Juan Avenue and 42nd St.)*

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

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MASS ASSISTANTS
December 6

ALTAR SERVERS
SUN. 8:30 am: Carlitos / Alex
SUN. 11:00 am: Eli / Sam

GREETERS
SUN. 8:30 am: TBA
SUN. 11:00 am: TBA

LECTORS
SUN. 8:30 am: Mr. Soto / Salvador
SUN. 11:00 am: Crystal

MINISTERS OF THE CUP
SUN. 8:30 am: Mrs. Soto / Aylen
SUN. 11:00 am: Ann

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Romans 10:9-18	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 25:6-10	Isaiah 26:1-6	Isaiah 29:17-24	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-2	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalms 19:8-11	Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17	Psalms 23:1-6	Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27	Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14	Psalms 147:1-6	Psalms 85:9-14
Matthew 4:18-22	Luke 10:21-24	Matthew 15:29-37	Matthew 7:21, 24-27	Matthew 9:27-31	Matthew 9:35--1 0:1, 5, 6-8	2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
Mass Readings can be found in The Journeysong Book 878

Advent, *the next four weeks of the church's year is a time for spiritual reflection and prayer and a season of anticipation to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,

FAST AND PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Pope Leo has asked us to fast and pray for more vocations to the priesthood. We're asking people to sign up to commit one day a week during Advent to fasting and praying for vocations. Sign-ups are in the narthex. The Pope reminds us that fasting can be abstaining from unkind words and thoughts as well as from food.

ANGEL TREE UPDATE

"Thank you all for your support of the Angel Tree Program! If you were unable to get a tag, please consider making a donation towards grocery cards that will be provided to families along with the presents. The grocery cards to provide additional support for Christmas family meals or needs.

Donations can be made by **cash** in a separate envelope or **check** (specify Angel Tree Grocery Cards), or **online** at the QR code for parish online giving.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
A Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 8

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on December 8 according to the new schedule for Holy Days of Obligation:

9:30 am in English
5:30 pm en español

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most important Marian feasts of the liturgical calendar and a holy day of obligation.

This solemnity recognizes Mary's privilege of being conceived without the stain of original sin:

"No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin." (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143).

In the Gospel of that day, we hear and reflect on Mary's famous words to the angel Gabriel: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. "May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 2:38)

"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."

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK
November 29-December 4, 2026

THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH are open at:

- Sundays at Mass Times 8:00 am -12:30 pm
- Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm
- Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm
- Fridays from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm
- The church will not be open on Saturdays or at times when the parish staff is not in the office, i.e., most federal holidays, major church holidays and as announced in future bulletins.
- *At church closing times we must cordially ask our guests to depart and join us at another time.*
- ***Please silence your cell phones prior to the beginning of Mass and other devotions***

Sunday, November 29 (Fr. Gali)
The First Sunday of Advent
8:30 am - Misa en español
9:30 am - Coffee and donuts
9:45-10:45 am - Religious Education
11:00 am - Mass in English
12:00 pm - Coffee and donuts
Monday, November 30
No Mass or Devotions
12:30 pm: Rosary Makers
Tuesday, December 1
No Mass or Devotions
Wednesday, December 2 (Fr. Gali)
9:00-9:15 am - Confessions
9:30 am - Mass
NO 5:00 pm - Bible Study
6:30 pm - OCIA in the Parish Building
8:00 pm - Preparación para el matrimonio
Thursday, December 3 (Fr. Gali)
9-9:15 am - Confessions
9:30 am - Mass
7:00 pm - Hispanic OCIA in the Social Hall
Friday, December 4 (Fr. Gali)
FIRST FRIDAY
1:00-6:00 pm - Adoration
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:00-6:00 pm - Confession
6:00-6:15 pm - Sacred Heart Devotion
6:15 pm - Mass
8:00 pm - Healing Service

HOMEBOUND - *Call the Parish Office*-360-385-3700 to schedule a visit.

RESTROOMS - Restrooms are available in the basement of the church and in the narthex. The sacristy restroom may be used only during Masses.

ADORATION FOR TEENS AND YOUTH
There will be guided Adoration and Confessions offered on Saturday, December 19, from 9-11:00 am for the teens and youth of the parish. Join us for a great way to ready your heart for Christmas!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY MEETING IN DECEMBER
There will be no Bereavement Ministry Meeting in the Month of December.

PERSONAL MASS INTENTIONS
Personal Mass intentions may now be requested between January 1 through the end of March. You may also continue to add the names of your loved ones to the monthly Prayers of the Faithful for those who have died or are in need or our prayers.

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 8:30 AM: *Pro Populo* (for the people).
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 11:00 AM: For those called to the priesthood.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026, 9:30 AM: For the repose of the soul of Connie Caterine, as requested by the Ortmeier Family.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026, 9:30 AM: For the repose of the soul of Alfredo Garcia Luna, as requested by Jose Garcia.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026, 6:15 PM: For the repose of the soul of Fred Brooling, as requested by Patricia Willestoft.



We will offer petitions during Prayers of the Faithful for those in need of healing and those who have passed away. Parishioners are invited to call the Parish Office to request that a loved one be added to either list. These names will be read at every Mass during the month they were added. Petitions are not Mass intentions and

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.

Repose of soul Fred Brooling Patricial Willesto

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

DECORATING THE COURTYARD
Please join the decorating party on Sunday, December 6, after the 11:00 am Mass. We will be putting up lights in the courtyard and there will be cookies and cocoa in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION
December 12
10:00 am - Meet at El Agavero Mexican Grill at 1145 Water Street downtown Port Townsend for the procession
11:30 am - Mass
12:30 - Lunch in the Social Hall
The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe honors the Virgin Mary, who appeared to an Aztec peasant, Juan Diego, on a hill called Tepeyac on Dec. 9, 1531, in Mexico City.
She was declared Patroness of the Americas in 1945 by Pope Pius XII, and her Feast Day was elevated to an obligatory memorial by Pope John Paul II in 1999. She is especially honored in Mexico and is also the Patroness of the Philippines.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION OFFERING
If you would like to make a donation towards our celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12, there will be an offering box in the narthex for your gifts this weekend November 29.

SIMBANG GABI CELEBRATION
Sunday, December 13
Our traditional, festive, colorful and prayerful Filipino Advent celebration of Simbang Gabi will be celebrated again this year on Sunday, December 13 at the 11:00 Mass. Simbang Gabi is a novena of nine Masses meant to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas. A reception will follow Mass in the Social Hall provided by our Filipino Community. All are welcome to attend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MONTHLY COLLECTION
Next Weekend
Please remember our monthly collection for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society next weekend, December 6. They provide a great resource of aid to many in need at this time of year. SVDP may be contacted at 360-379-1325. Donations can be made on-line at: https://svdpejc.org/. ***You can always place donations in regular Sunday collections as long as they are marked for SVDP.***

WHAT IS THE "KYRIE"?
"Kyrie Eleison (Greek for "Lord have mercy"…) is a very old, even pre-Christian, expression used constantly in all Christian liturgies," according to the Catholic Encyclopedia. The phrase appears in the Psalms where it is already almost liturgical. It is also in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke (who wrote in Greek.)
A Hispano-Roman woman named Egeria, who took a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the fourth century, writes that she heard it sung in Jerusalem. The Kyrie seems to have found its way into the Roman rite (ours) from the Eastern Christian liturgies (where it was likely present from the beginning) in the 500s.
The third canon of the Second Council of Vaison in 529 says, "Since both in the Apostolic See as also in all the provinces of the East and in Italy a sweet and most pious custom has been introduced that Kyrie Eleison be said with great insistence and compunction, it seems good to us too that this holy custom be introduced at Matins and Mass and Vespers."
Kyrie Eleison is pronounced something like:
"kee-ree-ay, ay-lay-ee-son".

A CAROLING WE GO
Once again this year you are encouraged to join in Christmas caroling in the neighborhood on Saturday, December 19, 1-4:00 pm young and older. It was great fun last year! Meet in the Social Hall.

ST. FRANCIS PLAY UPDATE
The St. Francis play will be presented on Saturday, January 9, at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Please remember to straighten your pews as you leave church, in particular take bulletins with you, used Kid's art, water bottles, etc. Thanks!

Parish Stewardship
11/22/2026
Week #21

Actual/*Colecta Real*	$ 5,874.07
Budgeted/*Presupuesto*	$ 6,635.00
	$ (760.93)
Year-To-Date/*Año Corrido*	
Actual Collection/*Colecta Real*	$ 113,532.13
Budgeted Collection/*Presupuesto*	$ 139,335.00
	$ (25,802.87)

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