St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 21/22, 2026
Mass Readings can be found in The Journeysong Book 1049

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CHANGES
IN MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Beginning on the first weekend of Advent, Saturday, November 28th, and Sunday, November 29th, ***NEXT WEEKEND*** the following schedule of Masses and Confessions will become effective:

No Saturday Vigil Masses or Confessions

Sunday Masses
8:30 am - en español
11:00 am - English

Daily Mass Schedule
9:30 am - Wednesday and Thursday

Confessions
9:00 am-9:15 am - Wednesday and Thursday
5:00 pm-6:00 pm - Friday

Adoration
1:00-6:00 pm - Friday

Holy Days of Obligation
9:30 am - English Mass
5:30 pm - Spanish Mass

Dear Parishioners:
The staff of St. Mary's would like to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday filled with every blessing and grace possible. We are grateful for the contributions that you all make to our parish everyday and the wonderful experience that you provide for us to serve you in our various capacities.

Your Parish Staff

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – Psalm 107:1

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we pause to give thanks to God for His many blessings for our families, our faith, and this beautiful parish community.

I wish each of you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving, filled with peace, gratitude, and the warmth of home.

I also want to offer a heartfelt **thank you** to all who serve our parish so faithfully: Our volunteers in the church, our staff in the office, our ministries, choir, ushers, sacristans, catechists, and all who give their time and talents to build up our parish. Your generosity makes this community a true family of faith.

May God bless you abundantly for all you do, and may He continue to guide and protect us.

With gratitude and prayers,

Happy Thanksgiving

Fr. Gali

"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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SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK
November 21-27, 2026

THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Wednesdays until 5:30 pm, Fridays until 9:00 pm, and on weekends at Mass times. The doors will not be open 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. ***Please note:*** *At church closing times we must cordially ask our guests to depart and join us again on another day.*

- ***Please silence your cell phones prior to the beginning of Mass and other devotions***

Saturday, November 21 (Fr. Gali)
3:30-4:30 pm - Confessions
5:00 pm - Vigil Mass in English

Sunday, November 22 (Fr. Gali)
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
8:30 am - Misa en español - Ordenación de lectores, ministros de la copa, ministros de comunión, ministros a domicilio y TODOS los sacristanes
9:30 am - Coffee Hour
9:45-10:45 am - Religious Education
11:00 am - Mass in English - Commissioning of Lectors, Ministers of the Cup, Ministers of Communion, Homebound Ministers, and ALL Sacristans

Monday, November 23
No Mass or devotions
12:30 pm - Rosary Makers in the Parish Building

Tuesday, November 24
No Mass or devotions

Wednesday, November 25 (Fr. Gali)
1:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul
4:45-5:15 pm - Confessions
5:30 pm - Mass with Vespers
***NO** Bible Study after Mass - in the Social Hall
****NO** Choir Practice after Mass, (Choir Loft)
6:00 pm - OCIA in the Parish Building

Thursday, November 26 (Fr. Gali)
Thanksgiving Holiday
Parish Office and Church closed
NO 11:15-11:45 - *Confessions*
9:00 am - *Mass*
NO12:30 pm: Rosary Makers
NO 7:00 pm - Hispanic OCIA in the Social Hall

Friday, November 27 (Fr. Gali)
Day After Thanksgiving
Parish Office and Church Closed
NO Mass or devotions
NO 11:15-11:45 am - Confessions
NO 12:00 pm - Mass
12:00-7:30 pm - Adoration
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00-9:00 pm - MMI/Hispanic Prayer Group

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE
November 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY
The Parish Office and church will be closed except for Mass
NO Confessions
9:00 am - Mass
November 27 - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
Parish Office and church will be closed
NO Mass, confessions or devotions

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 next weekend November 29.

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.

Lord, pour out Your mercy upon the souls in purgatory especially those who have no one left to pray for them. Cleanse them of every stain and draw them closer to the glory of Your presence. May Your love assure them they are known and cherished by You. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR ALL DAILY MASSES IN NOVEMBER: For the souls all of the faithful departed.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 5:00 PM: For the staff and faculty of the parish family and school.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026, 8:30 AM: *Pro Populo* (for the people).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026, 12:00 PM: For the repose of the soul of Keith Williams and the comfort of his family as requested by the Bereavement Ministry.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2026, 9:00 AM: In thanksgiving for blessings and graces received, as requested by Gloria Scheibe.



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 there is no suggested donation or stipend associated with them.

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CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Confirmation parents on Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 am in the Social Hall.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study on Wednesday, November 25.

THE ANGEL TREE HAS ARRIVED!

This year's Christmas Angel Tree is in the narthex! Parishioner support of this program is an impactful way to make a difference for needy children in our community. Christmas gifts for the children are *really* appreciated! We thank you in advance for supporting this program.

The Angel Tree is decorated with tags representing the Christmas gift wishes of children in need, as identified by the St. Vincent DePaul Team. If you want to be an Angel this Christmas, please take a tag and - **this is important - fill out the form on the nearby table with your name, contact information, and the Angel Tag number you choose.** Gifts should be wrapped and brought to the narthex or church office as soon as possible. All gifts must be at St. Mary's no later than Sunday, December 13, 2026 so we can distribute them to the families before Christmas. If you have any questions, call or text Ann at (530) 401-1638 or email to rannbeck@gmail.com

DECORATING THE COURTYARD

Please plan to help cheer up the Parish Office courtyard in Christmas fashion at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, December 6.

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. Meet in the Social Hall.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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.***

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN WASHINGTON COLLECTION

December 13

Each year the CCS Appeal for the Poor informs parishioners about the work of the Catholic Community Services and Catholic House Services (CCS/CHS) that together annually serves over 85,000 poor and vulnerable men, women and children in Western Washington.

FEAST 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
5:00 PM en español

NEW MUSIC FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent November 29 we will be joining with St. Joseph's and Queen of Angels in singing the following Mass parts in Latin for the Advent and Christmas season in the Journeysongs Book:

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy) 175
Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy) 177
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) 181

The melodies for these three will be the same as we sing every Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. Only the language will change. We do not sing the Gloria during Advent or Lent but we will hold a few brief practices of the Gloria (176 in Journeysongs) right before Mass in order to prepare for Christmas.

ST. FRANCIS PLAY UPDATE

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

OCTOBER MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP

Queen of Angels	$33,821.17
St. Joseph	$58,684.27
St. Annes	$11,572.27
St. Thomas	$1,675.00
St. Mary's	$20,721.88

Parish Stewardship
11/15/2026
Week #20

Actual/*Colecta Real*	$ 5,111.95
Budgeted/*Presupuesto*	$ 6,635.00
	$ (1,523.05)

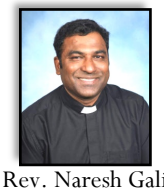
Year-To-Date/*Año Corrido*

Actual Collection/*Colecta Real*	$ 107,658.06
Budgeted Collection/*Presupuesto*	$ 132,700.00
	$ (25,041.94)

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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


Rev. Naresh Gali
Parochial Vicar


Rev. Jacob Maurer
Pastor


Rev. Ed. White
Parochial Vicar

ADMINISTRATION / ADMINISTRACIÓN

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(RESIDENT, PORT TOWNSEND, ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA)

REVEREND ED WHITE - PAROCHIAL VICAR
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SACRAMENTS / *SACRAMENTOS*

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

Wednesday	4:45-5:15 pm
Thursday	11:15-11:45 am
Fridays (except 2nd Fridays usually)	11:15-11:45 am
Saturday	3:30-4:30 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 12:00-7:30 pm

PRAYER CHAIN / *CADENA DE ORACIONES:*
Carol Hurley, ptcabin2@msn.com
Pat White 360-385-3063

EUCHARIST TO SHUT-INS AND THE ILL
EUARISTÍA PARA DESCAPACITADOS:
***CALL PARISH OFFICE AT 360-385-3700*

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY / *MINISTERIO DE DUELO:*
Vaughn Bradshaw 360-301-4255

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / *SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO:*
Requires prep. classes, please call 360-385-3700
Classes 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 (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

SACRAMENT OF ANNOINTING / *SACRAMENTO DE LANCIÓN*
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Línea de emergencia: (360) 809-6907, (para emergencias que involucran la muerte solo.

MASS ASSISTANTS
November 29

ALTAR SERVERS
SUN. 8:30 am: Victor / Emily
SUN. 11:00 am: Damian / Dominic

GREETERS
SUN. 8:30 am: Javier Castillo
SUN. 11:00 am: Carol Green

LECTORS
SUN. 8:30 am: Lucero / Isaac
SUN. 11:00 am: Courtney

MINISTERS OF THE CUP
SUN. 8:30 am: Maggi / Jose
SUN. 11:00 am: Joan

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Revelation 14:1-5	Revelation 14:14-19	Revelation 15:1-4	Sirach 50:22-24	Revelation 20:1-4, 11--21:2	Revelation 22:1-7	Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7
Psalms 24:1-6	Psalms 96:10-13	Psalms 98:1-3, 7-9	Psalms 138:1-5	Psalms 84:3-6, 8	Psalms 95:1-7	Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Luke 21:1-4	Luke 21:5-11	Luke 21:12-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Luke 21:29-33	Luke 21:34-36	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
						Mark 13:33-37