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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday at 9:15am  
*Saint Alexander*

Saturday Vigil at 4pm  
 (Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Monday-Friday 8am  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Holy Days as Announced



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## ***Padre's Ponderings***

Dear Parishioners,

Now that the Christmas decorations have been put away, we need to commit ourselves to allowing Christ to be born in us, through our words and deeds, every single day. Or, as the African-American theologian and civil rights leader, Howard Thurman, once wrote: *"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart."* As we enter now into the season of the Church's liturgical year known as "Ordinary Time," we should commit ourselves to the not-so-ordinary work of being the eyes and hands of Christ in the world today.

In other news, I want to draw your attention to a few upcoming events. All men of Saint Alexander and Saint Mary of the Bay are welcome to join us this coming Wednesday, January 18, in the main church at SMB at 6:30pm for a "Stump the Pastor" night. Every year, the Men of Saint Joseph hold an evening where they come with questions about the faith that I do my best to answer (and hopefully not get stumped!). All men are welcome to join us.

Next Sunday, the Christian communities of Warren will gather at Warren Baptist for an ecumenical prayer service at 1pm. It's good to join together with other Christ-followers and pray for unity. I hope you will consider joining us.

Lastly, you may know that Saint Mary of the Bay has a new ministry, M25:35, which serves migrants and refugees. We will be sponsoring a family of four from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and are looking to furnish an apartment for them. If you are interested in helping, please reach out us at [smb.m2535.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:smb.m2535.ministry@gmail.com).

Until next week,

*F. Joe*

∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

January 15, 2023

9:15am: The Lamarca Sisters

January 22, 2023

9:15am: John & Barbara Karcz  
*Requested by the family*

∞ UPCOMING EVENTS ∞

**Stump the Pastor**



All men of the parish are welcome to join us on Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30pm in the church. Fr. Joe will be on hand to answer any questions about the faith.

Hosted by the SMB  
Men of Saint Joseph

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*Do good; seek justice. -Is. 1:17*

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, at 1:00PM

The Christian communities of Warren will come together on Sunday, January 22, at 1pm at the Baptist Church in Warren (corner of Main and Miller Streets) to pray for Christian unity.

All are welcome.

∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/  
Jn 1:29-34

From today's First Reading:

*I will make you a light to the nations; that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6)*

Consider: **The prophet Isaiah spoke of how God, through Israel, would show his "glory" to all people and have his "salvation reach to the ends of the earth."** What do you imagine the world will look like when this happens?

From today's Second Reading:

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)*

Consider: **Today's reading is the opening greeting of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul tells the believers in Corinth that they (and all believers) are "sanctified" (blessed) and "called to be holy."** What do you think it takes to be blessed and holy?

From today's Gospel:

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)*

Consider: **In today's Gospel reading we hear John the Baptist testify that Jesus is the Son of God. If you had the chance, what would you tell people about Jesus?**

**TESTIFY**



"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

JOHN 1:34