

Catholic Life at Sea

Mission: We seek to give our students a positive experience of Catholic devotional life. We want the students to practice the faith because they choose to. This is accomplished by offering a large number of devotions and encouraging attendance through student leadership.

Leadership: The Holy Name Society is an honor society in the school based on character. Applicants must prove that they are men of character and that they are leaders in the school. Their participation and sponsorship of spiritual activities in the school will encourage the participation of their peers. The Ladies of Charity achieve the same objectives among the girls.

Daily Mass: Mass is offered each day in the school Chapel at 7:30 AM. During Advent and Lent, various teams and clubs are scheduled to attend mass as a group. Once a year, each homeroom attends Mass in honor of their patron saint.

Weekly Confessions: Confessions are offered in the Chapel every Friday during each of the lunch periods.

First Friday Mass: Ladies of Charity and Holy Name attend the 7:30 school mass and recite their respective pledges of the First Friday of each month.

First Friday Adoration: Ladies of Charity and Holy Name sponsor Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel during each of the lunch periods on the First Friday of the month. Holy Name boys get students to sign up and Ladies of Charity write Chapel Passes.

Stations of the Cross: Holy Name and Ladies of Charity sponsor Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 2:45 PM in the Chapel.

May Crowning: Ladies of Charity lead the school in crowning the statue of Mary in the courtyard in an afternoon ceremony in May. Teams are encouraged to attend in their jerseys.

Corpus Christi Procession: Holy Name leads the school in a Eucharistic Procession on the grounds of the school after school in the month of June. Teams are encouraged to attending their jerseys.

Days of Renewal: All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to attend a special day of retreat in school. Freshmen are generally scheduled to attend during November, sophomores during March, and juniors during February.

Altar Boys/Lectors: Young ladies are chosen to be lectors and young men are chosen to serve at our daily 7:30 A.M. Mass. They are chosen as freshmen and installed in a ceremony in the spring.

Holy Hour for the Family: On the first Monday of each month, a Holy Hour is conducted from 7:30 -8:30 p.m. in the school's chapel to pray for our school families.

Student Body Masses: Special masses are held in the Msgr. Gaffney Auditorium at 7:45 a.m. to commemorate special events throughout the year. These events include, but are not limited to, the Mass of the Holy Spirit to inaugurate the academic year, All Souls Day, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Rosary: During the months of October and May, the Rosary is led by the school Chaplain at 2:45 p.m. in the school chapel.

Chaplain: A full-time Catholic chaplain is available to conduct the school's pastoral ministry and to counsel the individual student as they travel their journey of faith here at St. Joseph by-the-Sea.