

Santa Maria del Mar Church Marian Statue Refurbished – Blessed January 2021

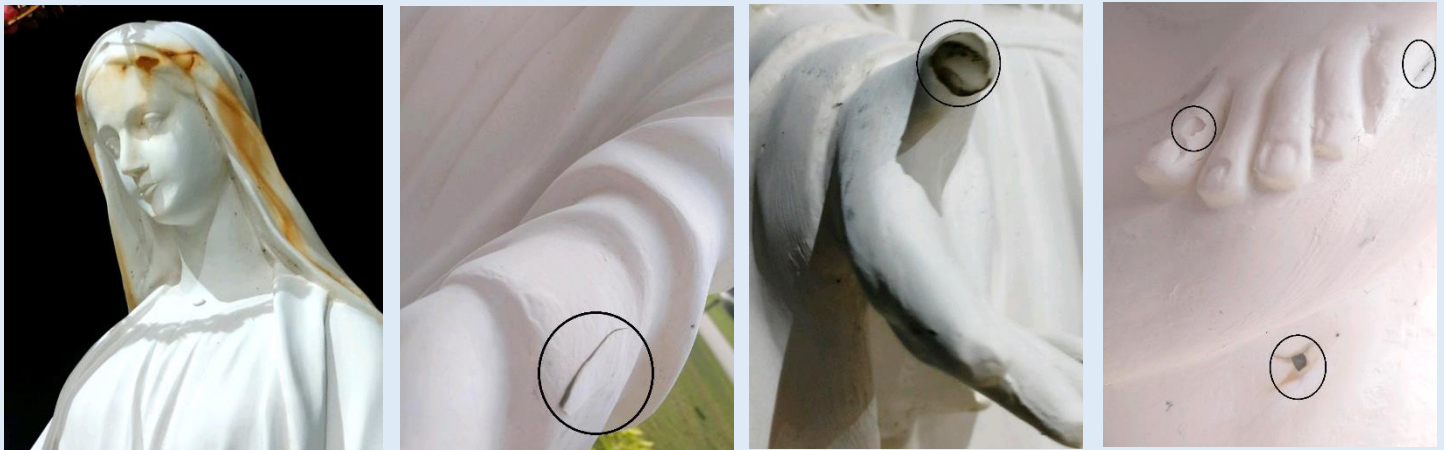
Fr. Manny Lopez blessed the refurbished statue of Mary in front of Santa Maria Church on the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary (January 1st). He also offered a special blessing to those parishioners that have lost a child. The ceremony took place just prior to the 10:00 AM Mass.

Brother Knight Tim Postemski and his wife, Diane, decided to undertake the refurbishing of the statue after noticing it was in need of repair. The statue had 28 holes, two cracks, rust streaks on the head and veil, as well as a missing thumb. 'Mary' was cleaned and all the repairs were made and sealed. Tim made a new thumb with a special epoxy. Diane made 'Our Lady' a head piece with 12 gold starfish

and pearls, one for each of the 12 apostles. The head piece is designed as an acknowledgement of our parish's namesake, 'St. Mary of the Sea'. Diane made a rosary with faux pearls to place in Mary's right hand. Roses are in the planter boxes on each side of the statue. Mary has been historically fond of roses in her many apparitions throughout history. Tim & Diane painted the sash around the waist on the statue gold. Gold represents love, compassion, courage, and wisdom.

The next time you are on your way to Mass, stop at her statue and honor the Blessed Mother. She is the patroness of our parish and of Knights of Columbus Council 10514.

PHOTOS OF SOME OF THE NEEDED REPAIRS



PHOTOS OF THE BLESSING OF THE STATUE

