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October 12-13, 2024

The 28TH Sunday in Ordinary Time



OFFICE HOURS
 Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Mon. Wed. Thu, and Fri. at 9:30 am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

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ST. MARY BT THE SEA CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	October 12
Rosary at the Wayside 11 am	
Mass 5:00 pm	Tina Hoult and Shawna Sharphead
Sunday	October 13
Mass 8:30 am	H Dale Bender Family
Mass 10:30 am	H Dean Bender Family
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass	
Monday	October 14
Mass 9:30 am	H Mike & Lois Kueller Family
Tuesday	October 15
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	October 16
Mass 9:30 am	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Galvin
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	October 17
Mass 9:30 am	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Galvin
Adoration after Mass until Noon.	
Friday	October 18
Mass 9:30 am	Jan Stern and Geoff Clark

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Israel Posos, Shirley Tarnesky, Gerald Fingly, David Nibler, Ashlee Fulop, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Melida Alvarado, Linda Guma Boaid, Colleen Willis, Barbara Boyle, Lloyd, Andrew Staruch, Bill Josi, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Diane Gant, Eduardo Hernandez, Anita Bender, Lin Storey, and Alicia Ritter.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR the soul of Lawrence (Larry) Susanka who passed last Monday. His funeral will be on October 28th at 2pm followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

SAVING THE HOLIDAYS: The holidays are challenging when you are grieving a loss. On Saturday, November 2nd from 12:30 until 2:30 we will have a Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays seminar that provides encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the season. You may register at griefshare.org/holidays or call Marie Hennessey at 503-355-2661

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES: We are excited to share with all of you that the Eucharistic Miracles display will be here at St. Mary's on October 26th and 27th in our Parish Hall. Viewing will take place before and after all weekend Masses. Please plan to attend this wonderful exhibit.

CIRCLE OF CARING: Do you like to sew, knit, or Crochet? Come join the ladies who meet in our Parish Hall from 10am until 1pm, every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday of the Month. They create beautiful quilts, prayer shawls, and other unique homemade items. Everyone in our community is welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: It is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission efforts. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message! We will have a 2nd collection at all Masses next weekend to benefit the World Mission efforts.

FRAUD ALERT: If you get an email or text from Father or someone else in our parish that is asking you to purchase a gift card for them because they are sick or can't do it themselves – Do NOT respond. This has happened to Father and Sister Joan and others in the past and to Loretta this week. Also, If you check the email it is not their real address. Always double check before responding to any such request.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering, you might consider helping with the gardening maintenance, which entails deadheading the plants, weeding, and watering etc. We are also looking for people to serve at Mass as Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in helping out just let Doris in the office know and she will get you connected to the right person for training/scheduling or answering your questions.

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence in order to seek true wisdom and to distinguish them from vanishing earthly realities, like riches or political and social influence.

Solomon chose Wisdom before everything else — and he received “everything else” along with it! Since Jesus is Wisdom Incarnate, when we put following Jesus ahead of everything else, we, too, receive “everything else” along with Jesus.

The second reading warns us that we are *accountable to God* for our use, or misuse, of His blessings, and that the “*living and effective word of God*” must be our guide in evaluating our use of His blessings.

In today's Gospel selection (Mk 10:17-30), we find three sections: a narrative about Jesus' encounter with a rich man, Jesus' sayings about wealth as a possible obstacle to discipleship, and Jesus' promise of reward for those who share their material possessions with the needy. Reminding the rich man of the commandments that deal with relationships with other people, Jesus challenged him to sell what he had, and to give the money to the poor. The disciples were shocked by this challenge. But Jesus declared that true religion consisted in one's sharing one's blessings with others rather than hoarding and/or getting inordinately attached to them.

TAKEAWAYS

1) **We need to accept the invitation to generous sharing.** Initially, Jesus, in generous, sacrificial love, gave us His very self; in response, we find rising in our hearts the desire to give Jesus our own total selves, and so to enter the Faith relationship which Jesus offers us. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but He does ask us to use them wisely in His service, not allowing them to gain control over our hearts. God gives us time, talents, health, wealth, and riches that we may use them as good stewards in the service of others.

2) **Let us make a check list of our priorities and attachments, and give God top priority:** Are anger, lust, gluttony, evil habits, addictions, jealousy, holding grudges, infidelity, or cheating among our habits as priorities? Let us invite God into our lives daily by praying for His strengthening grace and the anointing of His Holy Spirit so that we may give God top priority, keeping Bible as our guide.

3) **We need to gain eternal life** by living out our Faith in Jesus as our God and Savior, and, with God's strengthening grace, detaching ourselves from unnecessary attachments.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$3,641.30
Needy	\$76.10
Maintenance/Building	\$271.40
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Winter Survival Fund	\$20.00
Flowers	\$25.00
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