

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

October 23, 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 9AM - 3PM
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THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 22

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday October 23

Mass 8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

Mass 10:30 am Geoff Clark

CONFIRMATION CLASS 11:30 am

Monday October 24

Mass 9:30 am People of Ukraine

Tuesday October 25

No Mass and the Office is closed

Wednesday October 26

Mass 9:30 am Healing for the sick

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday October 27

Mass 9:30 am People of the Parish

Adoration after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

RCIA CLASS 3:30 pm

Friday October 28

Mass 9:30 am Lon & Karen Snider

RECONCILIATION CLASS 5 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Harold Stern, Ethel Pierzynski and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Rev. Jim Graham, Rev. Vincent Cunniff, Beatriz Leon, Patricia Croman Scott, Kurt Sours, Dick Scott, and all those who have died recently and for those who have asked for our prayers.

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 Colton Sutherlin, Bruno Gonzalez, Marianne Neyman, and Tony Vinciguerra



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

“TRUE HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE FOR OUR SINS SHOULD BE THE HALLMARK OF OUR LIFE AND PRAYERS”.

The first reading, from Sirach, is a perfect companion piece to the Gospel parable. In one striking image from Sirach, the writer declares “*the prayer of the lowly, pierces the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God.*” Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God. Although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all, the oppressed, the orphans, the widows, and those who can least help themselves are His special concern. The best prayer is humble and selfless service, without the evil of pride, the need for true humility, and the role of God’s grace in our salvation should permeate all we do in our lives.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

1) Let us evict the Pharisee and revive the publican in each of us. We become the proud Pharisee when we brag about our achievements giving no credit to God, when we seek praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments, and when we degrade others with insensitive comments, hurting their feelings. In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble publican (tax collector), by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings; by confessing to God daily our sinfulness; by asking for His strength through the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit living within us; and by becoming more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, serving Jesus in them as best as we can.

2) Let us include all the necessary ingredients in our prayers. Our personal prayers must include our request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, praise and worship, the unconditional surrender of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, the acknowledgement of our weakness and total dependence on Him, and finally, the presentation of our needs and petitions, accompanied by the fervent request for God’s strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit. Let us pray every day: “*Be merciful to me, a sinner.*”

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTIONS: This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday, which will benefit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

WINTER SURVIVAL FUND: Thank you to everyone that has supported our upcoming November Calendar Raffle to benefit the winter survival fund. All tickets have been sold and the winners names will be drawn soon, starting Nov 1 and will continue through Nov 30. We will have a cash prize winner every day. Fr. Akuti will draw the winners each day and post the winners name on the calendar in the vestibule. Once a week all winners for the week will be posted in the bulletin and also on our St. Mary by the Sea Facebook page. All cash prizes will be paid the first week of December. We will continue our Cookie Jar fund to benefit the winter survival fund. Again, thank you to all parishioners and visitors and all those that helped make this fund raiser a success.

FALL FESTIVAL: Next Saturday, October 29th from Noon until 3pm, we are having a Fall Festival Costume Party. This is an activity for all families of St. Mary by the Sea to have fun together. It is not a fundraiser and there is no charge to attend. Wear a costume, enjoy face painting, fun family games, pumpkin painting, photo booth and special guest Tino the Magician. Just plan to come and have a wonderful celebration with our St. Mary’s family.

ALL SOULS DAY is next Wednesday November 2nd. During the month of November, we pray for all the souls of the Faithful Departed. You are invited to put the names of your loved ones who have died on a piece of paper and insert it into the box that will be in front of the altar next weekend. Your loved ones will be included in our intentions at every Mass in November.

OFFERTORY

October 16, 2022	
Collection	\$1174.00
Building/Maintenance	\$50.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Seminarian Appeal	\$189.00

WINTER SURVIVAL FUND

Raffle Tickets	\$5120.00
Prizes	- \$1350.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>- \$209.00</u>
	\$3561.00
Cookie Jar	+ \$2029.30
<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>+ \$3064.00</u>
Total	\$8654.30