

# St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

**October 2, 2022**

**27<sup>th</sup> 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  
 Closed Monday and Tuesday.

## PARISH STAFF:

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## THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	MASS INTENTIONS
<b>Saturday October 1</b>	
Confession Available at 4:00 pm	
Mass 5:00 pm	Bryan Hunter
<b>Sunday October 2</b>	
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	+ Beatriz Leon
<b>Monday October 3</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Mary Ellen Wold
<b>Tuesday October 4</b>	
NO MASS - the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday October 5</b>	
NO MASS - the Office is open	
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday October 6</b>	
NO MASS – the Office is open	
NO Adoration this week	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
<b>Friday October 7</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Rodney Dahl

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW:** Please pray for Mary Alger, Ethel Pierzynski, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Beatriz Leon, Patricia (Tutu) 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 Tino Rodriguez and Evelyn Schweitzer.



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

### **QUALITY OF ONE'S FAITH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE QUANTITY**

All three readings for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time speak a lot about "Faith" and how it works in our lives. "To one who has Faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without Faith, no explanation is possible." (St. Thomas Aquinas). It is this Faith that is the nucleus of all of our readings today. The virtue of Faith enables us to believe something to be true and therefore worthy of trust simply because it has been revealed to us by God. In his instructions to Timothy, Paul, elsewhere defined Faith as, "the assurance of the things hoped for," shows Faith operating as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ. Finally, Christian Faith, is that trusting Faith in God in action, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity and total commitment to Him, resulting in our offering ourselves to Him in those we encounter, through our humble, loving service.

The first reading presents Faith as trusting in God and faithfully living out His Covenant with us. Here, Faith is shown as hope and steadfast expectation in the face of suffering and delay. God assures the prophet that Faith gives us access to Divine power, and, hence, the just will live righteous lives in the midst of encircling evil because of their Faith. In the second reading, Paul presents Faith as our acceptance of Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of God. He stresses the need for a living Faith in, and loyalty to, Christ's teachings handed down to us by the Church. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his Apostles that Faith is sharing in God's power, and, hence, even in small quantities, it allows God to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. While the Apostles ask for an increase in the quantity of their Faith Jesus reminds them, and us, that the quality of one's Faith is more important than the quantity. A small amount of deep Faith can accomplish great things if that small amount of Faith is placed in a great, mighty, and all-powerful God.

### **TAKEAWAY MESSAGES**

1) We need to thank God, giving Him the credit for our well-being. Sometimes people can be inclined to forget God's providence when our earthly affairs are going well. They pray to Him only when trouble strikes. In His Infinite Goodness, God often answers such prayers. Stronger Faith enables us to accept the adversities and the trials of life asking God, "Increase our Faith, Lord!" at all times.

2) We need to increase our Faith by becoming dutiful servants of God. We grow in Faith as we act in Faith. A sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles can do more good than a series of sermons given by some renowned theologian.

**NO MASS** this Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday while Father Akuti is attending the Priest Convocation in Salem.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS:** Please come and join fellow parishioners in reciting the rosary. We will begin 30 minutes before each Mass. We are looking for someone to lead the rosary, if you are interested, contact either Father Akuti 424-410-0097 or Gladys Jacobsen 503-347-6149.

**SEMINARIAN APPEAL:** Your prayers and gifts make Archdiocese seminarian formation possible. Each seminarian's expenses can cost more than \$50,000 annually. 100% of your gift to this appeal will go to the formation of priests who will serve in western Oregon. Please pray for our Seminarians and for the success of our Seminarian Appeal today.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Classes have begun for those wishing to join the Catholic Community RCIA or for those who will be receiving their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. RCIA meets every Thursday at 5PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes are every Friday at 5pm, and the Confirmation class meets every Sunday after the 10:30 Mass.

**WINTER SURVIVAL FUND:** St. Mary by the Sea will be having our First Fund Raiser to Benefit the Winter Survival Fund. Our Goal is to eventually raise \$32,000 to replace funds used recently to pay bills. Today we are selling tickets in the back of the church for our November Raffle. Cash prizes will be given out daily in November. There is a brochure in the back that explains how it will work. The Odds are Good!! We look forward to you helping us meet our fund-raising goal.

**ROSARY RALLY:** Please Join us in praying for our nation on October 15, 2022 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Rockaway Wayside. Contact Wayne Schultz at 503-322-4325. Pray for good weather and God Bless!

**FALL FESTIVAL:** On October 29<sup>th</sup> 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. There will be food, games, and lots of fun.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of the Haiti women and St. Aloysius school girls, we thank all who donated, worked, and shopped at our yard sale last weekend. Lucy Davis expressed how we all felt: "I had one of the most blessed and great days of my life. There was so much JOY in every second of the day for me. It was so special working with so many other volunteers on a common goal. I was also very thankful for the coffee cake, the hotdogs, and our hard-working volunteers. The funny thing is, Mike did not kill me when I also got into the spirit of shopping!!! I'm already waiting to be able to help with another project!!!"