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October 5-6, 2024

The 27TH Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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. and Fri. at 9:30 am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

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

Day	Date	Mass Times / Intentions / Events
First Saturday	October 5	Mass 8:30 am Darren Bender Family Adoration for one hour following the Mass Mass 5:00 pm People of the Parish
Sunday	October 6	Mass 8:30 am H Dexter Massey Mass 10:30 am Glen Hayley & Joey DeCoteau Sunday School 10:30 am Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass
Monday	October 7	Mass 9:00 am + Dean DeGidio
Tuesday	October 8	No Mass and the Office is closed
Wednesday	October 9	No Mass and the Office is Open Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm
Thursday	October 10	No Mass or Adoration and the Office is Open Circle of Caring 10 am
Friday	October 11	Mass 9:30 am H Rob and Laura Bender
Saturday	October 12	Wayside Rosary at 11 am

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for 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 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 Sheila Vanaman, Blake Rocha, Andie Moore, and Tony Barragan Lara.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK: Father will be attending the Archdiocese Convocation Meeting in Newport. We will only have Mass on Monday and Friday this week. No Adoration and No Mass on Wednesday or Thursday.

FALL STUDY GROUP: The fall theology study, *Salvation, What Every Catholic Needs to Know*, will begin meeting on Thursday, October 10, from 6-7 PM in the parish hall. Weekly meetings will continue on Thursday evenings through November 7. If you do not have a book, please pick one up from the table in the vestibule. Parishioners who have registered will receive a reminder call and we ask that you read the preface and Chapter 1 before the first meeting, if you can. If you would like to attend but have not signed up, it's not too late. Contact Doris in the office to register.

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

GRIEF SHARE: The October Grief Share cycle has been canceled. We will schedule another one in the future as the need arises.

APPLE CIDER PARTY: Don't forget to attend our Apple Cider making party next Saturday, October 12th at 2pm. Though not required to participate, you can Sign up to bring a bag of apples and watch them become cider. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Also bring an empty jug so you can take some cider home with you.

WAYSIDE ROSARY: America needs Our Lady of Fatima. Please join us at the wayside here in Rockaway Beach on Saturday, October 12th at 11am. We will pray the Rosary together. Our Lady continues to invite us to have renewed hope, to deeper conversion of our hearts to Christ, and to remind us of her loving intercession before her Son for all our needs and prayers.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Scott Galvin and Teanjai Sai-Lim who were Married today here at St. Mary by the Sea!

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading, taken from Genesis, explains God's original plan concerning sex and marriage. It teaches us that God made man and woman for each other. Hence, in marriage they are no longer two but one, united by an unbreakable bond. The reading also describes the institution of marriage and shows that monogamy was God's intention from the very beginning.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 128) expands the marital theme of the first reading and the Gospel to include the children born of the union. Since the children enrich the lives of their parents, the Psalmist prays: "*May you see your children's children.*"

The second reading, taken from the Letter to the Hebrews, reminds us that Jesus became one of us, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. As one of us, Jesus "*tasted death for everyone.*" He was not only the Sacrifice, but also the High Priest. We are now Jesus' brothers and sisters, bonded with Him, and through Him bonded with God. Thus, Christ became the Savior of all people – the good, the bad, the divorced, everyone, and received all of us as brothers and sisters. Jesus' prohibition of divorce can be a source of suffering for those who face difficult married lives. Paul suggests that we have to accept pain as Jesus did, as part of the suffering we all have to endure on the way to glory.

Today's Gospel gives Christ's explicit teaching on marriage and divorce, the Divine origin of marriage, the sacredness of family life, and the indissolubility of marriage. These are difficult messages to preach in a society that embraces co-habitation and ignores both the escalating divorce statistics and the dangerous consequences of divorce. The Gospel teaches that family life is sacred, that husband and wife are partners with equal rights, and that the destruction of the family by divorce is producing the destruction of society.

SOME TAKE AWAYS

1) Both spouses need to work hard to create a good marriage: Marriage demands that they should become the right persons for each another as God-given gifts. Marriage is a union based on committed sharing, and forgiving, sacrificial, *agape* love. It requires many mutual adjustments; much mutual generosity, and great good will, to forgive and ask for forgiveness; sincere cooperation in training children and raising them as practicing Catholic Christians; and daily strength from God obtained through personal and family prayers and punctual, at least weekly, participation in the parish liturgy.

2) We need to reach out with Christian sympathy to the divorced and to troubled families. The parish community needs to accept these brothers and sisters with respect, compassion, sensitivity, love, and support, sharing the depth of their pain from a failed, or failing, marriage.

POPE FRANCIS DECLARES OCTOBER 7th A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

The Holy Father calls on all Catholics to pray and fast for peace next Monday. He urges us to respond to the "winds of war and fires of violence" by serving humanity during this critical moment in history.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$4,279.00
Needy	\$51.10
Maintenance/Building	\$302.00
Votive	\$.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$100.00
Hospitality	\$.00
Seminarian Appeal	\$7,671.35