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FAITH FORMATION: Louise Rosas

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Steve Bloom, Wayne Schultz, and Mike Davis.

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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

October 8, 2023

27th 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.



THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY MASS INTENTIONS

| ACTIVITY | MASS INTENTIONS |
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| Saturday October 7 | |
| First Sat. Mass 8:30 am | + Gary Stanger |
| Reconciliation 4 pm | |
| Vigil Mass 5 pm | + Adam Brecht |
| Sunday October 8 | |
| Mass 8:30 am | Dean Bender Family |
| Mass 10:30 am | + Gwen Medina |
| Monday October 9 | |
| Mass 9:30 am | + Cora & Joseph Ridgeway |
| Tuesday October 10 | |
| No Mass | |
| Wednesday October 11 | |
| Mass 9:30 am | Jordan Fulop |
| Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm | |
| Thursday October 12 | |
| Mass 9:30 am | + Bob & Ginny Broswick |
| Adoration is after Mass until noon | |
| Circle of Caring 10 am | |
| Friday October 13 | |
| Mass 9:30 am | + Gilbert Waitkus |

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Ron Peterson, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Andy Mahindru, Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Gwen Medina, John Ritter, Joseph Douherty, Thomas Leith, Robert Leighton, Joao Pinto Jr., Julie Moore, Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Art Pieretti, Marilou Bowman, 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 Blake Rocha.



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REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The focus of today's readings is the necessity of bearing fruit in the Christian life. The readings warn us of the punishment for spiritual sterility, ingratitude, and wickedness.

In today's first reading, called, *Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard*, the prophet describes God's care of, and expectations for, His Chosen People. God's Chosen People failed to bear fruit, in spite of the blessings lavished upon them by a loving and forgiving God. Further, they were poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Hence, God laments: *"I expected My vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour ones instead?"*

In the second reading, Paul tells Philipians about the high expectations he has for them, reminding them that they need to become fruit-producing Christians by praying and giving thanks to God and by practicing justice, purity, and graciousness in their lives.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells an allegorical parable in which the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel. The story emphasizes the failure of the tenants, the Chosen People of God and their leaders, to produce fruits of righteousness, justice, and mercy. Giving a theological explanation of Israel's history of gross ingratitude through the parable, Jesus reminds us Christians that, since we are the "new" Israel, enriched with additional blessings and provisions in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the kingdom, fruits of the Holy Spirit, in our lives, giving Him all the Glory.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

1) Are we good fruit-producers in the vineyard of the Church? Jesus has given the Church everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing. a) The Bible to know the will of God. b) The Sacrament of Holy Orders to consecrate bishops, priests, and deacons to lead the people in God's ways. c) The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the remission of sins. d) The Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food. e) The Sacrament of Confirmation for a dynamic life of Faith. f) The Sacrament of Matrimony for the sharing of love in families, the fundamental unit of the Church. g) The Sacrament of (Last Rite) Anointing to restore and strengthen spiritual life and bring mental emotional and physical healing as well, if that is what God wills. h) Role models in thousands of saints. We are expected make use of these gifts to produce fruits for God.

2) Are we fruit-producers in the vineyard of the family? By the mutual sharing of blessings, by sacrificing time and talents for the members of the family, by humbly and lovingly serving others in the family.

3)-Just as the landowner gave the tenants a fully equipped vineyard in which to work and produce, God creates the possibilities for work, fruitfulness and success for us too. He provides us with opportunities and resources and trusts that we will make the most of these. Our own, personal vineyards are completely unique. Do we recognize how our lives are molded by God? Do we recognize the opportunities and resources that God has given us?

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

POTLUCK PARTY: Join us in welcoming back Father Akuti after the 10:30 mass with a potluck party. It will be a, **"So happy you're back Father!"** We all know how much Father enjoys our potlucks, please let him know how much you've missed him by joining us.

FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation classes will begin in soon. If your child is going to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, Communion, or Confirmation. Or, if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, you will find RCIA forms and Sacramental registration forms on the table in the vestibule. All paperwork needs to be returned as soon as possible to the office or in the vestibule.

GRIEF SHARE: Join us on Tuesday from 10am-12pm in St. Mary by the Sea parish office. Information is available in the vestibule. Please Register at griefshare.org. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Marie Hennessy - mariehennessy@msn.com.

HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON: November 30 - December 2 Do you ever feel broken? Are you hurting physically or spiritually? Do you ever feel like you're wearing a mask, trying to be what everyone else wants? God is calling you to be whole and be healed! Join Archbishop Sample on this journey to wholeness as we welcome Christ's divine love that brings the healing we ardently desire. You can register here: JPIIHEALINGCENTER.ORG

ROSARY RALLY: Join us in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday October 14th at 12:00 noon at the Rockaway Beach Wayside. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 22,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. We hope that you will be able to join Wayne, who is organizing our rally, and other Catholics on this very important day.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

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| Offertory Collection | \$2,883.00 |
| Needy | \$50.00 |
| Maintenance/Building | \$165.00 |
| Votive | \$3.00 |
| Flowers | \$25.00 |
| Hospitality | \$4.00 |