

# St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

**October 9, 2022**

## 28<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

Parish website: [stmarybythesea.com](http://stmarybythesea.com)  
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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 8</b>	
Confession Available at 4:00 pm	
Mass 5:00 pm	Carrie, Rudy, and Sophie Munzel
<b>Sunday October 9</b>	
Mass 8:30 am	Tina Sarnelli Hoult
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday October 10</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Judy Haltiner
<b>Tuesday October 11</b>	
NO MASS - the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday October 12</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Bill Croman Jr.
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday October 13</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Debbie Belport
<b>Adoration</b>	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
<b>Friday October 14</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Shawna Sharphead

### 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. Vincent Cunniff, 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 Blake Rocha, Andie Moore, Lynn Foussard, and Diane Gant.



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

### “Grateful for what we have received”

Naaman, the Syrian military commander in the first reading, was an outcast, not only because of his leprosy, but because he was also a non-Israelite, a pagan. But he returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for curing his leprosy, and as a sign of his gratitude, transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel.

St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God because God will always be faithful to His people.

Today’s Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a “Samaritan, considered by the Jews as heretic”), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way. Perhaps, they were under the false impression that healing was their right as God’s “chosen people.” So, they hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. “Where are the other nine?” Jesus asked the returned Samaritan and the crowd rhetorically. Today’s readings also remind us that Faith and healing go hand in hand. It was Faith that prompted Naaman to plunge himself into the waters of the Jordan River, and it was Faith in Jesus which prompted the lepers to present themselves first to Jesus and then to the priests. The readings also demonstrate the universal love of God for all peoples, including the Samaritans (whom the Israelites hated), and the pagans, Israel’s enemies, whom Naaman represented.

### SOME TAKEAWAYS:

1) We need to learn to be thankful to God and to others. We can express our gratitude to our loving and providing God by offering grace before meals and by allotting a few minutes of the day for family prayer. Let us show our gratitude to our forgiving God by forgiving others and by loving God in them, radiating His love, mercy, and compassion to all we encounter, including our families and friends. It is by taking good care of our old and sick parents that we express our gratitude to them for the loving sacrifices they have made in raising us.

2) We need to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the supreme act of thanksgiving: The Greek word “Eucharist” means profoundly religious and thoroughly spiritual “thanksgiving.” When we celebrate Holy Mass together, we are thanking God for giving us the great gift of His Son in the Holy Eucharist so that we can share His Divine life and recharge our spiritual batteries, and for giving us His teaching, guiding, strengthening Holy Spirit. We express our thanks to God as a parish community by sharing our time, talents, and material blessings in the various ministries and services of the parish and by our active participation in its outreach programs in the community.

## 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.

**OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:** Besides our St. Mary by the Sea webpage, you can also get information and interact with us on Facebook. Login and go to our page for pictures and information about upcoming events. There is a link on our website or you can just go to [facebook.com/stmarybythesea/rockawaybeach](https://facebook.com/stmarybythesea/rockawaybeach)

**FAITH FORMATION:** Classes have begun for all the Sacraments. Infant/child Baptism are done by appointment. Please contact Father Akuti or Doris in the Office. The days and times for the other Sacraments are:

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** makeup class at 2:30 today, Sunday.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Reconciliation** classes are every Friday at 5pm.

**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. So far we have collected/raised \$4,330. 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 this Saturday, October 15, 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 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.