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November 10, 2024

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
 Mon. Wed. Thu, & Fri. at 9:30am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR 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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Willie Helwig, Mary Reynolds, Debra Lee, Israel Posos, Gloria Lyons, Paula and Ted Mercer, 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, 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 Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, 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 Barb Schell, Phillip Curtis, Roxy Schultz, Val Franciscone, Brent Rocha, and Dorence Cote.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	November 9
Mass 5:00 pm	Debra Lee
Sunday	November 10
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	Roxy Schultz and John Magnano
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass	
Monday	November 11
Mass 9:30 am	Tim and Barb Croman
Tuesday	November 12
No Mass	
Wednesday	November 13
Mass 9:30 am	Israel Pozos Leon
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	November 14
Mass 9:30 am	Karen Snider and Bryn and Matt Hunter
Adoration after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am until 1 pm	
Friday	November 15
Mass 9:30 am	Christina Zaremba

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT IS QUICKLY APPROACHING. Come join us Saturday, November 30th at 10am, in making advent wreaths! Enjoy warm drinks and homemade goodies while we make wreaths with candles to take home. Free of charge!

NEW PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON THE SACRED HEART:

Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us") presents the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a timely answer to today's challenges. It emphasizes the need for deeper love and human connection in a world shaped by technology, conflict, and crisis.

HOLY LEAGUE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: This year's conference is being held on Saturday December 7th from 7am to 4pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Salem Oregon. Plan to attend with a friend or by yourself. Ignite your faith and become the strong Catholic man that God calls you to be.

CHRISTMAS BAZAARS: Court **Sacred Heart** are holding a Christmas Bazaar on November 16th from 9am - 4pm in Sacred Heart's Parish Hall. We invite you to stop in and check out the variety of Christmas decorations available. Proceeds to benefit Local Charities. **St. Joseph's** in Cloverdale is also having their 65th annual old fashioned Christmas Bazaar on Saturday December 7th from 9am to 3pm. Enjoy their homemade goodies plus quilt and grocery raffles and gift baskets and handcrafted items. **Circle of Caring** is having their annual Bazaar on December 7th and 8th and December 14th and 15th. Right here at **St. Mary by the Sea**, in our Parish Hall after all the Masses on both weekends. Their homemade and unique items are always a joy to see and buy for the holidays.

LAP QUILT RAFFLE! Tickets for the lap quilts are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. They are being sold after all the Masses so stop in the vestibule and one of the Circle of Care ladies will be happy to help you and show you the quilts. The Drawing will be after the 10:30 Mass on December 15th. All proceeds from the raffle will go to St. Mary by the Sea's greatest need.

ASCEND: Formerly, Catholic Schools Endowment Foundation: We at Ascend believe Catholic schools make an enormous difference for students, preparing them in all dimensions (spiritually, intellectually, morally, and physically) for life and all its challenges. Our mission is to provide tuition assistance based on financial need to families in Western Oregon who wish to send their children to Catholic schools. Ascend operates independently from the Archdiocese of Portland and from scholarship or other tuition assistance programs at individual schools. All families who wish to send their children to Catholic schools in Western Oregon and can demonstrate financial need are eligible for Ascend tuition assistance. We provide tuition assistance directly to families and this year we gave out more than \$750,000 to archdiocesan schools. However, due to rising costs in tuition, the need to raise money for assistance is greater than ever before. Help be part of the solution for these families, check out our website to learn more ascend-cseforegon.org

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading and the Gospel today present poor widows who sacrificially gave their whole lives and means of livelihood to God, symbolizing the supreme sacrifice Jesus would offer by giving His life for others.

In the first reading, taken from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow who has barely enough food for herself and her son welcomes the prophet Elijah as a man of God, offers all her food to him and receives her reward from God in the form of a continuing daily supply of food.

In the Gospel, Jesus contrasts the external signs of honor sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declares that she has found true honor in God's eyes.

The sacrificial self-giving of the widows in the first reading and the Gospel reflects God's love in giving His only Son for us, and Christ's love in sacrificing himself on the cross was a sacrifice far beyond the sacrifices made by any person.

TAKEAWAYS

1: We need to appreciate the widows/widowers of our parish: Even in seemingly prosperous societies, widows and widowers, in addition to their deep grief, often suffer from economic loss, from the burden of rearing a family alone, and from a strange isolation from friends, which often sets in soon after protestations of support at their spouses' funerals. Let us learn to appreciate the widows and widowers of our parish community. Their loneliness draws them closer to God and to stewardship in the parish. They are often active participants in all the liturgical celebrations, offering prayers for their families and for their parish family. Frequently, they are active in the parish organizations, as well as in visiting and serving the sick and the shut-ins. Hence, let us appreciate them, support them, encourage them and pray for them.

2: We need to accept Christ's criteria of judging people: We often judge people by what they possess. We give weight to their position in society, to their educational qualifications, or to their celebrity status. But Jesus measures us in a totally different way – on the basis of our inner motives and the intentions hidden behind our actions. He evaluates us on the basis of the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to His holy will. The offering God wants from us is not our material possessions, but our hearts and lives. What is hardest to give is ourselves in love and concern, because that gift costs us more than reaching for our purses. Let us, like the poor widow, find the courage to share the wealth and talents we hold. Let us share out our stores of love and compassion and dare to pour out our whole heart, our whole being, our "whole life" into the love-starved coffers of this world.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$1,216.00
Needy	\$.00
Maintenance/Building	\$30.00
Votive	\$.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$20.00
Hospitality	\$.00
All Sains Day	\$219.00