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November 17, 2024

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR:

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ
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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 Michael Herinckx, Juan Calderon Barragan, Maite Perez Carmona, and Bernardo Perez Carmona.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	November 16
Mass 5:00 pm	All Family members and Friends who have died.
Sunday	November 17
Mass 8:30 am	Woody Chambers
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass	
Monday	November 18
Mass 9:30 am	Joe Quan & Robin Swain
Tuesday	November 19
No Mass	
Wednesday	November 20
Mass 9:30 am	Mike Simpson
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	November 21
Mass 9:30 am	Gloria Lyons
Adoration after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am until 1 pm	
Friday	November 22
Mass 9:30 am	+ Art Pieretti

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST: Meals for Seniors is having a French Toast breakfast on November 30th from 8am until Noon. Join them for french toast served with link sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit compote, coffee and juice. It is by donation only and everyone is welcome.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: There will be a community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 28th, from 2pm until 4pm and sponsored by Judy Sours and Leon and Teri Bruneau. Come and enjoy Turkey or Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, rolls, cranberry sauce, vegetables, and dessert. It is by donation only and all donations will benefit Meals for Seniors.

HOLY LEAGUE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: This years 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: **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 Caring 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 are being given to our parish and will benefit the needs St. Mary by the Sea.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: Please be generous in this week's special collection. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins,

C.A.R.E. HAS NEEDS TOO! (This is a message from Dia Norris) Brrrr...tis the season: As cold weather is settling in, the needs for folks without resources becomes even more desperate. CARE, Inc. of Tillamook are in need of warm coats, clothing (adult), socks, underwear, shoes, and blankets (not fleecy because they are impractical outdoors). Of course cash donations are always greatly appreciated for covering utility needs and other family financial support. If you have items to donate, please bring them to St. Mary by the Sea and I'll gladly pick them up and deliver to CARE. Donations can be made by check to CARE, Inc. For more information, their phone number is 503 842 5261. Also, CARE is 2/3 of the way finished with "site prep" where the new homeless-housing pods will be installed and they are in need of a contractor to complete the work. If you are interested, or know of a contractor who might consider the job, they can call Marlisa at the CARE office. Thank you so much for all of your generosity year round. God Bless.

SIMPLY CHARMING,S WINTER COAT DRIVE: If you have any coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, or blankets. Please drop them off this week at Simply Charming @ 130 N Hwy 101 here in Rockaway Beach. They will start handing things out to children and adults who are in need of warm clothing on November 23rd.

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading, taken from the prophet Daniel (167 BC), was originally meant to comfort and give hope to the Jewish people persecuted by a cruel pagan Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes. It also advises us to live wisely and justly in the present time, instead of worrying about the unknown future.

In the second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews challenges us to look to the future with hope and serenity because Jesus, having secured the forgiveness of our sins and our sanctification through the sacrifice on the cross, sits forever at God's right hand as the one Mediator between man and God.

Today's Gospel, taken from Mark (AD 69), offered hope to early Christians persecuted by the Roman Emperor Nero, by reminding them of Jesus' words about His glorious return to earth with great power and glory as Judge to gather and reward the elect. Daniel and Mark continue to remind us that God will ensure that the righteous will survive the ordeal and will find a place with Him.

Through the parable of the fig tree, Jesus warns us all to read the "signs of the time," reminding us that we must be ever prepared to give an account of our lives to Jesus when He comes in glory as our Judge, because we cannot know "either the day or the hour" of His Second Coming.

TAKEAWAYS

1) Let us recognize the "second coming" of Jesus in our daily lives through everyday occurrences, always remembering that Jesus comes without warning. But let us not get frightened at the thought of Christ's Second Coming, because Jesus is with us every day, abiding with the Father and the Holy Spirit in our hearts, dwelling in our Church in the Holy Eucharist, teaching us in the Holy Bible, and unifying us with Him and each other in our worshipping communities.

We will be able to welcome Jesus in His Second Coming as long as we faithfully do the will of God by daily serving our brothers and sisters, recognizing Christ's presence in them, and by being reconciled with God and with our brothers and sisters every day.

2) We need to "learn the lesson from the fig tree." This means that we are to watch and wait in a state of readiness. Instead of worrying about the end of time events, we are asked to live every day of our lives loving God living in others with agape love.

ADVENT IS QUICKLY APPROACHING.

Join us Saturday, **November 30th at 2 pm**, in making advent wreaths! Enjoy warm drinks and homemade goodies while we make wreaths with candles to take home. Free of charge!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$2,307.00
Needy	\$51.00
Maintenance/Building	\$10.00
Votive	\$23.00
Hospitality	\$15.00
Gift Donation	\$1100.00