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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Saturday November 25

Reconciliation 4 pm

Mass 5 pm People of the Parish

Sunday November 26

Mass 8:30 am + Alice & Alvin Ruhland

Mass 10:30 am + Christopher Westover

Monday November 27

Mass 9:30 am John Terheggen

Tuesday November 28

No Mass

Wednesday November 29

No Mass

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday November 30

Mass 9:30 am Dave & Margo Terheggen

Adoration is after Mass until noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

RCIA Class 3 pm

Friday December 1

Mass 9:30 am Pastor Mike Grogan

Reconciliation Class 5:00 pm

First Saturday December 2

Mass 8:30 am Healing for all those who are sick or dying.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray Mary Alger, Ethel Pierczynski, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, 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 Lamar O'leary, Gwen Medina, John Ritter, Joseph Doherty, Joao Pinto Jr., Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Benedict, 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 Liz Schille, Joan Spiering, Sandra Watson, Dale Brosius, & Julian Croman.



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REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

“A KINGDOM OF JUSTICE, LOVE AND PEACE”

Paul visualizes Jesus Christ handing over the kingdom to God the Father at the end of time. This ideal kingdom is not something merely hoped for as a future gift, but something being worked for by Christians in the present time. The kingdom is indeed to be hoped for, but somehow it is also *in our midst*, in the process of becoming. Today's gospel shows how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom in our world. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who eases alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise.

The best way to honor Christ our King is to work for the unfolding and promoting of his kingdom. In working for the relief of deprived, oppressed or marginalized people, we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identified with people in need, right up to his final moment in this life. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of living in a gated community, resolutely secure in a fortress, comfortably “keeping myself to myself” with the lame claim that “I do nobody any harm.” To be deaf to the cries of my neighbor in need is to be deaf to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to be blind to Christ. To recognize Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king involves being carers or shepherds in some way ourselves; for the work of the Kingdom goes on until he comes again.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

- 1) We need to learn to be servers: Since Christ was a Servant-King we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others.
- 2) We need to use our authority to support the rule of Jesus. This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the public or the private realms to use it for Jesus by bearing witness to Him in the way we live. Parents are expected to use their God-given authority to train their children in Christian ideals and in the ways of committed Christian living.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO MASS THIS WEDNESDAY: Father will be attending a retreat so there will be no Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday this week.

ADVENT begins next Sunday. Come join us next Saturday, December 2nd at 10am, in making advent wreaths! Enjoy warm drinks and homemade goodies while we make wreaths with candles to take home. Bring the whole family, and learn new ideas on how to incorporate this tradition into your own home. Each family gets one wreath and 5 candles. Free of charge!

ADVENT DAY RETREAT, December 2nd from 9am-3pm, with Dina Marie at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave, Astoria, OR. No registration necessary, a free-will offering is appreciated. Refreshments and lunch will be served. Come and renew your heart as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas!

PRIME RIB DINNER FUNDRAISER; Mark your calendar for December 9th and plan to attend our Prime Rib Dinner. This is a fund-raiser to help update and repair our Church courtyard. The Prime Rib is being donated by Josi Farms. Tickets are \$30 and are available now. There will be two seatings 1 to 2:30 and 3 to 4:30. You must have a ticket to attend.

MINISTERS RETREAT: All staff and volunteers are invited to attend the Let Us Adore Him Retreat on December 14th from 9am-2pm at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel. Please RSVP by December 4th. To register or for more information, call Emma Seiler at 503-845-4097

YOUR BOOKS: Father has gotten two books for all of you to read and enjoy. They are The Rocking Chair Prophet and Beautiful Eucharist. Please stop in the vestibule on Your way out and pick up one of each book.

ADVENT PRAYER: You will also find the Latino Divina handouts for each week of Advent. Please take one and pray it each Day during the four weeks of Advent.

POEM: You will also find a poem “Heavens Grocery Store” which will both inspire and Make you smile, when you read it.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$3,626.00
Parish Gift Donation	\$100.00
Needy	\$88.00
Maintenance/Building	\$1,090.00
Votive	\$6.25
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$3.00