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## St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

**November 27, 2022**

## First Sunday of Advent

*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 26**

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm People of the Parish

**Sunday November 27**

Mass 8:30 am + Art Pieretti

Mass 10:30 am + Larry Matthews and  
Roy Terheggen

**Monday November 28**

Mass 9:30 am Jessica & Isaac Taylor

**Tuesday November 29**

No Mass and the Office is Closed

**Wednesday November 30**

Mass 9:30 am Ken & Doris Hillyer  
Matthews

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

**Thursday December 1**

Mass 9:30 am Julian Croman and  
Linda Donaldson

Funeral Mass for Art Pieretti 10:30 am

**Friday December 2**

Mass 9:30 am Steve Ferschweiler

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### A TIME FOR HEALING AND

**SORROW:** Please pray for  
Jessica and Isaac Taylor,  
Harold Stern, and all those who  
are sick or who need healing.  
Also pray for Art Pieretti, Marilou  
Bowman, Rev. Jim Graham,  
Rev. Vincent Cunniff, Godfried  
Bresser 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 this week to  
Sandra Watson, Dale Brosius,  
and Julian Croman.



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

### **BEING WATCHFUL BY HOPE, FAITH, AND CHARITY.**

Prophet Isaiah says that God is close to us, while in the Gospel, Jesus urges us to be watchful in expectation of his return.

The idea of “watchfulness.” If we ask Jesus to come close to us, we will train ourselves to be *watchful*.

Today’s Gospel reading presents us with the end of Jesus’ final address to his disciples, which can be summed up as: “Be watchful!”

“It is important to remain watchful, because one great mistake in life is to get absorbed in a thousand things and not to notice God.” We face the very real danger of being so “drawn by our own interests, and distracted by so many vain things, then we risk losing sight of what is essential.”

#### **Living in hope**

In the certainty that the shadows of night will be dispelled: “Being watchful in expectation of His coming means not letting ourselves be overcome by discouragement. *It is to live in hope*. If we are awaited in Heaven, why should we be caught up with earthly concerns? Why should we be anxious about power, wealth, fame, success, all of which will fade away? Why should we waste time complaining about the night, when the light of day awaits us?

Remember, staying awake is not easy; at night, it is natural to sleep.

Jesus’s disciples did not manage to stay awake even though he told them to, to the extent that they dozed off on various occasions and denied Him, letting Him be condemned to death.

That same drowsiness can overtake us. There is a dangerous kind of sleep: it is *the slumber of mediocrity*. It comes when we forget our first love and grow satisfied with indifference, concerned only for an untroubled existence.”

#### **The power of faith**

Faith is the very opposite of mediocrity; it is ardent desire for God, a bold effort to change, and the courage to love. Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns; it is not a tranquilizer for people under stress, it is a love story for people in love! How can we rouse ourselves from the slumber of mediocrity? The answer is: ‘With *the vigilance of prayer*.’ Prayer makes us lift our gaze to higher things; it makes us attuned to the Lord. Prayer allows God to be close to us; it frees us from our solitude and gives us hope. Prayer is vital for life; just as we cannot live without breathing, so we cannot be Christians without praying.

#### **The watchfulness of charity**

Another way to rouse ourselves from the slumber of indifference is with *the watchfulness of charity*. Charity is the beating heart of the Christian; just as one cannot live without a heartbeat, so one cannot be a Christian without charity.

Being compassionate, helping and serving others are things that win us the victory, since they are already aiming towards the future, the day of the Lord, when all else will pass away and love alone will remain. It is by works of mercy that we draw close to the Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus, take our distracted hearts and make them watchful. Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love..... Amen.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL:** We invite you to join in the praying for all the Departed Souls this month. You are invited to put the names of your loved ones who have died on a piece of paper and insert it into the box that is in front of the altar. Your loved ones will be included in our intentions at every Mass in November. Join us all month in reciting this prayer from St. Alphonse De Loughori.

*“O God, Author of Mercy, may this novena grant the souls in purgatory swift passage to the fullness of your divine Presence. Through these prayers, permit us solace in the absence of our loved ones and greater hope of reunion one day in heaven. May the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary for all departed Souls through the Mercy of God rest in Eternal Peace.” Amen*

#### **We pray for parishioners and others who died recently:**

Marilou Bowman, Louise Kaiser, Patricia Croman Scott, Richard Scott, Kurt Sours, Shirley Casey, Douglas Valpiani, Paul Stanton, Denny Hennessy, Mary Thurber, Jim Hatzenbihler, Jack Graves, Tom Moore, Leslie Goddard, Charles Miller, Felicísimo Jose Jr, Anecita Jose, Carmencita Dagdag, Mariano Jose, and Virgilio Jose.

**QUILT RAFFLE:** The Circle Of Caring quilt raffle ticket sales will be after weekend masses in the vestibule through November. \$5 each or 5 for \$20! In December the quilt will move to the church hall to be with the Circle Of Caring sale held the first two weekends in December after masses. The quilt tickets and sale will also be available during the upcoming spaghetti dinner on December 3rd in our parish hall. The Quilt winner will be announced after 10:30 Mass on December 11th. Proceeds from the Circle of Caring quilt and sale will be for the parish building maintenance fund

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Join us for spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert this Saturday, December 3rd from 4 pm - 7 pm in the parish hall. This is our last Winter Survival Fund fundraiser of the year, and donations are gratefully accepted. Bring your friends and family to this fun parish get-together!

**WINNERS** of the Winter Survival Fund Raffle for this week are Judy Sours, Rebecca Fulton, Barbara Croman, Dianne Bloom, Barbara Croman, Marilyn Backman, and Theresa Bruneau. Thank you and congratulations to the winners and good luck this week.

### **OFFERTORY AND ONLINE GIVING REPORT**

#### **Week of November 20th**

Offertory Collection	\$1,728.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$380.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Needy Fund	\$53.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$1,200.00
Votive	\$18.00
Hospitality Coffee & pastry	\$20.00

#### **Special Collections**

Religious Retirement Fund	\$1,000.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$1,841.00