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**St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church**

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**November 3, 2024**

**The 31<sup>st</sup> 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, Debra Lee, Israel Posos, Gloria Lyons, 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 Scott Rocha and Julie Kinstedt.

**THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE**

**MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS**

<b>First Saturday</b>	<b>November 2</b>
<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	Daniel Cusimano
<b>Mass 5:00 pm</b>	Judette Hemachandra
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 3</b>
<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Mass 10:30 am</b>	Jesse Dignan
<b>Sunday School 10:30 am</b>	
<b>Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 4</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	+ Larry Susanka
<b>Tuesday Election Day</b>	<b>November 5</b>
<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	Gloria Lyons
<b>Adoration after Mass until Noon</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 6</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Ernie Venes
<b>Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 7</b>
<b>NO MASS or ADORATION</b>	
<b>Circle of Caring 10 am until 1 pm</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 8</b>
<b>NO MASS</b>	

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:** We will have no Mass on Thursday or Friday this week and no Adoration on Thursday. Father will be attending a funeral.

**ON ELECTION DAY**, this Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> there will be Mass at 8:30am followed by Adoration until Noon. Praying for love, unity, peace and charity for our country. All are welcome to pray and spend some few moments before the Blessed Sacrament.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering, you might consider helping with the gardening maintenance, which entails deadheading the plants, weeding, and watering etc. We are also looking for people to serve at Mass as Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in helping out just let Doris in the office know and she will get you connected to the right person for training/scheduling or answering your questions.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL:** Next Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> the Western Oregon Catholic Charismatic Revival invites you to a Day of Renewal at Our Lady of the Lake Church Parish Center in Lake Oswego, OR from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join Fr. Tim Furlow and Dr. Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre to explore spiritual warfare, blending pastoral insights with mental health expertise.

### **CIRCLE OF CARING QUILT RAFFLE**

There Are Two Lap Quilts

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**



**Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20**

Tickets are being sold after all the Masses

**Drawing will be after the 10:30 Mass on December 15<sup>th</sup>**

All proceeds from the raffle will go to St. Mary by the Sea's greatest need.

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading presents Moses explaining the Law to the Israelites after his return from Mount Sinai. He tries to make the people reverence and obey the Law given by God as something that will bring them dignity, purpose, stature, distinction, and a unique place in history. He reminds them that keeping God's commandments will give them God's blessings of long life, prosperity, and fruitful, peaceful lives.

In today's Gospel, a Scribe asks Jesus to summarize the most important of the Mosaic Laws in one sentence. Jesus cites the first sentence of the Jewish *Shema* prayer: "*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength*" (Dt 6:4). Then Jesus adds its complementary law: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*" (Lv 19:18).

Thus, Jesus says, true religion is loving God and loving our fellow human beings at the same time. It is by showing genuine, active love for our neighbors that we can demonstrate that we really love God.

### **TAKEAWAYS**

**1:** How do we love God? We must keep God's commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise, contrition for our failings, and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Holy Bible and to participate actively in the Holy Mass and other liturgical functions. If I am going to love God with **all** my heart, soul, mind, and strength, then I am going to have to place His will ahead of mine, and to ask Him for help when I have to say no to some things that I might want to do. I am also going to have to seek the Lord's will and make it paramount in my life.

**2:** How do we love our neighbor: We love our neighbor by helping, supporting, encouraging, forgiving, and praying for everyone, without discrimination based on color, race, gender, age, wealth, or social status. If I am going to love my neighbor as I love myself, or as Jesus has loved me, it will cost me suffering as it did Jesus! I may have to seek forgiveness when I think I have done something wrong. I may have to sacrifice something I think I need, to meet a brother's need. I may have to spend time in prayer for other people and reach out to them, helping, encouraging, and supporting them in the name of the Lord.



### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

Offertory Collection	\$2,053.00
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Winter Survival Fund	\$20.00
Hospitality	\$7.00
Eucharistic Assoc.	\$375.00