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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church
PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136
December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent



PASTOR:

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri. 9:30 am
Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday - Friday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

ST. MARY BT THE SEA CHURCH 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.

If you have a local business and would like to have your information included on this page, please contact Doris in the office or send your information to PO Box 390, Rockaway Beach 97136. There is no charge but donations will be accepted.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 9AM - 3PM
Closed Monday and Tuesday.

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PASTORAL MINISTRIES

FINANCE COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Phillip Curtis, Loretta Schutten, Therese Southwick, David Conway, and Tony Vinciguerra
PARISH COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Steve Bloom, Chris Bloom, Gloria Lyons, Alicia Voss, Michelle Vinciguerra, Gladys Jacobsen, Carla McGillivray, and Paul Erlebach.
AMAZING PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM: Father Akuti, Lauri Conway, Loretta Schutten, Alicia Voss, and Bruce Broswick.
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: Loretta Schutten, Cynthia Sinn, Theresa Bruneau, Terri Southwick, Chris Bloom, and Michelle Vinciguerra.
CHOIR: Wayne Schultz, Dorence Cote, Anna Buchanan, Cynthia Sinn, Chris Gant, Diane Gant, and Israel Pozos' group.
LECTOR & EM COORDINATOR: Alicia Voss
FAITH FORMATION: Louise Rosas
CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Steve Bloom, Wayne Schultz, Mike Davis.
CIRCLE OF CARING: Ethel Pierzynski, Marie Hennessy, Rhoda Degiovanni, Reta Girdner, and Mary Filker.
CHURCH FLOWER DECOR: Gloria Lyons
GARDENING: Catherine Imbrie & Marie Hennessey
MAINTENANCE: Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 16
Reconciliation Service 10am-Noon	Mass 5 pm John and Tami Marick
Sunday	December 17
Mass 8:30 am + Brandon Best	Mass 10:30 am People of the Parish
Monday	December 18
Mass 9:30 am	Fred Badger and Mable Sharphead
Tuesday	December 19
No Mass	
Wednesday	December 20
Mass 9:30 am Josi Farms	Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm
Thursday	December 21
Mass 9:30 am Healing for all those who are sick	Adoration after Mass until noon
RCIA Class 3 pm	
Friday	December 22
Mass 9:30 am	John and Tami Marick

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Mike Franciscone, 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 Bob Foreman, Andy Mahindru, Lamar O'leary, Gwen Medina, John Ritter, Joseph Douherty, 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 Vanessa Riggen and Sarah Rocha.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$3,156.35
Parish Gift Donation	\$303.00
Needy	\$143.00
Maintenance/Building	\$.00
Votive	\$16.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Hospitality	\$.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$524.00

THANK YOU: What a wonderful group of people who volunteered and shared their time and talents to make the Prime Rib dinner and fundraiser a huge success. God Bless all of you for helping and participating.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday - December 24th
 Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 10:30am
 Christmas Church Decorating: Noon to 5
Christmas Vigil Mass at 7pm

Monday - December 25th
Christmas Mass at 8:30am
Christmas Mass at 10:30 am

Daily Mass at 9:30am on the 27th, 28th, & 29th
 Daily Mass at 9:30am on January 1st, 3rd, 4th, & 5th

Office closures for the Holidays

The office will be closed from December 25th until December 28th and from January 1st until the 4th.
During the holidays the office will only be Open on Friday December 29th and Friday January 5th.

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SOME KEY TAKEAWAYS

1) We need to learn how to survive a Faith crisis: If John the Baptist, even after having had a direct encounter with Jesus, the Messiah, had his doubts about Jesus and his teachings, we, too, can have our crises of Faith. On such occasions, let us remember the truth that all our Christian dogmas are based on our trusting Faith in the Divinity of Jesus who taught them, and on his Divine authority which he gave to his Church to teach what he taught. Hence, it is up to us to learn our Faith in depth and ask the Lord to remove our doubts.

2) "Go and tell others what you hear and see." We rejoice at the thought that Jesus is going to be reborn in our lives, deepening in us his gifts of love, mercy, forgiveness and the spirit of humble and sacrificial service during this Christmas season. Hence, let us joyfully share God's bountiful grace, forgiveness, and mercy with others. What Jesus commanded John's disciples, he commands us as well: *Go and tell others what you hear and see.*

3) We need to open our hearts and let God transform our lives: Today's readings remind us that our lives can also be transformed if we are patient and place our trust in God. We must prepare our hearts to recognize and welcome him by allowing a change of thinking about God, ourselves, and the world.

4) The rejoicing in the Lord needs the willingness to bear our share of the Christian work-load, to do our bit, in our time, to realize the goals of Jesus in our world. In these times of economic austerity and budget cuts that are endlessly debated, is no harm to be reminded of the blessings in our lives, our reasons to be joyful. For example, the love we enjoy with our family and friends, the pleasure of meeting new people, the solidarity we feel in our local community when people willingly help their neighbors in their needs; the consolation to be found in prayer, etc.;(C.S. Lewis), we too can be "surprised by joy," and re-discover gladness and meaning in life.

5) Our advent-mission to help the needy, if we are to carry on "the project of Jesus" – the commitment he always showed to people on the margins. Encourages everyone whose lives are peaceful and prosperous need not to be afraid to let the pain of the needy come through to them and touch them. The sort of carefree joy that lets us shut our eyes to the seamier side of life, and "pass by on the other side," is not the authentic joy announced in today's reading. Care for our neglected neighbors may stand in a certain tension with our personal sense of joy, but the two can and should be blended into the lifestyle of anybody who wants to build their life on Jesus.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Come at noon next Sunday to help with decorating the church for Christmas. Our goal is to have it finished by 5 pm at the latest. The Christmas Vigil Mass is at 7 pm.