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MAINTENANCE: Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

December 18, 2022

Fourth 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 December 17

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday December 18

Mass 8:30 am + Art Pieretti

Mass 10:30 am Fred Badger and
Mable Sharphead

CONFIRMATION CLASS 11:30 am

Monday December 19

Mass 9:30 am + Rita Mae Kellogg

Tuesday December 20

No Mass and the Office is Closed

Wednesday December 21

Mass 9:30 am Jamie Abel

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday December 22

Mass 9:30 am Fr. Macdonald Akuti

Adoration, after Mass until Noon

Red Cross Blood Drive Noon-5pm

RCIA CLASS 3 pm

Friday December 23

Mass 9:30 am + Art Pieretti

RECONCILIATION CLASS 5 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for
Harold Stern, Pastor Mike
Grogan 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
Sarah Rocha, Al Giacchero, and
Andrew Staruch.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

HIS NAME IS “EMMANUEL” - GOD WITH US

What is my singular name? The name God whispers in our intimate conversations? The name I hear in the silence between words, in the recesses of my heart? Much to ponder and pray. I think, however, there is more in this gospel reading. It speaks of a deep, interior faith, trust and joy. Mary’s trust in the announcement, “*Behold, the virgin Mary shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us*”. Joseph trusted the message of his dream, “*...it is through the Holy Spirit this child has been conceived in Mary. Joseph took Mary his wife into his home.*” We can imagine the possible initial weirdness but individually they both had faith and trust in the Spirit and so their relationship deepened in faith and trust in each other.

Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Mary’s days of physical pregnancy are drawing to an end. Her days of longing, anxiety, heaviness, weariness, discomfort and joy will soon be over. Mary will give birth to a Son. As directed, Joseph will name him “*Jesus*.” Today we too also have been impregnated with holy longing, desire and anticipatory joy waiting for Christ to be born, alive in ourselves. Mary’s days of pregnancy are numbered. Our days of pregnancy are timeless. Our Souls and hearts bulges with the Christ who continues to squirm, wiggle and at times kick us into awareness of his presence within us - physically, mentally and spiritually. Therefore, we have the privilege of birthing Christ every moment of our life. Just imagine that! Like Mary and Joseph, we, are invited to share in the same deep faith, trust and perpetual inner joy! Because of *Emanuel, God is with us*.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA: We encourage all to join in the Christmas Novena between December 16 and Christmas Day. Recite the Novena prayer below and then the Rosary. Our website has a link for additional reflections and prayers. ***“Hail and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure virgin, At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. At that hour deign, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires (mention your personal request) Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.”***

PARISH RENEWAL PRAYER DAY: On Saturday, January 21st we will have a Parish Renewal Prayer Day from 9am until 2pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend as we pray together to provide inspiration and support for our parish ministries.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK CLUB: All parishioners and neighbors are invited to join St. Mary’s Book Club starting in January 2023! We will be reading a wide variety of books related to our Faith!! The first book will be *Learning to Pray* by James Martin, SJ. a New York Time’s best-selling author. He explains how anyone can have an intimate relationship with God through prayer. Serving as a trusted and experienced guide, Fr. Martin provides a primer on the rich history of different styles of prayer. There is no one secret formula for prayer; rather, as in any relationship, everyone can discover the ways that work best for them. Prayer, he teaches us, is open and accessible to anyone willing to open their heart. And it is through prayer that we grow and change and become more faithful to God and more loving toward other people. This book can be ordered on Amazon or from your favorite book store. We will discuss two chapters at each meeting. The book club will meet twice a month on Tuesday mornings, January to May and September to December. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9:30am. We will meet in the Church Hall in person and via Zoom, so all may attend. Look for further notices in the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Vinciguerra at 508 878 3538 or by email at mavbeach@yahoo.com

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one to death? Have you learned valuable lessons and experienced healing from hurt? Would you like to help others to do the same? Then please call or email to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities with our Grief Share ministry. We plan to have the first meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information

CHRISTMAS MASS REQUESTS

MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
John, Michelle, Monica, Clare, and Molley Berghout	Loretta Schutten
+ Art Pieretti	Joanie Kinsman
+ Rita Mae Kellogg	Debra Lee
Polly Klingensmith	Mark & Lin Storey
+ Art Pieretti	Don & Jeanne Artz
Shawna Adams	Marie Hennessy
+ Aubrie Hennessy	Marie Hennessy
Kevin Hennessy	Marie Hennessy
+ Denny Hennessy	Marie Hennessy
John Ritter	Alicia Ritter
+ Kathy Ritter	Alicia Ritter
Mary Benoit	Willie Helwig
Rebecca Hoover	Ellie Hilger
Fr. Macdonald Akuti	Bill & Michelle Maitland

GIVING REPORT (Weekly Goal \$2663.46)

For the Week of December 10-16.	
Offertory Collection	\$8,249.30
Building Maintenance Fund	\$1,725.00
Parish Gift Donation	\$10,000.00
Flowers	\$0.00
Needy Fund	\$53.00
Votive	\$7.00
Hospitality Coffee & pastry	\$0.00
2nd Collection:	
Religious Retirement Fund	\$517.00
Winter Survival Fund	
Raffle	\$4,605.00
Cookie Jar Donations	\$5,129.30
2 nd Collections	\$3,064.00
Spaghetti Dinner	\$2,021.00
Other Donations	\$2,629.00
TOTAL	\$17,248.30