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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church
PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136
January 13-14, 2024
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR:

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ
padreakuti@gmail.com

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
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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

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS - EVENTS

Saturday	January 13
Mass 5 pm	Ethel Pierczynski
Sunday	January 14
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	Donna Holmes and Gerry Davis
Monday	January 15
Mass 9:30 am	Rachel Palmer
Tuesday	January 16
No Mass	
Wednesday	January 17
Mass 9:30 am	Justin Stubenrauch
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	January 18
Mass 9:30 am	Alaycia Bender
Adoration after Mass until noon	
Friday	January 19
Mass 9:30 am	The Downer Family

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Alan Pope, 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.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Gwen Medina, 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.

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 Motsinger and Olive Dougherty

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR MEALS ITALIAN DINNER fundraiser: On Saturday January 27th there will be 2 seatings, the first at 1pm and the second at 3pm. Reservations are required and tickets are only \$25 each. Get your ticket and come and enjoy this dinner. Creamy Chicken Carbonara served over pasta will be the main dish.

MISSION APPEAL: The Apostles of Jesus, Father Akuti's order, will be having a Mission Appeal to support both their Formation Program and to provide clean and safe water for the seminarians and staff. More information to come. Talk to Father if you have any questions. The Appeal will be February 3rd and 4th.

MARDI GRAS PARTY: Come and join us on February 10th to celebrate Mardi Gras. Tim Croman's Band "NE Day Now" will be providing the music and it will be a fun celebration for all. More details to come.

TAX STATEMENTS: The yearly tax statements are available in the vestibule this weekend. If they are not picked up this weekend, they will be mailed next week.

PARISH CENTENNIAL: In only a few years we will Be celebrating the Parishes Centennial. If you would like to help, we are looking for people with ideas and who would like to be a part of the planning committee. Contact Doris in the office if you are interested or have ideas.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$5,045.50
Gift Donation	\$303.00
Needy	\$153.00
Maintenance/Building	\$80.00
Votive	\$37.50
Flowers	\$50.00
Hospitality	\$13.00
Winter Survival	\$90.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading describes how Yahweh called Samuel to His service and how the boy Samuel responded to Him, saying, "*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*" Hence, God blessed him in the mission entrusted to him, and Samuel became an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God.

In the second reading, St. Paul explains to the Corinthians that their Divine call is a call to holiness. Hence, they need to keep their bodies pure and their souls holy, because by Baptism they have become parts of Christ's Body and the temples of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist claims that his vocation is to introduce Jesus to two of his own disciples as the "*Lamb of God,*" suggesting Jesus' vocation to become a sacrificial lamb to atone for our sins. The disciples followed Jesus to his residence, accepting his invitation to "*come and see.*" They stayed with him that day. Then Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus, presenting him to Jesus as the *Messiah*. Thus, today's Gospel also describes the call or vocation of the first apostles and challenges us to invite others to Christ by our Christian witnessing.

SOMETAKEAWAYS

- 1) Our Christian vocation is to live and die like the *Lamb of God*. We live like the *Lamb of God*:
By leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love;
By appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd for his Church;
By partaking of the Body and Blood of the Good Shepherd in the Holy Eucharist and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the Sacraments.
- 2) We are called to die like the *Lamb of God*:
By sharing sacrificially our blessings of health, wealth, and talents with others in the family, parish, and community;
By bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain, and suffering through our graceful acceptance of all of it;
By offering our sufferings for God's glory, as penance for our sins, and for the conversion of sinners.
- 3) Our call is to bear witness to the *Lamb of God*. Doing this requires a personal experience of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

We get this personal experience of Jesus in our daily lives through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers, and through our active participation in the Eucharistic celebration.

Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the *Good News* of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy, and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus.