

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday -  
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## PASTORAL MINISTRIES

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## St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

January 15, 2023

### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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 January 14

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm + Denny Hennessey

#### Sunday January 15

Mass 8:30 am Kevin Hennessey Family

Mass 10:30 am Donna Holmes and  
Gerry Davis

Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass

#### Monday January 16

Mass 9:30 am Justin & Wendy Stubenrauch

#### Tuesday January 17

No Mass and the Office is Closed

#### Wednesday January 18

Mass 9:30 am + Pam Parker

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

#### Thursday January 19

Mass 9:30 am + Denny Hennessey

Adoration, after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

RCIA Class 3pm

#### Friday January 20

Mass 9:30 am Lauri Stubenrauch

Reconciliation Class 5 pm

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### A TIME FOR HEALING AND

**SORROW:** Please pray for  
Diane Gant, Donna Molendyke, Jill  
Mulvey, Harold Stern, Pastor Mike  
Grogan and all those who are sick  
or who need healing. Also pray for  
Brixton (Wayne and Roxy's Great Grandson),  
Pope emeritus Benedict XV!, 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 Scott Motsinger and  
Claire Seeger.



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## A MESSAGE AND LETTER FROM FATHER AKUTI

Today's readings invite us to live like the Lamb of God and to die like the Lamb of God, and thus bear witness to Christ the "Lamb of God." We have to choose to accept John's testimony in today's Gospel as God's personal and corporate call to us to become witnesses to the Lamb of God. The Prophet Isaiah was chosen by God from his mother's womb and consecrated to be a "light to the nations."

While Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that they who call on the name of Jesus, are "sanctified and called to be holy." They are called by God and consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service. As believers, we too have been called by God to become members of Christ's Body by our Baptism, and we are consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service.

The Gospel presents three aspects, namely, the witness John the Baptist bears to Jesus, the revelation and identification of Jesus as the "Lamb of God," and the call to discipleship.

### SOMETAKEAWAY MESSAGES

1) We need to live and die like the Lamb of God by i) Leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying the Christ's commandment of love; ii) Appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in His Church; iii) Receiving the Body and the Blood of the Good Shepherd and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through the Sacraments and our prayers.

(B) Die like a sacrificial lamb by: i) The sacrificial sharing of our blessings of health, wealth, and talents with others in the family, parish, and community; ii) Bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain, and suffering: This bearing witness to Christ is an active, lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance, any **more than one can** be a distant lover.

iii) Offering our sufferings for the salvation of souls and in reparation for our sins and those of others.

2) We are invited to "Come and see." The essence of our witnessing is to state what we have seen and believed and then to invite others to "come and see" our experience of Jesus. As with Andrew and John, Faith begins with our responding to Jesus' invitation to "come and see." We tell others about good restaurants, barbers, service places, etc. We can have the same fervor of inviting and encouraging people to come and participate in our Church activities.

Dear Parishioners,

May God's blessings be upon you this Christmas season as we welcome the New Year 2023. May we all experience the child-like wonder and joy of the Incarnation as a mystery of love beyond our understanding.

The last several years have been challenging for the world and our own parish community. Our families and communities have been separated and stressed due to forces outside our control. But now is the time to begin again. It is time to renew and nurture our relationship with God and our community.

On Saturday, January 21, 2023, St. Mary by the Sea will hold a parish retreat of prayer and spiritual renewal in the parish center and all parishioners are invited to attend. The retreat will begin at 8:30 am with Mass and continue with a facilitated discussion on spiritual growth and renewal. We shall all join together for a lunch of chili or soup with corn bread and the final afternoon program to be completed by 2:30 pm.

Please join with us as we begin a new year; one of encounter with our loving God and Father, of growth in our faith, and in deepening our love for God and one another.

Mark your calendars for January 21 and look for further announcements in the bulletin.

Sincerely,

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. MARY BY THE SEA PARISH RETREAT

January 21, 2023

Rockaway, Oregon

To register contact Alicia Voss  
(503-656-4193) – call or text

**Facilitator:** Ryan Mainard, Ph D,  
Pastoral Associate at St. John the Apostle  
Parish in Oregon City, Oregon

### Retreat Program Schedule

8:30-9:00AM Mass in the church

9:00-9:15AM Gather/Refreshments in the  
parish hall

9:15-9:45AM Being Present: Fixing our eyes  
on Jesus and stepping out of the boat

9:45-10:15AM Pain and Healing

10:15-10:25AM Reflection

10:25-10:30AM Coffee break

10:30-11:00AM You, Me and the Prodigal  
Son

11:00-11:15AM Discussion

11:15-12:00PM Healing and Forgiveness

12:00-1:00PM Lunch

1:00-1:30PM Spiritual Horticulture

1:30-2:00PM The Anatomy of a Wound

2:00-2:20PM Prayer for Healing

2:20-2:30PM Conclusion

Please mark your calendar and plan to  
attend. Pastry will be provided after Mass  
and Chili or soup with corn bread for lunch.

Let us all join and pray that this Retreat will  
be a success.

Go to our website, or if reading this online,  
Join the retreat by clicking on this [Zoom Link](#)

### GIVING REPORT

#### For Last Week.

Offertory Collection	\$3,342.75
Building Maintenance Fund	\$510.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Needy Fund	\$93.00
Votive	\$3.00
Hospitality Coffee & pastry	\$0.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$209.00

#### WINTER SURVIVAL FUND – Goal \$32,000.00

Total collected so far is \$18,394.07.

We are still needing \$13,606 to meet our goal.

### YOUR YEARLY CONTRIBUTION

**STATEMENTS** are available in the  
vestibule. Those not picked up will be  
mailed January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any  
questions about your statement.  
Contact Doris in the office.

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY:** We plan  
to have our next meeting on Tuesday,  
January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Parish  
Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-  
703-6241 to help or for more  
information.

**BOOK CLUB:** All parishioners and  
neighbors are invited to join St. Mary's  
Book Club. On Jan. 24, at 10 am in St.  
Mary's Church Hall. If you are unable to  
attend in person the St. Mary's Book  
Club will also be available on a Zoom  
Link posted in the bulletin the Sunday  
before our Tuesday meetings. If you  
have any questions or would like me to  
order a book for you, please call me at  
508-878-3538 or email Michelle  
Vinciguerra at mavbeach@yahoo.com.  
Please feel free to invite any family or  
friends to join us.