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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

*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 31

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm Polly Klingensmith

Sunday January 1

Mass 8:30 am + Art Pieretti

Mass 10:30 am + Rita Mae Kellogg

Monday January 2

Mass 9:30 am John Ritter

Tuesday January 3

No Mass and the Office is Closed

Wednesday January 4

Mass 9:30 am Fr. Macdonald Akuti

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday January 5

Mass 9:30 am Mary Benoit

Adoration, after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday January 6

Mass 9:30 am + Aubrie Hennessey

Reconciliation Class 5 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for
Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, Jill
Mulvey, 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
Edwina Morgan, Marilyn
Shipman, and Deborah Jack.



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A MESSAGE AND LETTER FROM FATHER AKUTI

Since we celebrate the **Feast of Mary, the Mother of God** on New Year's Day, I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year. I pray that the Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary may enrich your lives during the New Year with an abundance of Divine blessings. Today's Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, is a very appropriate way to begin a new year, reminding us to rely on the powerful intercession of our Heavenly Mother. The Church also observes the World Day of Peace on this day and invites us to pray specially for lasting peace in the world throughout the New Year.
SOME TAKE AWAYS FROM TODAY'S LITURGY.

1) Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Hence, let us honor Mary, our Heavenly Mother, by practicing her virtues of trusting Faith, obedience to the word of God, purity and humble, selfless, committed service.

2) Let us make the New Year meaningful by having every day:

- a) Some noble thing to dream,
- b) Something good to do, and
- c) Someone to love, the first-person being Jesus.

3) Let us sanctify every day of the New Year:

- a) By offering every morning, all the activities of the day for God's glory, thus transforming them into prayers,
- b) By asking for the anointing and strengthening of the Holy Spirit to do good to others and to avoid evil,
- c) By remaining faithful to our family prayers and Bible reading at night,
- d) By asking God's pardon and forgiveness for our sins committed during the day and
- e) By seeking God's special protection during the night. Before we sleep, let us say, "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit.

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 potluck lunch and 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

GRIEF SUPPORT 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.

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 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**

GIVING REPORT (Weekly Goal \$2663.46)

For the Week of December 24-25.

Offerory Collection	\$3,818.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$300.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Needy Fund	\$53.00
Votive	\$5.00
Hospitality Coffee & pastry	\$10.00

Special Donations

Parish Retreat	\$600.00
Winter Survival Fund – Goal \$32,000.00	
Raffle	\$4,605.00
Cookie Jar Donations	\$5,129.30
2 nd Collections	\$3,064.00
Spaghetti Dinner	\$2,021.00
Other Donations	\$2,929.00
Winter Survival TOTAL	\$17,548.30
Other Donations	\$2,500.00

MASS INTENTIONS

1. John, Michelle, Monica, Clare, and Molley Berghout, Wayne and Roxy Shultz, Debbie Kirk, Monica, Joseph, Ras, Basil, and Annabelle Bowen and Gail Bowman requested by Loretta Schutten
2. + Art Pieretti requested by Joanie Kinsman
3. + Rita Mae Kellogg requested by Debra Lee
4. Polly Klingensmith request by Mark & Lin Storey
5. + Art Pieretti request by Don & Jeanne Artz
6. Shawna Adams, + Aubrie Hennessy, Kevin Hennessy, and + Denny Hennessy requested by Marie Hennessy
7. John Ritter and + Kathy Ritter requested by Alicia Ritter
8. Mary Benoit requested by Willie Helwig
9. Rebecca Hoover requested by Ellie Hilger
10. Fr. Macdonald Akuti requested by Bill & Michelle Maitland
11. Carol Bloom and Del Ras, Matthew and Amy Bloom, and David and Christina Bloom requested by Steve and Chris Bloom
12. Andy and Mary Ann Robinson, Doug and Sandra Girdner, Lynne Kelly and Denise Girdner, Milton and Linda Girdner, Johnny Jim Sullivan, and LaDonna Sullivan requested by Reta Girdner
13. + Larry Matthews, + Dorothy and Roy Terheggen, + Anne Lee and + Gene Terheggen requested by Doris Matthews
14. Vicki Croman and Family, Bryn and Isabel Vanderstoep, The Vanderstoep Family, The Hemachandra Family, Gladys and Kristine Jacobson, Father Larry Gooley & Karen Sousa, Lilian DeCoteau & Daniel Casimano, Lorraine Grant and Harold Stern, Steve and Laura Press, Fred and Sally Badger, Larry and Mable Badger, Sheri Shultz and Mark Lindford, Sheri Auditor and Heather Olson, Julian Croman and Hannah, Steve and Patrice Lahtinen, Father Macdonald Akuti, Gloria Lyons and Carol Cook, Mike & Lucy Davis, Doris Matthews, The Cota Family & The Evans Family, Wayne and Roxy Schultz requested by Barb Croman
15. + Art Pierett, and Loretta Shutten requested by Colleen and Leo Gabalis
16. Jack Bloom, Edith Nachajiko, Maryann Rizo & Family, Michelle & Tony Vinciguerra, the Gartin Family, and The Gerbi Family requested by Dianne Bloom
17. Jill Mulvey by Gladys Jacobson,
18. Alice Ruhland by Diane Gant
19. Jason Anthony Aldo Leone by Julie Leone
20. The Hawley Children (Michael, Megan, Erica, robert, Steven, Carrie, Lynn, and Lisa) and their families by Dennis and Denise Hawley