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**St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church**  
PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136  
**January 20-21, 2024**  
**The Third 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.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parish websites: stmarybythesea.com  
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Parish Office Phone: 503-355-2661  
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 9AM - 3PM  
Closed Monday and Tuesday.  
**PARISH STAFF:**  
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**PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Father Akuti, Phillip Curtis, Loretta Schutten, Therese Southwick, David Conway, Dia Norris, 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 Hennessey, 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 20</b>
Mass 5 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 21</b>
Mass 8:30 am	+ Adam Downer
Mass 10:30 am	John Bender
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 22</b>
Mass 9:30 am	+ Dominic Van Horn
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
No Mass	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Mary Alger
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Andre Cota & Emma Heathershaw
NO Adoration this week.	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
Mass 9:30 am	+ Nicholas Pronesti

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for John Bender, 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 Nicholas Pronesti, Gwen Medina, Lamar O'leary, 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 Mary Watson.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SENIOR MEALS ITALIAN DINNER:** Meals for Seniors is having an Italian Dinner Fundraiser next Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Dinner includes, Antipasto appetizer, Caesar Salad, Upper crust hearth bread, Chicken Carbonara Pasta and Tiramisu. It is only \$25 per ticket and by reservation only for both the 1pm or 3pm seating. Contact Terri Bruneau for tickets or more information at 503-317-8967

**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. Talk to Father if you have any questions. The Appeal will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MARDI GRAS PARTY** and fundraiser will be Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9pm. There will be Live music by the "N.E. Day Now" band that plays an eclectic mix of Pop Rock, Blues, Jazz, and Country. There will be Dancing, Food and Beverage, Game's, Silent auction, Costume contest and more. Tickets \$20 each. Only 64 tickets will be sold. Get yours after the Masses or contact a Steering Committee member. All funds will be used to provide St. Aloysius scholarships!

**TAX STATEMENTS:** The yearly tax statements Have been mailed. If you do not receive yours or if You have any questions, contact Doris in the office.

**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	\$290.00
Gift Donation	\$303.00
Needy	\$53.00
Maintenance/Building	\$50.00
Votive	\$.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$.00
Winter Survival	\$200.00
This week's donations were affected by power and ice issues, preventing people from attending	

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading tells us how God had to deal with the disobedient, fleeing prophet Jonah to turn him around, so that, repenting, he would go to Nineveh to preach repentance there. The wicked people of Nineveh, however, accepted Jonah as God's prophet at once, and promptly responded to God's call for repentance as Jonah preached it.

In the second reading, Paul urges the Christian community in Corinth to lose no time in accepting the message of the Gospel and in renewing their lives with repentance because Jesus' *second coming* may occur at any moment.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus came to Galilee and began preaching, challenging people to "*repent and believe in the Gospel.*" Just as John did, Jesus also called for *repentance*, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life and setting new priorities. Repentance also means hating sin itself, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins. *Believing* in the Gospel demands from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action, and to put trust in Jesus' authority. Jesus preached the *Gospel*, that God is a loving, forgiving, caring and merciful Father Who wants to liberate us and save us from our sins through His son Jesus. By describing the call of Jesus' first disciples, Andrew, Peter, James, and John, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life. According to Mark, Jesus selected four fishermen, Andrew and his brother Peter with James and his brother John, right from their fishing boats. Jesus wanted these ordinary, hard-working people as assistants for his ministry because they would be very responsive and generous instruments in the hands of God.

## TAKE AWAYS

1) We need to appreciate our call to become Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually, and collectively as a parish community, to continue Jesus' mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom and healing the sick.

2) We are called individually to a way of life or vocation: – a religious commitment (priest, deacon, missionary, religious Sister or Brother, marriage life, or single person), plus a particular occupation arising from our talents (medicine, law, teaching, healing, writing, art, music, building and carpentry, homemaking, child-rearing ....). Our own unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be. As St. Francis Sales puts it, we are expected to bloom where we are planted.

3) Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of calling us to be members of the true Church. Let us remember that it is our vocation in life as Christians to transmit Christ's Light through our living, radiating Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness, and humble service to all in our society.