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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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January 22, 2023

The Third 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 21

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm Andrew Cota and
Emma Heathershaw

Sunday January 22

Mass 8:30 am Shawn Adams

Mass 10:30 am + Aubrie Hennessey

Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass

Monday January 23

Mass 9:30 am Ariel Daniel

Tuesday January 24

No Mass and the Office is Closed

Wednesday January 25

Mass 9:30 am Kita Stubenrauch

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday January 26

Mass 9:30 am + Denny Hennessey

Adoration, after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

RCIA Class 3pm

Friday January 27

Mass 9:30 am Roni Winters

Reconciliation Class 5 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for
Dorence and Sharon Cote, 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 XVI!, 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 Mary Watson.



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A MESSAGE AND LETTER FROM FATHER AKUTI

St. Paul in the second reading advises the Corinthians to live as children of the Light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among the Corinthian Christians.

In today's Gospel passage, Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. By his ministry of inviting people to the Kingdom of God through repentance, Jesus has brought Light to peoples living in darkness, thus fulfilling God's original promise. In calling the first disciples, Jesus chose ordinary fishermen with no formal training in Mosaic Law to preach the Good News, and they have been very effective instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit, continuing Jesus' mission to the world.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGES

We need to appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually and as Church members, to be His disciple. The call is both a privilege and responsibility. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church and of each individual Christian. Our response to the call begins with our reception of Initiation Sacraments. That response is strengthened through the years by the Eucharist and Reconciliation. We are also healed and consoled in the Anointing which prepares us for death. As we respond to Christ's call, we gain spiritual strength through our personal and family prayers, our Sacramental life and our faithfulness to the Church's teachings.

We should not forget that whatever the immediacy of Peter, Andrew, James and John's response, these disciples did not leave their flaws, misunderstandings, or humanity behind. Nor does the second generation of believers. To dispel any illusions, you may have about the assumed idealism of the early Christian community, read Paul's letters to the Corinthians. The scandals, in-fighting, and polarization in first-century Corinth could match anything we see in today's news headlines! In this light, St. Paul's exhortation today speaks through the ages, for division and rivalry are never markers of the Spirit. Likewise, we Catholics should not "belong to any form of division," for we ultimately belong to Christ.

As Christians, our call is to preach the Good News of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation through our daily life. This call challenges us to rebuild our lives, homes, and communities in the justice and peace that Jesus proclaims. May we ask the Lord Jesus to give us the strength and perseverance to answer his calling, so that we may faithfully serve the Lord, doing His Divine will as best as we can by cooperating with His grace.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

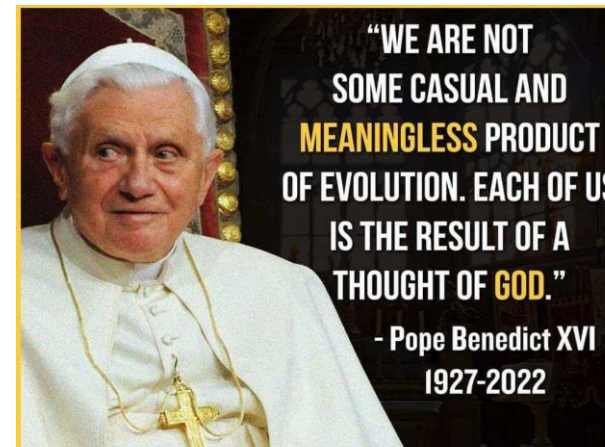
CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Your yearly contribution statements are available in the vestibule. Those not picked up will be mailed January 27th. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Doris in the office.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: We plan to have our next meeting on Tuesday, January 24th 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.

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging Catholics across the country to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 19th to Friday, January 20th to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life in post -Roe America. The National Prayer Vigil for life will once again be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate conception in Washington, DC on the eve of the March for life. The Mass and Holy Hour of the National Prayer vigil for life will be broadcast on various Catholic networks and will be live streamed

REMEMBER HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS.



GIVING REPORT

For Last Week.

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| Offertory Collection | \$1,824.00 |
| Building Maintenance Fund | \$710.00 |
| Flowers | \$0.00 |
| Needy Fund | \$53.00 |
| Votive | \$9.00 |
| Hospitality Coffee & pastry | \$0.00 |
| Winter Survival Fund | \$88.00 |

2nd Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign \$138.71

WINTER SURVIVAL FUND – Goal \$32,000.00
Total collected so far is \$18,482.07.

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