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 PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136  
**January 26, 2025**  
**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
 Wednesday - Friday  
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**  
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)  
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30  
 Mon. Wed. Thu, & Fri. at 9:30am  
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

**OUR 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.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for Alicia Ritter, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Grace, Morgan and Eli – Loretta Schutten's family members, Fritz Stubenrauch, Willie Helwig, Mary Reynolds, Debra Lee, Israel Posos, Gloria Lyons, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop and his children, Ashley Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

**A TIME FOR SORROW:** Please pray for Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Art Pieretti, Rozina Agbua, 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.

**THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE**

**MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
<b>Mass 5:00 pm</b>	+ Dolores Morris
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	Roni Winters and Alex Hampton
<b>Mass 10:30 am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday School 10:30 am</b>	
<b>Confirmation Class after the 10:30 Mass</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 27</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Nikita Amy
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 28</b>
<b>NO Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 29</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	+ Connie Millhollen
<b>Celebrate Recovery at 5:30</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 30</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Mark Croman and Nick Snider
<b>Adoration after Mass until Noon</b>	
<b>Circle of Caring at 10 am</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 31</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Eva Lockwood

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FATHER NICHOLAS ERIAS KORO:** We welcome Father Koro who will be here for the next two weeks while Father Akuti is in Uganda visiting his family. The daily Mass and Adoration schedule will remain the same until Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> while Father Koro is here. After Father Koro leaves, Father Augustine Manyama will be helping with only the weekend Masses until Father Akuti returns on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**CIRCLE OF CARING;** If you like to sew, quilt, crochet, knit or create stuffed animals – these are just some of the things that the Circle of Caring ladies do on Thursdays beginning at 10am. If you are interested, have questions or just want to see what they do. Please join them on Thursday at 10am and once you meet these ladies you will want to join them as they work to make things for everybody.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm. They start with dinner and then have both whole and small group discussions. This program is for you. Not just those recovering from substance abuse, we all carry wounds, wounds from our own doings or those inflicted by others. No one should carry their pain alone. CR is for all of us. For more information call Steve Bloom 503-318-2370.

**BOOK DISCUSSION** of Dr. Michael Barber's book, "Salvation, What Every Catholic Should Know". Join us on Thursday, at 6:00 PM in the Parish hall. This weekly series will conclude with our last session scheduled on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** to those who donated last week for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect millions with Christ. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Go to [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc) to donate online.

**ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER:** Meals for Seniors will be serving a 5 course meal of Pasta, Soup, Salad, Bread, Beef on creamy Polenta, and dessert. Join them on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be by reservation only, so choose which seating, 2pm or 4pm, and call 503-317-8967 to make your reservation. The cost is \$30 per person.

**MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE:** In response to the new administration's executive orders focused on immigration, I am in accord with the statement given by the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio. It is important to note that we do not yet fully understand all the repercussions of the executive orders. The leadership of the USCCB continues to study this question and advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable. As Catholics, we are called to uphold the sacredness and dignity of every human person and respect all people as children of God. I want to acknowledge that this is a time of fear and anxiety for many. To them I offer the words of Isaiah, "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." While there are many divisions in our country, now is the time for us to stand united in the love of God with all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who are most vulnerable. Along with your pastors, I am holding all Christ's flock in prayer and entrusting them to the care of Our Lady of Guadalupe. May God guide our new President and his administration to justly govern with care and compassion.

## POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL – *Dilexit nos*

At a time when our world is facing threats from all sides, Pope Francis has chosen to release an encyclical, *Dilexit nos* (He Loved Us), to remind us of the unconditional and never-failing love of Christ for all of us. When we open ourselves to this love, he says, we can become the ambassadors of Christ that we are called to be by our baptism, and we can help change our own hearts as well as the hearts of others.

In the next few weeks, we will have reflections based on the words of *Dilexit nos*, & the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to inspire us all to open ourselves to the love of Christ, which is ready and willing to embrace us!

We have ordered copies of the booklet, "Walking with Pope Francis in The Sacred Heart" – which we hope to have by next week, so you will have a copy to read. It is a book with 30 days of reflections based on "*Dilexit nos*". Here is the Introduction from the book.

### INTRODUCTION

The love of Christ revives love wherever we think that the ability to love has been lost.

At a time when our world is facing threats from all sides – wars in many places that show signs of escalation, dangerous changes to the climate that are already causing irreversible damage to the quality of life for many, and increasingly violent rifts between domestic factions – Pope Francis has chosen to release an encyclical, *Dilexit nos* (He Loved Us), to remind us of the unconditional and never failing love of Christ for all of us.

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May these thirty reflections, based on the words of *Dilexit nos*, inspire you to open yourself to the love of Christ, which is ready and willing to embrace you!

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### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$1707.00
Needy	\$76.10
Votive	\$3.00
Building/Maintenance	\$00.00
Gift Donation	\$00.00
CCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$367.75

**"A BIG THANK YOU** to all who have donated to the needs of CARE and Helping Hands in Tillamook. As you know both of these programs serve our neighbors in need throughout Tillamook County and your generous donations were greatly appreciated.

January 29<sup>th</sup> is the annual homeless connect event and will be held again this year at Sacred Heart parish. It's an amazing time to provide services, needed items, resources and community connections for those who are currently houseless and in great need.

Helping Hands shared that they have a new family with 4 children and are in need of help with "pull ups" of various sizes. As always, I'm glad to deliver if that helps. Prayers and blessings, Dia"