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## St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

January 29, 2023

## The Fourth 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
<b>Saturday January 28</b>	
Confession Available at 4:00 pm	
Mass 5:00 pm	Jill Mulvey
<b>Sunday January 29</b>	
Mass 8:30 am	Kevin Hennessy Family
Mass 10:30 am	Nick Snider
Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass	
<b>Monday January 30</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Mike Croman
<b>Tuesday January 31</b>	
No Mass and the Office is Closed	
<b>Wednesday February 1</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Aubrie Hennessy
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday February 2</b>	
Mass 9:30 am + Jason Anthony Aldo Leone Adoration, after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
RCIA Class 3pm	
<b>Friday February 3</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Polly Klingensmith
Reconciliation Class 5 pm	

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW:** Please pray for Al and Dorothy Giacchero, 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 Chris Bloom.



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## A MESSAGE AND LETTER FROM FATHER AKUTI

Zephaniah, in the first reading, calls the “moral minority” of the Jews of his time “blessed” because they seek justice, humility, truth, and righteousness, thus making a declaration of dependence on God. St. Paul advises Corinthian Christians to use their gifts and Heavenly-sent blessings for the good of others.

The Aramaic word Jesus may have used – toowayhon – conveys a much deeper sense that we are enriched by God’s providence and grace, that we are spiritually fortunate and prosperous, blissful, delighted, and content.

Poor in Spirit refers to those who are not spiritually arrogant but who, having recognized their own limitations, rely completely on God. The poor in spirit are thus doubly blessed because they are closer to God now, because “this total reliance on God is the doorway into” His kingdom.

The meek Jesus mentions need not be timid, cowering individuals. We are called to have gentle Souls that respond quickly to the Spirit’s guidance so that our thoughts and actions are in concert with God’s plan for us.

Blessed are the ones who bring and maintain peace. The Hebrew word Shalom indicates peace, yes, but also harmony, tranquility, completeness, wholeness, welfare, with all things in their right place. In short, shalom is a peace that comes from God. When Jesus says “Blessed are the peacemakers,” He is talking about persons who bring God’s peace to volatile situations as well as to troubled souls. Part of the blessing of being a peacemaker is the blessing of personally experiencing God’s peace. Only one who possesses God’s peace, even at a small level or for a period of time, can bring that peace to others.

The part about being insulted, persecuted, lied about, the key phrase is “because of me.” As we aspire to live Christ-like, Spirit-led lives, we will find ourselves in difficult situations. Remember that we are promised (Luke 21:14-15) that God will give us the words we need so that our defense is Christ-like and Spirit-led.

Therefore, we need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in daily life. The Beatitudes propose to us a way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become the peacemakers in our dealings with one another, in our families, and in the society at large, even when this approach to things exposes us to ridicule and persecution. Let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** For those who did not pick up their statements last week, they were mailed on the 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Doris in the office.

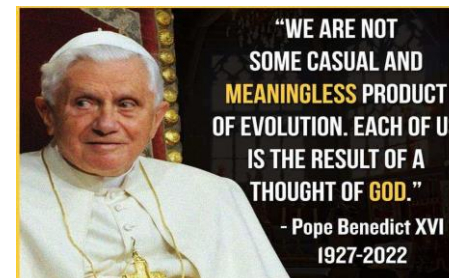
**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY:** We plan to have our next meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next meeting is January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are unable to attend in person the St. Mary’s Book Club will also be available on a Zoom Link. If you have any questions 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.

**CIRCLE OF CARING;** Thank you to the ladies for their generous donation of \$1100 that went into our Building/Maintenance Fund. If you are interested in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or arts and crafts you should consider joining this group at 10am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. They do wonderful work and have a lot of fun - while donating the proceeds of their yearly quilt raffle and yard sale to the parish. No tools or equipment needed just show up when you can. See you there.

**PRIME RIB DINNER:** On Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>, Meals for Seniors invites you to raise a fork for a good cause. Enjoy a delicious prime rib dinner with potatoes, vegetable, salad, roll, and dessert. Your \$25 Ticket must be purchased by Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Call 503-317-8967 to get your tickets or for more information.

**THANK YOU:** We are grateful for all the efforts that made the Parish Healing Retreat successful. There were 72 people in attendance and 10 online. For those who were unable to attend, we are going to have the presenter’s handouts available and hopefully a recorded video of the day for you to watch.



**Remember  
Pope  
Benedict XVI  
in your  
prayers!**

### LAST 6 MONTHS UPDATE:

Budgeted amount was \$78,075.00  
Actual was      INCOME      EXPENSES  
                         \$95,324.68      \$84,051.70

### GIVING REPORT For Last Week.

Offertory Collection	\$1,620.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$1,354.00
Flowers	\$0.00
Needy Fund	\$78.00
Votive	\$5.00
Hospitality Coffee & pastry	\$0.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$387.00

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

**Total collected so far is \$18,869.07.**

We are still needing \$13,134 to meet our goal.