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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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## PARISH STAFF:

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## PASTORAL MINISTRIES

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Phillip Curtis, Alicia Ritter,  
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**PARISH COUNCIL:** Steve Bloom, Chris Bloom,  
Gloria Lyons, Alicia Voss, Michelle Vinciguerra,  
Gladys Jacobsen, Loretta Schutten, and Paul  
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**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY:** Barbara Rodriguez,  
Theresa Bruneau, Terry Southwick, Loretta  
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**CHOIR:** Wayne Schultz, Dorence Cote, Anna  
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Nancy McGillis and Israel Pozos' group.

**LECTOR & EM COORDINATOR:** Alicia Voss

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**CHURCH FLOWER DECOR:** Gloria Lyons

**GARDENING:** Catherine Imbrie & Marie Hennessey

**MAINTENANCE:** Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

# St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

## February 12, 2023

## The Sixth 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 February 11

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm + Rita Mae Kellogg

### Sunday February 12

Mass 8:30 am Gloria Lyons

Mass 10:30 am Barbara Croman  
And Mary Benoit

### Monday February 13

Mass 9:30 am Molly Berghout  
and Lorraine Grant

### Tuesday February 14

No Mass - Office is Closed

Grief Share Ministry 10 am in Parish Office

### Wednesday February 15

No Mass – Office is Open

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

### Thursday February 16

No Mass – Office is Open

### Friday February 17

No Mass – Office is Open

First Communion Class 5 pm

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### A TIME FOR HEALING AND

**SORROW:** Please pray for Robert Fulks, Ron and Marie Patterson, Mike Davis, 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, 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 Ryan Kinstedt, Willie Helwig, Richard Steel, and Bradley Watson



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI AND AN INVITATION FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. *"If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you.*

In today's Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. We are called to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. The instruction was intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer and to reveal the Will of caring God to his People.

### SOME TAKE AWAYS:

1) We need to obey God's Law, appreciating its basic principles: In obeying God's law and Church law, let us remember the two basic principles on which these laws are based, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. In the first four of the Ten Commandments, we are asked to reverence God, His holy Name, His holy day, and reverence our father and mother. The next six commandments instruct us to respect life, one's personal integrity and good name, the legal system, another's property and another's spouse. Our obedience to these laws must be prompted by love of God and gratitude to God for His blessings.

2) We need to forgive, forget, and move toward reconciliation as soon as possible. St. Paul advises us *"Be angry but do not sin"* (Eph 4:26). When we keep anger in our spirit, we are inviting physical illnesses, like hypertension, and mental illnesses, like depression. Let us relax and keep silence when we are angry, wait before acting on our anger, giving it time to detoxify and cool off, pray for God's strength for self-control, and give the Holy Spirit time to help us to see the event through Jesus' eyes instead of through anger's eyes.

Allow God's truth to penetrate our minds and hearts and to form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity.

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY:** Have you ever wanted to know more about the events of Holy Week and why humanity's salvation came through the cross of suffering? Have you ever wanted to let Jesus lead you deeper into faith but didn't know how to ask? Have you ever thought that the Lenten experience could be life changing instead of another missed opportunity to let Christ share His love with you?

Please join us on our Lenten journey as we increase our faith through traditional prayer and reflection, and then joining together for an instructional video series titled **No Greater Love**. On Friday evenings during Lent, we shall begin with Stations of the Cross in the church at 5 PM, followed by a soup supper and video presentation in the parish hall beginning at 6 PM. Join us for all or part of the evening. Please sign up after Mass or by calling/texting Alicia Voss at 503-656-4193 by February 24 so we know how much soup to make! Let's join together to share God's love and have the best Lent ever!

Make sure you check out the resources in the Vestibule. The Word Among Us Lenten Guide, Little Black Books, and CRS Rice Bowls are all available for you to take home and use during your Lenten Journey.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES** except for Monday this week. Father Akuti will be gone this week. We welcome Father William Oruko AJ, who will be here to offer Mass on Monday. The rest of the week there will be no Mass or Adoration.

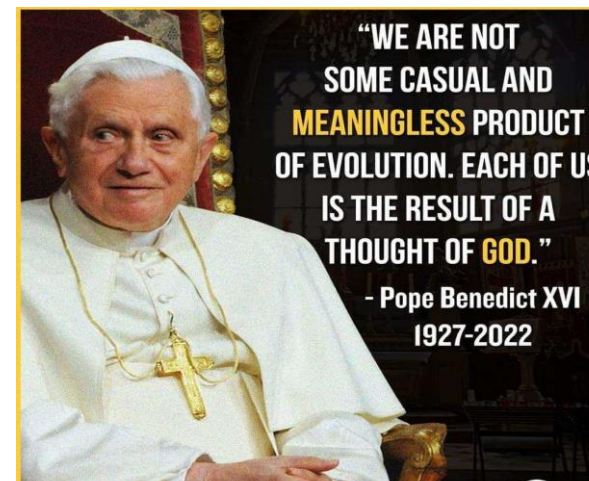
**GENDER IDENTITY THEORY:** Archbishop Sample wants to make sure that everyone has access to the Archdiocese of Portland's document; "A Catholic Response to Gender Identity Theory." Take time to read it and understand and internalize it. You can find and read the gender document, by going to <https://archdpdx.org/gender>. If you have any questions or comments about the document, you may send them to [news@archdpdx.org](mailto:news@archdpdx.org)

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY:** Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

**BOOK CLUB:** Please join us next Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM in person, in the Parish Hall or via Zoom. It is not necessary to have read the book "Learning to Pray" to join us. Everyone is welcome.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities Needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right her in the United States. Please be generous.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI**



### GIVING REPORT – for the last 2 weeks

#### Weekend 1/28-1/29

Offertory Collections	\$1,856.00
Needy	\$83.00
Building/Maintenance	\$726.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$378.45
Votive	\$9.00
Flowers	\$ .00
Hospitality	\$ .00

#### Weekend of 2/4-2/5

Offertory Collection	\$3,558.90
Needy	\$ 53.00
Building/Maintenance	\$550.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$ .00
Votive	\$ .00
Flowers	\$ .00
Hospitality	\$12.00

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

Total collected so far is \$19,297.52.

We are still needing \$12,702 to meet our goal.