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**St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church**

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**February 16, 2025**

**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**PASTOR:**

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ  
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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  
 No Weekday Masses this week  
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

Visiting Priest this weekend:  
 Fr. Augustine Manyama AJ

**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 Lynn Stein and her 4 grandchildren, David Muck, Jr., Cynthia Sinn, Alicia Ritter, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Fritz Stubenrauch, Willie Helwig, Mary Reynolds, 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 Bob Scott, Britteny Stein-Stinett, Jan Berghout, 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. Happy birthday to Willie Helwig, Richard Steel, Diego Barragon Lara, and Bradley Watson.

**THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE**

**MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS**

Saturday	February 15
Mass 5:00 pm	Beth Vanderstoep and Danny Hemachandra
Sunday	February 16
Mass 8:30 am	Ryan Davis & Victor Holmes
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after the 10:30 Mass	
Monday	February 17
NO Mass	
Tuesday	February 18
NO Mass	
Wednesday	February 19
NO Mass	
Celebrate Recovery at 5:30	
Thursday	February 20
NO Mass	
NO Adoration	
Circle of Caring at 10 am	
Friday	February 21
NO Mass	
Book Discussion 6 pm	

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FATHER AKUTI** is scheduled to return on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for safe travels as he returns home from Uganda.

**FATHER AUGUSTINE MANYAMA** will be celebrating the weekend Masses today unless the weather keeps him in Portland. He will not be here during the week so there will be no weekday Masses or Adoration this week.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the soul of Britteny Stein-Stinett, Granddaughter of Lynn Stein, who recently passed away.

**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.

**DAVID'S CHAIR:** You may have noticed the shed in the parking lot behind the Parish Hall. That is housing a chair that handicapped people can use to ride on the beach. They have to make a reservation and be able to sit in the chair. The city is in charge of this project but they are looking for volunteers to help those who register get the chair. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please call Sandy at 530-604-4131.

### NO SOCIAL AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

Since we are having the Italian Dinner this Sunday, there will be No Social after either Mass.

There are still tickets available for the Italian Dinner, which is a fundraiser for Meals for Seniors. The cost is \$30 and reservations can be made by calling 503-317-8967.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$3055.00
Needy	\$251.00
Votive	\$8.00
Building/Maintenance	\$00.00
Gift Donation	\$00.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Home Missions	\$293.00

## POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE

### **POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE TO ORGANISERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE 7TH MEETING OF THE FORUM OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

I wish to greet all those attending this meeting, and I hope that it will be a meaningful space for debate, study and reflection on the priorities, concerns and just aspirations of indigenous communities.

The chosen theme, "Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination: a pathway for food security and sovereignty", calls us to recognize the value of indigenous peoples, as well as the ancestral heritage of knowledge and practices that positively enrich the great human family, coloring it with the varied features of their traditions. All of this reveals a horizon of hope in the present time, marked by intense and complex challenges and not a few tensions.

The defense of the right to preserve one's own culture and identity necessarily involves recognizing the value of their contribution to society and safeguarding their existence and the natural resources they need to live. This is seriously threatened by the increasing grabbing of farmland by multinational companies, large investors and states. These are damaging practices that threaten the right to a dignified life of communities.

Land, water and food are not mere commodities, but the very basis of life and the link between these peoples and nature. Defending these rights is therefore not only a matter of justice, but a guarantee of a sustainable future for everyone. Inspired by a sense of belonging to the human family, we can ensure that future generations will enjoy a world in keeping with the beauty and goodness that guided God's hands in creating it.

I implore Almighty God that these efforts may be fruitful and serve as an inspiration to the leaders of nations, so that appropriate steps may be taken to ensure that the human family will walk together in the pursuit of the common good, so that no one will be excluded and no one will be left behind.

Vatican, 10 February 2025

**ST. ALOYSIUS:** Please start saving good quality items for a summer fundraiser yard sale in support of St. Aloysius Girls in Uganda. The committee wants to give you a big thank you for your continued support for St. Aloysius Girls scholarships! If you are interested in learning more about this mission project, please make sure you pick up a copy of the St. Aloysius newsletter found in the foyer. It's put out each month to give everyone an update on the school & the 212 girls receiving scholarships. Thank you, St. Aloysius committee