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**St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church**  
PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136  
**February 18-19, 2024**  
**The Fifth 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**  
Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)  
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri. 9:30 am  
Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

**ST. MARY BT THE SEA CHURCH 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.

**THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE**  
**MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS - EVENTS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
Mass 5 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
Mass 8:30 am	+ Phyllis Scott
Mass 10:30 am	Ryan Davis and Victor Holmes
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 19</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Tina Chick and Gloria Lyons
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 20</b>
No Mass and the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Jonathan Beeman
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Steve and Patrice Lahtinen
Adoration – after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 23</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Lon Snider and Victor Bofill
First Communion Class 5pm	
Stations of Cross 5:15 pm	
Soup Supper 5:45 pm	

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mike Franciscone, Mary Alger, Ethel Pierczynski, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

**A TIME FOR SORROW:** Please pray for Phyllis Scott, Marcia Simmons, Nicholas Pronesti, Gwen Medina, Lamar O'leary, John Ritter, Joao Pinto Jr., Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Benedict, Art Pieretti, Marilou Bowman, 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 Bradley Watson, Lorraine Grant, Jose Hernandez Silva, Rylee Rice, and Luisa Hernandez..



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER** – Join us on Fridays during this Lenten season. The Stations of the Cross begin at 5:15 pm and soup is served beginning about 5:45 pm. As Catholics, we honor the seasons of our faith and Lent is a season of reflection, fasting, penance, and almsgiving. We encourage all families to attend together so that we all can encourage our children in the practice of the faith. Teenagers, junior high and grade school students - adults, seniors, and super seniors! Everyone is welcome. Let's make this season of Lent the best ever.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:** At St. Mary by the Sea, we treasure our children. We warmly welcome each and every one of them, and we are so grateful to the adults that brought them here. Please feel at home here, and be assured that we love to hear them rustling about and keeping busy during Mass. We have a Children's Corner in the Parish Hall with lots of toys and books for your children to play with while you enjoy cakes and coffee during the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month after each of the Masses. Please come over and be a part of our family community. We are also planning on starting a Sunday School during the 10:30 mass using Children's Liturgy of the Word. More details, including start date, to follow soon.

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to all who participated in the Mardi Gras Party! A strong sense of community was evident in both the party preparers, and especially among those who played the games, laughed and danced with the music of NE Day Now! Along with the fun, we were able to raise over \$3400 for scholarships! Thank you again for being a part of the fun. I hope we can do more of these community building parties in the future, possibly even free. Be blessed, Catherine and the St. Aloysius Committee

**CIRCLE OF CARING** would also like to thank everyone who participated in the quilt raffle. They were able to donate \$1100 to help with the New Tabernacle. The New Tabernacle is beautiful and a perfect fit for our Church. Thank you to all who helped.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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### PARISH STAFF:

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#### Bookkeeper: Lauri Conway

## PASTORAL MINISTRIES

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Father Akuti, Phillip Curtis, Loretta Schutten, Therese Southwick, David Conway, Dia Norris, and Tony Vinciguerra

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Father Akuti, Steve Bloom, Chris Bloom, Gloria Lyons, Alicia Voss, Michelle Vinciguerra, Gladys Jacobsen, Carla McGillivray, and Paul Erlebach.

**AMAZING PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Father Akuti, Lauri Conway, Loretta Schutten, Alicia Voss, and Bruce Broswick.

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY:** Loretta Schutten, Cynthia Sinn, Theresa Bruneau, Terri Southwick, Chris Bloom, and Michelle Vinciguerra.

**CHOIR:** Wayne Schultz, Dorence Cote, Anna Buchanan, Cynthia Sinn, Chris Gant, Diane Gant, and Israel Pozos' group.

**LECTOR & EM COORDINATOR:** Alicia Voss

**FAITH FORMATION:** Louise Rosas

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** Steve Bloom, Wayne Schultz, Mike Davis.

**CIRCLE OF CARING:** Ethel Pierzynski, Marie Hennessy, Rhoda Degiovanni, Reta Girdner, and Mary Filker.

**CHURCH FLOWER DECOR:** Gloria Lyons

**GARDENING: WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO HELP**

**MAINTENANCE:** Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The **first reading** tells us that, although man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve, the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew that covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood waters symbolizes our being saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ.

Today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 25) is a penitential prayer, humbly acknowledging our human insufficiency and radical dependence upon God, His mercy, and His forgiveness. The psalmist lists some of God's Own characteristics that will shape the life of the forgiven penitent: Truth, Compassion, Love, Kindness, Goodness, Uprightness, Humility, and Justice.

In the **second reading**, St. Peter reminds us that, as Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the deluge, so we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God has made with His people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

**In the Gospel**, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter at the end of his forty days of prayer, penance, and communion with the Father in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: *"The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel."*

### TAKEAWAYS

- 1) Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed: prayer, self-denial, and timely use of the word of God. During this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies.
- 2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by:
  - a) Participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week;
  - b) Setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer;
  - c) Reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others.
  - d) Setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to Church and Charity organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society;
  - e) Abstaining from substances and other evil addictions;
  - f) Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays;
  - g) Visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and
  - h) Doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent.

**PARISH RETREAT:** On Saturday morning, March 16, we are planning a parish retreat. Dr. Ryan Mainard will again be joining us to lead a discussion, "God alone suffices." How do we trust in God in such a chaotic world? Where can we find the peace that lasts? Please mark your calendars now for Saturday morning, beginning with Mass at 8:00 followed by the retreat at 8:30 in the parish hall. More information will follow as we approach March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to bring your family to this enriching event for Lent.