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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

February 19, 2023

The Seventh 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 18

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm + Alice Ruhland

Sunday February 19

Mass 8:30 am Doug & Sandra Girdner

Mass 10:30 am David & Christine Bloom

Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass

Monday February 20

Mass 9:30 am Dennis and Denise Hawley's
children and their families.

Tuesday February 21

No Mass - Office is Closed

Book Club Zoom Meeting

Grief Share Ministry 10 am in Parish Office

Wednesday February 22 - Ash Wednesday

Mass 9:30 am Steve & Patrice Lahtinen

Mass 5:00 pm Lynn, Kelly & Denise Girdner

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday February 23

Mass 9:30 am Lon Snider & Victor Bofill
Monica, Clare, & Molly Berghout

Adoration after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am RCIA Class 3:00 pm

Friday February 24

Mass 9:30 am Carol Bloom, Del Rassi and
Dave Rodenback.

First Communion Class 5 pm

Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm

No Greater Love video series & soup supper 6 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 Lorraine Grant, Jose Hernandez Silva, Rylee Rice, Luisa Hernandez, Jiovani Hernandez and Peggy Watson.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament. Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how to become holy people. The first reading from the book of Leviticus teaches us holiness is God's command to us. While the Gospel passage also hints some examples of graceful Christian responses when people offend us and violate our rights and privileges.

SOME TAKEAWAYS.

- One of the ways to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation and developed by Hammurabi in the early Babylon and passed to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited proportion: "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, Jesus rather than allowing unlimited vengeance, he gives a new law of love, grace, forgiveness and reconciliation. That limited vengeance has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength, discipline of character and strengthening by God's grace.

- The second way is to take offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: "turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding a cloak to it, and walking the extra mile: That what makes a Christian different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them unconditional support, kindness and mercy as God does for us even if they don't deserve this treatment. We are to love our enemies as Jesus loves us with agape love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves everyone and died for us all.

- Another way of sharing God's holiness is by unconditionally forgiving the offender without planning revenge in whichever way. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and seem willfully to cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness.

- Also another way of becoming holy as God is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare, and for the grace they need for their conversion and renewal of life. Forgive, Love and Bless others even our enemies with graceful love as our holy God does for us all.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY STARTS THIS WEEK: 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**. Starting this Friday, 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!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

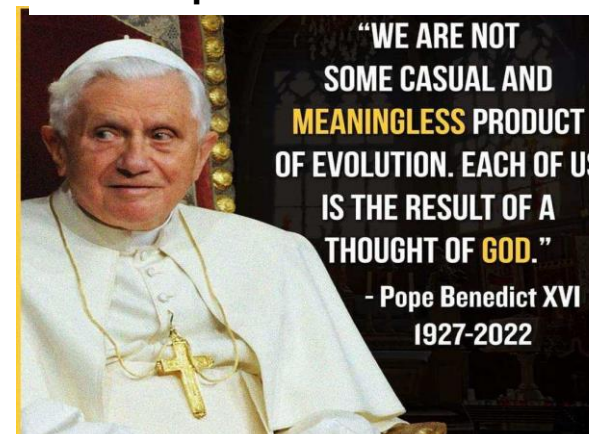
LENT: Begins this week. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For those who desire it, Archbishop Sample has granted a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Friday 17th March 2023, the optional memorial of St. Patrick.

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

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 21st at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

BOOK CLUB: Please join St. Mary's Book Club this Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM on Zoom. We are no longer meeting in the Church Hall, only on Zoom. It is not necessary to have read the book to join us learning to pray! Please note: Zoom now requires that you have the Zoom Link or the passcode to enter the meeting. Please call Michelle Vinciguerra at 508 878 3538 if you have any issue accessing the meeting. Here is the Link to [Join our Book Club Zoom Meeting](#) and the passcode you need is 153262.

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



GIVING REPORT Weekend 2/11-2/12

Offerory Collections	\$3,572.25
Needy	\$83.00
Building/Maintenance	\$210.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$378.45
Votive	\$12.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$.00

Collection for Catholic Home Missions \$1,463.57

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.