

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS	MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI	PARISH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>Saturday February 20 Mass 5:00 pm Int. + Mary Thurber</p>	<p>During this Lenten season, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us though the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies.</p>	<p>RCIA: The Rite of Election. This week the candidates have reached the Rite of Election in the RCIA process and will be ready for the reception of the sacraments during Easter liturgy.</p>	
<p>Sunday February 21 Mass 8:30 am Int. + Doreen Weber Mass 10:30 am Int. Johnathan Beeman on his Birthday</p>	<p>Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; ➤ Setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; ➤ Reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. 	<p>Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation: Every Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5pm followed by the opportunity to go to confession.</p>	
<p>Monday February 22 Mass 9:30 am Int. Lon Snider and Victor Bofill on their Birthdays</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to the Church and other Charity organizations which take care of the less fortunate in our society; 	<p>Fasting and Abstinence during Lent: According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. The norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal that of a full meal. The rule of abstinence from meat on Fridays during Lent is binding upon Catholics aged 14 and onwards.</p>	
<p>Tuesday February 23 No public Mass and Office is Closed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions; ➤ Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the “Stations of the Cross” on Fridays; 	<p>New Sign and Prayer: As you approach the parking lot of St. Mary by the Sea, notice the battleship gray sign in front of you, and directly behind the Fulton Memorial Bench. Thank you to Wayne Schultz and Dorence Cote for creating and installing this beautiful and moving sign.</p>	
<p>Wednesday February 24 Mass 11:00 am Int. Dave Rodeback on his Birthday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visiting the sick and those in nursing homes and doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in Lent. 	<p align="center">REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</p>	
<p>Thursday February 25 Mass 9:30 am Int. Steve and Patrice Lahtinen on their Anniversary Circle of Caring 10:30 am RCIA Class 6:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us - by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and anointing of the Holy Spirit. <p>In this Lenten Period, we are reminded to be more Christ-like in our actions - meaning we should be more loving and compassionate towards others, in giving not just material and financial help, but even more importantly, our attention, affection, time and company - especially for those who have no one to love and care for them. This is our Christian charity and love, through our almsgiving, care and concern for one another.</p>	<p>A Time for Healing and Sorrow: Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for the repose of the souls of Denny Hennessy, Mary Thurber and Doreen Weber and all those who have died recently, and pray for those who have asked for our prayers.</p>	
<p>Friday February 26 Mass 9:30 am Int. Greg English on his Birthday Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm Confession following</p>	<p>Let us all look forward to a worthy celebration of this love of God at Holy Week and Easter, and make best use of this time of Lent. Amen.</p>	<p>PARISH STAFF: Administrator: Father Mariano Escano mescano@archdpdx.org 503-842-6647 Parochial Vicar: Father Macdonald Akuti padreakuti@gmail.com 424-410-0097 Parish Secretary: Doris Matthews stmarys1927doris@gmail.com 503-355-2661</p>	<p>CONTACT INFO: Parish office is open: Mon, Wed, & Fri 9AM until 3PM Parish website: stmarybythesea.com Parish email: stmarys1927@gmail.com</p>