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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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February 26, 2023

The First Sunday of Lent

*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 25

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm Ryan Davis & Victor Holmes

Sunday February 26

Mass 8:30 am The Gartin Family

Mass 10:30 am Michelle & Tony Vinciguerra

Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass

Rite of Election in Portland at 4:30pm

Monday February 27

Mass 9:30 am Rose Ferris & Greg English

Tuesday February 28

No Mass - Office is Closed

Grief Share Ministry 10 am in Parish Office

Wednesday March 1

Mass 9:30 am Milton and Linda Girdner

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday March 2

Mass 9:30 + Art Pieretti & Rita Mae Kellogg

Adoration after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am RCIA Class 3:00 pm

Friday March 3

Mass 9:30 am The Gerbi Family

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, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Dorence and Sharon Cote, Diane Gant, Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey, Harold Stern, 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 Terri Reinhard, JoAnn Baker, and Paul Erlebach.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also the time for repenting of our sins and renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Today's readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world, and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations and practice prayer, self-control, and charity.

In the second reading, St. Paul describes how the disobedience of Adam, who fell to Satan's Original Temptation, brought him and us sin, death, and a broken relationship with God. Paul explains that Christ regained for us a right relationship with God by his perfect obedience to God his Father. Today's Gospel teaches us how the "desert experience" of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But Jesus rejects that temptation to mistrust His Father by satisfying his own immediate, temporal needs — thus reducing His Divine mission to self-satisfaction! The tempter then suggests that Jesus prove that he is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the Temple. Jesus rejects this as a temptation to act as God's superior and demand He prove His Trustworthiness! Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry, even if worshipping Satan would enrich and empower Jesus with all kingdoms of the world.

SOMETAKE AWAYS

We are to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed. Every one of us can be tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the Word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer and meditation.

We are to grow in holiness during Lent by prayer, reconciliation, and sharing:

- a) by getting reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reconciled with others by asking their forgiveness for our offenses against them;
- b) by sharing our love with others through selfless and humble service, almsgiving, and helping those in need.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

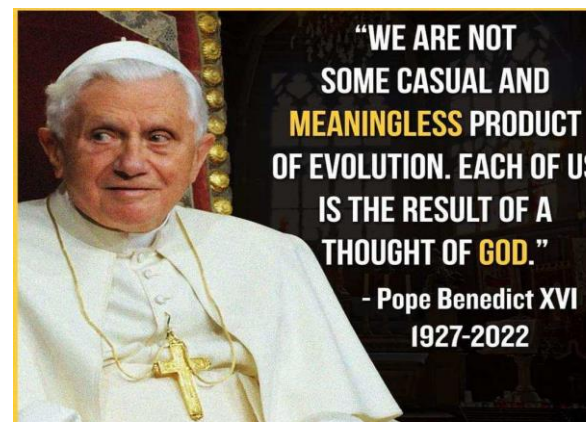
RCIA: Congratulations to our Candidate Debra Lee, who will be attending the Rite of the Elect at the Cathedral Sunday afternoon with Father and her sponsor. It will mark her entry into the final phase of her preparation to receive the sacrament of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: 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**. Every Friday in Lent, we 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. Let's join together to share God's love and have the best Lent ever! Don't forget that 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

BOOK CLUB: Please plan to join St. Mary's Book Club next Tuesday, March 7, 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 pray for the repose of the
soul of Pope Benedict XVI**



GIVING REPORT

Because of the weather, Doris worked from home and was not able to post the collection from last weekend. We will have a report in next week's bulletin for both last week and this week.

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.