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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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February 5, 2023

The Fifth 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 4

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm + Rita Mae Kellogg

Sunday February 5

Mass 8:30 am Polly Klingensmith

Mass 10:30 am Matthew and Amy Bloom

Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass

Monday February 6

Mass 9:30 am Monica Berghout
and Max Ferry

Tuesday February 7

No Mass and the Office is Closed

Wednesday February 8

Mass 9:30 am Clair Berghout and
the Vanderstoep Family

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday February 9

Mass and Adoration 9:30 am until Noon
Steve Lahtinen & Denise Harrington

Circle of Caring 10 am

RCIA Class 3pm

Friday February 10

Mass 9:30 am Dianne and Jack Bloom
Reconciliation Class 5 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for 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 (Wayne and Roxy's Great Grandson), Pope emeritus Benedict XV!, 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 Judy Hanson, Yvonne Mackrill and Timothy Dougherty.



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A MESSAGE AND LETTER FROM FATHER AKUTI

In our first reading, the Lord God through His prophet Isaiah gives us examples of how we are to allow the light of God to shine through us. *“Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.”*

Using metaphors of salt and the light in today’s Gospel, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world. As a symbol of purity, salt was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews and pagans. The salt was the commonest preservative used to prevent the putrefaction of meat, fish, and fruits. Salt also flavors and season food items.

A light is meant to be seen. A lamp or light is a guide to make clear the way. A light serves also as a warning: For example, Red Traffic Lights tell us to halt when there is danger ahead. Meanwhile Light, particularly the sun’s, gives warmth and heat.

SOME TAKE AWAYS:

1) We need to be the salt of the earth:

- a) As salt is a symbol of purity, used in sacrifices, the Christian must be an example of purity in speech, in conduct, and even in thought.
- b) As salt is an antiseptic and healing agent, the Christian must have a certain antiseptic influence on life and society, defeating corruption, fighting against injustice and making it easier for others to avoid sin.
- c) As salt preserves foods, we need to preserve the religious Faith, Christian Cultural Values, and Moral principles which Jesus has given us, and to work at reconciling quarreling factions in families and communities.
- d) As salt is a food-flavoring agent, we need to add flavor to the lives of desperate people through outreach programs, which give meaning to their lives, boost their morale, offer them occasions to help others, and provide hope where needed.

2) **We need to be the light of the world:** The second role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, and respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, other faiths, or with no faith at all. As guiding light in darkness, our duty is to show the correct and safe way and to illuminate it with Christ’s Light, thus removing the darkness caused by hatred, prejudice, and jealousy.

As a warning Light, it is the Christian’s duty to give timely and loving warning of Physical and Moral danger to fellow Christians.

As a warming light, our duty is to warm the cold hearts of others with warm, and affectionate words and deeds.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT: We are planning for the Lenten season. On Ash Wednesday, February 22nd we will have two Masses, 9:30am and 5pm. We are also planning to get together every Friday in Lent for soup and a video followed by the Stations of the Cross. Watch for the time and more details next week. Make sure you check out the resources in the Vestibule. The Word Among Us Lenten Guide, Little Black Books, and CRS Rice Bowls are all available for you to take home and use during your Lenten Journey.

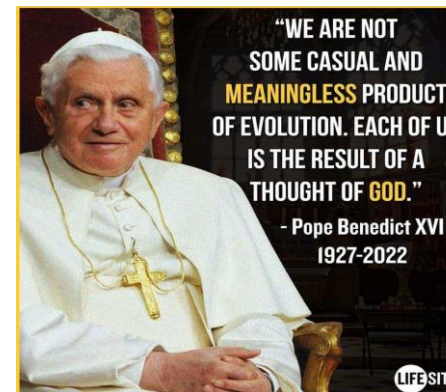
GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 7th at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

BOOK CLUB: Please join us this Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM in person, in the Parish Hall or via 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 do not hesitate to call if you have any issue accessing the meeting: 508-878-3538. Click on [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#) The Passcode is 405200

PRIME RIB DINNER: Next Saturday February 11th, Meals for Seniors invites you to raise a fork for a good cause. Enjoy a delicious prime rib dinner with potatoes, vegetable, salad, roll, and dessert. Your \$25 Ticket must be purchased by Monday February 6th. Call 503-317-8967 to get your tickets or for more information.

ST. ALOYSIUS: We would like to thank all the supporters of the St. Aloysius School for Girls in Uganda for your continued donations. As of now we will not be doing fundraising activities this year due to the maintenance needs of our church so we’re really dependent on our donors. 100% of all donations are wired free into the St. Aloysius school account in Uganda. This money is used for scholarships for needy girls who want a high school education. Please take one of our monthly newsletters found in the entry for more information. Thank you for your support. The St. Aloysius Team

RETREAT: The Video and Handouts from the Retreat are now available on our website.



**Remember
Pope
Benedict XVI
in your
prayers!**

LAST 6 MONTHS UPDATE:

Budgeted amount was \$78,075.00
Actual was INCOME EXPENSES
 \$95,324.68 \$84,051.70

GIVING REPORT

The counters were not able to meet this week so the totals will be given next week.

**WINTER SURVIVAL FUND – Goal
\$32,000.00**

Total collected so far is \$18,869.07.

We are still needing \$13,134 to meet our goal.