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February 9, 2025
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 THIS WEEK
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
 No Weekday Masses this week
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

Visiting Priest this weekend:
 Fr. Augustine Manyama AJ

OUR 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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Cynthia Sinn, Alicia Ritter, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Fritz Stubenrauch, Willie Helwig, Mary Reynolds, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop and his children, Ashley Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Jan Berghout, Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcarra, Art Pieretti, Rozina Agbua, 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 Ryan Kinstedt.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	February 8
Mass 5:00 pm	Jordan Fulop and Family
Sunday	February 9
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	+ Jan Berghout
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after the 10:30 Mass	
Monday	February 10
NO Mass	
Tuesday	February 11
NO Mass	
Wednesday	February 12
NO Mass	
Celebrate Recovery at 5:30	
Thursday	February 13
NO Mass	
NO Adoration	
Circle of Caring at 10 am	
Friday	February 14
NO Mass	

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER AUGUSTINE MANYAMA will be helping with the weekend Masses for the next two weeks, until Father Akuti returns on Friday, February 21st. He will not be here during the week so there will be no weekday Masses or Adoration for the next two weeks.

CIRCLE OF CARING; If you like to sew, quilt, crochet, knit or create stuffed animals – these are just some of the things that the Circle of Caring ladies do on Thursdays beginning at 10am. If you are interested, have questions or just want to see what they do. Please join them on Thursday at 10am and once you meet these ladies you will want to join them as they work to make things for everybody.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm. They start with dinner and then have both whole and small group discussions. This program is for you. Not just those recovering from substance abuse, we all carry wounds, wounds from our own doings or those inflicted by others. No one should carry their pain alone. CR is for all of us. For more information call Steve Bloom 503-318-2370.

BOOK DISCUSSION of Dr. Michael Barber's book, "Salvation, What Every Catholic Should Know". Join us on Thursday, at 6:00 PM in the Parish hall. This weekly series will conclude with our last session scheduled on Thursday, February 20th.

ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER: Meals for Seniors will be serving a 5 course meal of Pasta, Soup, Salad, Bread, Beef on creamy Polenta, and dessert. Join them next Sunday, February 16th. It is by reservation only, so choose which seating, 2pm or 4pm, and call 503-317-8967 to make your reservation. The cost is \$30 per person.

DAVID'S CHAIR: You may have noticed the shed in the parking lot behind the Parish Hall. That is housing a chair that handicapped people can use to ride on the beach. They have to make a reservation and be able to sit in the chair. The first reservation will be February 14th on Valentines Day. The city is in charge of this project but they are looking for volunteers to help those who register get the chair. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please call Sandy at 530-604-4131.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Rockaway Beach Lions Club is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive next Wednesday, February 12th from Noon until 5pm. Plan to give blood and help save lives. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to register or to get more information.

ST. ALOYSIUS: Please start saving good quality items for a summer fundraiser yard sale in support of St. Aloysius Girls in Uganda. The committee wants to give you a big thank you for your continued support for St. Aloysius Girls scholarships! If you are interested in learning more about this mission project, please make sure you pick up a copy of the St. Aloysius newsletter found in the foyer. It's put out each month to give everyone an update on the school & the 212 girls receiving scholarships.
Thank you, St. Aloysius committee

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$3376.00
Needy	\$51.00
Votive	\$8.00
Building/Maintenance	\$515.00
Gift Donation	\$00.00

POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE ON THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

At his first Jubilee Audience on Saturday, 11 January Pope Francis framed the Jubilee as a moment of grace, an invitation to "begin again." A reminder of the Jubilee's essence: the opportunity for everyone to start anew from God, our ultimate source of hope.

To hope is to begin again - Hope, the underpinning theme of the 2025 Holy Year, will be the focus of this new cycle of bi-weekly audiences, which will integrate the traditional Wednesday catechetical sessions throughout the year, representing an ideal embrace for pilgrims visiting Rome in search of "a new beginning."

Addressing nearly 8,000 people in the Paul VI Hall, Pope Francis centered his reflection on John the Baptist, whom he described as a "great prophet of hope."

John the Baptist a great prophet of hope - Highlighting John's pivotal role in the history of salvation. the Pope referred to Jesus' praise of him as the "greatest among those born of women" (Lk 7:24,26-28).

John's mission, marked by his call for repentance and renewal symbolized by crossing the River Jordan, mirrors the pilgrimage of Christians crossing the Holy Door during the Jubilee. This act, Pope Francis explained, represents a new beginning, a deep spiritual reset.

Hope as a gift of God - Hope, as the Pope elaborated, is not merely "a habit or a character trait", but a "strength to be asked for", a gift of God that spurs Christians "to start again on the journey of life."

As the Gospel of Luke tells us, it requires a recognition of our human smallness in the face of God's greatness. "It does not depend on us, but on the Kingdom of God," where even the "least" become great, the Pope said. *"Welcoming the Kingdom of God leads us to a new order of greatness. Our world, all of us need this!"*

Pope Francis also addressed the struggles of faith, drawing on John the Baptist's own moments of doubt during his imprisonment. These doubts, the Pope noted, resonate with the challenges faced by Christians today navigating a world where "many Herods" still "oppose the Kingdom of God."

Call to fraternity and responsibility for our common home - This, he said, is the essence of the Jubilee: a new beginning grounded in God and a commitment to love and service. *"Let us start again from this originality of God, which shone in Jesus and which now binds us to serve, to love fraternally, to acknowledge ourselves as small. And to see the least, to listen to them and to be their voice. Here is the new beginning, our Jubilee!"*