

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 14, 2021**

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS	MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI	PARISH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p><b>Saturday March 13</b>            Mass 5:00 pm            Int. Healing for Dave Brown &amp; Mary Alger</p> <p><b>Sunday March 14</b>            Mass 8:30 am            Int. For all those who are sick and suffering            Mass 10:30 am            Int. + Agnes Koehmstedt</p> <p><b>Monday March 15</b>            Mass 9:30 am            Int. Mariana Cota and Fred Wright</p> <p><b>Tuesday March 16</b>            No public Mass and Office is Closed</p> <p><b>Wednesday March 17</b>            Mass 9:30 am            Int. Pat Scott, Steve Press and Dee</p> <p><b>Thursday March 18</b>            Mass 9:30 am            Int. James and Theresa Magiar            RCIA Class 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Friday March 19</b>            Mass 9:30 am            Int. Healing for Lamar O’Leary            Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm            Confession following</p>	<p>We need to love the cross, the symbol of God’s forgiving and merciful love: As a serious reminder not only of God’s love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people’s misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another’s suffering, but also to try our best by good action to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping other to carry their heavier crosses.</p> <p>We need to reciprocate God’s love by loving others. God’s love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent.</p> <p>Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion which will bring us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us - to an ongoing renewal of life through prayer, Bible reading, frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist - and by doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.</p> <p>Therefore, let us not lose sight of the central theme of today’s readings - that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. Let us be focused on God’s mercy and compassion and remind ourselves of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ.</p> <p>May we all experience forgiveness, joy, peace and love from God’s merciful love and blessing always.....Amen</p>	<p><b>RCIA: The Rite of Scrutiny.</b> The second Scrutiny is today at the 8:30 Mass. The third Scrutiny will be at the 10:30 Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. These Rites are to remind us and the elect, that we should all remove the “barriers” of sin and evil that could prevent us from experiencing the fulness of God’s transforming love.</p> <p><b>Marriage Blessing and Baptism:</b> We will be celebrating the Blessing of the Marriage of Anexa Aguilar and Manuel Esquivel on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Which will be followed by the Infant Baptisms of Ximena Castillo and Elilia Aguilar Mata.</p> <p><b>Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation:</b> Every Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5pm followed by the opportunity to go to confession.</p> <p><b>Pat Croman-Scott:</b> This Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Pat is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Since we can’t celebrate with her in person, we invite all those who know her to send a Birthday Card or letter. You can drop it off in the office and we will make sure she gets it.</p> <p><b>Easter Flowers:</b> If you would like to make a donation for potted plants for Easter, please put your donation in the collection and mark it for flowers.</p>	
<b>REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</b>			
<p><b>A Time for Healing and Sorrow:</b> Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes Koehmstedt and all those who have died recently, and pray for those who have asked for our prayers.</p> <p><b>A Time for Joy and Celebration:</b> We pray for all those who are celebrating a special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Jerome Bader, Nancy Braukman, Fred Wright, Mariana Cota, Pat Croman-Scott, and Patricia Baldock.</p>			
<p><b>Holy Week Schedule</b>            Palm Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 Masses            Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7pm            Adoration until 10pm            Good Friday: service at 3pm            Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil service, 8pm            Easter Sunday: Mass at 8:30 and 10:30am</p>		<p><b>PARISH STAFF:</b>  <b>Administrator:</b> Father Mariano Escano            mescano@archdpdx.org 503-842-6647  <b>Parochial Vicar:</b> Father Macdonald Akuti            padreakuti@gmail.com 424-410-0097  <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Doris Matthews            stmarys1927doris@gmail.com 503-355-2661</p> <p><b>CONTACT INFO:</b>            Parish office is open:            Mon, Wed, &amp; Fri 9AM until 3PM            Parish website:            stmarybythesea.com            Parish email:            stmarys1927@gmail.com</p>	