

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

FINANCE COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Phillip Curtis, Loretta Schutten, Therese Southwick, David Conway, Dia Norris, and Tony Vinciguerra PARISH COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Steve Bloom, Chris Bloom, Gloria Lyons, Alicia Voss, Michelle Vinciguerra, Gladys Jacobsen, Carla McGillivray, and Paul Erlebach. AMAZING PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM; Father Akuti, Lauri Conway, Loretta Schutten, Alicia Voss, and Bruce Broswick. HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: Loretta Schutten, Cynthia Sinn, Theresa Bruneau, Terri Southwick, Chris Bloom, and Michelle Vinciguerra. CHOIR: Wayne Schultz, Dorence Cote, Anna Buchanan, Cynthia Sinn, Chris Gant, Diane Gant, and Israel Pozos' group. LECTOR & EM COORDINATOR: Alicia Voss FAITH FORMATION: Louise Rosas CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Steve Bloom, Wayne Schultz, Mike Davis. CIRCLE OF CARING: Ethel Pierzynski, Marie Hennessy, Rhoda Degiovanni, Reta Girdner, and Mary Filker. CHURCH FLOWER DECOR: Gloria Lvons **GARDENING: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP** MAINTENANCE: Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Facebook.com/stmarybythesearockawaybeach Parish email: stmarys1927@gmail.com Parish Office Phone: 503-355-2661 PARISH OFFICE HOURS Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 9AM - 3PM Closed Monday and Tuesday. **PARISH STAFF:** Pastor: Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ padreakuti@gmail.com 424-410-0097 **Secretary**: Doris Matthews stmarys1927doris@gmail.com 503-355-2661 Bookkeeper: Lauri Conway

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136 March 16-17, 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Lent



PASTOR: Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ padreakuti@gmail.com

ST. MARY BT THE SEA CHURCH 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.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE **MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS - EVENTS**

Saturday	March 16		
Mass 8 am	Rahles Goodell		
Mass 5 pm	Ethel Pierczynski		
Sunday	March 17		
Mass 8:30 am	Debbie Kirk		
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish		
Monday	March 18		
Mass 9:30 am	Steve Press and Dee Albee		
Tuesday	March 19		
No Mass and the Office is closed			
Wednesday	March 20		
Mass 9:30 am	+ Ruzina Agbua		
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm			
Thursday	March 21		
NO MASS TODAY but we will have ADORATION			
Adoration from 10 until Noon			
Circle of Caring	10am		
Friday	March 22		
Mass 9:30 am	Gladys Jackobson		
Grief Share 3pr	n		
First Communic	on Class 5pm		
Stations of Cross 5:15 pm Soup Supper 5:45 pm			

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday) Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri. 9:30 am Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mike Franciscone, Mary Alger, Ethel Pierczynski, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Bill Josi, Rozina Agbua, Phyllis Scott, Marcia Simmons, Nicholas Pronesti, Gwen Medina, Lamar O'leary, John Ritter, Joao Pinto Jr., Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Benedict, Art Pieretti, Marilou Bowman, 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 Gladys Jacobsen, Gloria Lyons, Mike Davis, and Jessica Gonzalez.

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ROCKAWAY LIONS ST. PADDYS DAY DINNER:

Sunday March 17th from 1-5pm Corned Beef and Cabbage with carrots, potatoes, soda bread and dessert. You may dine in or take-out – suggested donation is \$15

RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held next Saturday March 23rd from 10-Noon. There will be no Confession at 4pm on that day.

DURING THIS YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL, there are many resources for our spiritual enrichment and gaining deeper knowledge of our worship of the Blessed Eucharist. Fr. Johnathan Meyer, a preacher/teacher from the National Eucharistic Revival, has a must see, 33 minute video on what happens at Mass. He answered the question, "Why do Catholics go to Mass", the answer will enrich your experience of every Mass you will ever attend. To view the 33-minute video log onto YouTube and search for, "Powerful message for all Catholics." May God bless you richly.

GRIEF SHARE: Once again Grief Share support group weekly sessions have begun and run through May 31st from 3pm until 5pm. They are being held in the Parish Hall while the 1st Communion Class is meeting in the office. You may join at any time. Information cards and brochures are located in the Vestibule.

MEMORIAL FUND: We have met our 2024 goal to pay for the registration fees for Moroto Boys Secondary School run by the Apostles of Jesus. This is the school that Fr. Akuti attended. The monies are being sent and received in memory of Fr. Akuti's mother, Rosina. We have already sent \$3480, which exceeds the \$3086 needed to cover the National Government testing, holiday fees, and mock tests for this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS: Perhaps you've heard about Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for healing from any emotional, spiritual, relational, or psychological wounds caused by abortion experiences. Are you wondering how much your own abortion(s) truly have affected you? Do you think your experiences are all in the past and they don't matter anymore? Visit <u>www.project-aurora.org</u> or call 541-942-2861 or email <u>info@project-aurora.org</u> to learn about the southern Oregon retreat being held May 3-5. Spanish speaking language and cultural assistance is also available at this location. Financial assistance is available! Our goal is that finances are not a barrier for attending.

SAUSAGE SALE: The Knights of Columbus are having their annual Sausage Sale on April 6th and 7th from 8:30 am to 6 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Tillamook. The cost is \$5 per pound.

NO MASS THIS THURSDAY but we will have ADORATION from 10 until Noon.

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God will replace the Old Covenant of Judgment with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. This New Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah was fulfilled, at least in part, through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by Jesus' suffering and death, in obedience to his Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant.

Using metaphors of the "sown wheat grain" and the "spent life" in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the lessons St. Paul will repeat. The Gospel hints at the inner struggle of Jesus in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and Eternal Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "hour," meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, Resurrection, and exaltation. Jesus also considers his "hour" as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father.

In addition, it is the way by which all people will be drawn into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus on the cross and later into Heavenly glory by Resurrection and Ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

1) Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are made possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, especially during Lent.

2) Only a life spent for others will be glorified, sometimes here in this world, but always in Heaven. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career, and with just 5 rupees (17 cents) in her pocket began her challenging life for the "poorest of the poor" in the crowded slums of Calcutta. We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists, and generous donors of mankind in all walks of life. They chose to burn out rather than to rust out. Let us, too, spend ourselves for others

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

- 3/23 Saturday Reconciliation Service 10am a
- 3/24 Palm Sunday, Mass at 8:30am and 10:3
- 3/25 Monday: Mass at 9:30
- 3/27 Wednesday: Mass at 9:30
- 3/28 Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lor
 3/29 Good Friday: Stations of Cross followed Friday Service at 3pm
- 3/30 Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Service at 7:3
- 3/31 Easter Sunday: Mass at 8:30am and 10:

	WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
and Vigil Mass 5pm 30am	Offertory Collection	\$1,797.00
	Needy	\$53.00
rd's Supper at 7pm I by the Good	Maintenance/Building	\$360.00
	Votive	\$2.00
	Flowers	\$25.00
	Hospitality	\$0.00
:30pm	Gift Donation	\$300.00
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