

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 21, 2021

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS	MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI	PARISH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>Saturday March 20 Mass 5:00 pm Int. + Doreen Weber</p> <p>Sunday March 21 Mass 8:30 am Int. Gladys Jacobsen Mass 10:30 am Int. + Esperanza Filemom Marquez</p> <p>Monday March 22 Mass 9:30 am Int. Gloria Lyons and Mike Davis on their Birthday</p> <p>Tuesday March 23 No public Mass and Office is Closed</p> <p>Wednesday March 24 Mass 9:30 am Int. Alice Magnano on her Birthday</p> <p>Thursday March 25 Mass 9:30 am RCIA Class 6:00 pm</p> <p>Friday March 26 Mass 9:30 am Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm Confession following</p>	<p>Today’s Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt delivers 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 make sacrifices so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent and the rest of our lives.</p> <p>Only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and 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 17 cents in her pocket, began her challenging life for the “poorest of the poor” in the crowded slums of Calcutta. Thus, she became one of “the most powerful women in the world.” We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life.</p> <p>It is better to burn out than rust out. This is one of the repeated pieces of advice Jesus has given us (Mark 8:35; Matthew 16:25; 10:39; Luke 9:24; 17:33). In the play, <i>Joan of Arc, the Author</i> shows the saint as praying: “Lord I shall last a year; use me as you can.” Many charitable foundations and research institutions are financed by generous millionaires who understood this great principle of life, while so many others selfishly keep their God-given wealth and talents for themselves.</p> <p>Let us learn to live this Lenten period “burning out,” spending our time and talents for others around us by humble, selfless and self-giving service. “Do all the good wherever and whenever you can, by all the good means available to you and to all the people you encounter, and where your efforts cannot reach, allow the grace of God to take over, now and always.....Amen</p>	<p>RCIA: The Rite of Scrutiny. The third Scrutiny is today at the 10:30 Mass. 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>Marriage Blessing and Baptism: We will be celebrating the Blessing of the Marriage of Anexa Aguilar and Manuel Esquivel on Saturday March 27th at 11am. Which will be followed by the Infant Baptisms of Ximena Castillo and Elilia Aguilar Mata.</p> <p>Thank You: We would like to thank all of you who sent cards to Patricia Croman Scott. It made her 100th Birthday a real Celebration of life, love, and God’s goodness to all of us.</p> <p>Message from Archbishop Sample: Tomorrow marks the 1-year anniversary of Governor Brown's first restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I recognize this has been a challenging 12 months for many of you, both at home and at your parish or apostolate. However, I want you to know how grateful I am for your continued dedication and service. Although we still have a few months ahead of us, the Catholic Church in western Oregon is alive and well because of you. Please know that I pray for each and every one of you and your loved ones as we journey towards the Paschal Mystery together. Sincerely yours in Christ, <i>Archbishop Alexander K. Sample</i></p>	
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<p>A Time for Healing and Sorrow: 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>A Time for Joy and Celebration: We pray for all those who are celebrating a special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Gladys Jacobsen, Mike Davis, Jessica Gonzalez, Mary Reynolds, Alice Magnano, Sofia Gonzalez, Don Vander Zanden, and Gary Baker.</p>			
<p>Holy Week Schedule 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>PARISH STAFF: Administrator: Father Mariano Escano mescano@archdpdx.org 503-842-6647 Parochial Vicar: Father Macdonald Akuti padreakuti@gmail.com 424-410-0097 Parish Secretary: Doris Matthews stmarys1927doris@gmail.com 503-355-2661</p> <p>CONTACT INFO: Parish office is open: Mon, Wed, & Fri 9AM until 3PM Parish website: stmarybythesea.com Parish email: stmarys1927@gmail.com</p>	