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March 22, 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Lent



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
 Weekday Masses: 9:30 am
 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 No Mass or Adoration on
 Thursday
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

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 Ken Hillyer, Louie Mendez, Jim and Nellie Welsh, Mike Scott, Rolando Deangkinay, Rhoda DeGiovanni, Louise Rosas, Al Weber, Jim and Kathleen Hickey, Ron Patterson, Judy Sours, Seth and Tommy Lloyd, Leon Bruneau, Frank Moran, Paul and Marie Miller, Carole Atchison, Asibedo Jorhes, Virgil Jacob, Ken Shipman, Doris Matthews, Mama Delia Abad, John Fulton, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Lynn Marie Becker, Donna Webster, Melissa Syfers, John Bender, Alan Pope, & all those who are sick or need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Robert Fulks, Luz Deangkinay, Nellie Deangkinay, Adelaida "Dellie" Abad, Plum Snow, Burma LaVallo, Jack Springer, John Lloyd, Peter Boggs, Paul Rendon, Yvonne Mackrill, Desiree Clark, Archbishop Vlazny, Roger Fulop Sr., Don Roberts, Tina Chick, Jeff Pugmire, Moe Trump, Bob Scott, Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, 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 Jacobson, Mike Davis, Jessica Gonzalez, Gary Baker, Gloria Lyons, Sofia Gonzalez, Ronald Niece and Don VanderZanden

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	March 21
Mass 5:00 pm	Gladys Jacobson
Sunday	March 22
Mass 8:30 am	Gloria Lyons & Mike Davis
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Monday	March 23
Mass 9:30 am	Alicia Voss
Tuesday	March 24
NO Mass and the Office is Closed	
Wednesday	March 25
Mass 9:30 am	Nazare and Manuel Cota
Celebrate Recovery at 5:30 pm	
Thursday	March 26
No Mass or Adoration	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
Friday	March 27
Mass 9:30 am	+ Larry Matthews and Leroy Terheggen

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REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

5th Sunday of Lent



St. Paul, in the second reading, assures the early Roman Christians who were facing death by persecution (and us who live surrounded by a culture of death), that the same Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead, , and Who dwells within us, will raise our mortal bodies to life on the Last Day. Paul considers the Resurrection of Jesus the basis for our Hope of sharing in Jesus' Resurrection.

For John, in today's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus, that Jesus will work to demonstrate that he is the promised Messianic Deliverer, is a Symbolic Narrative of his Final Victory over Death at the Cost of his Human Life, and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with Sin and Death in this World. Thus, the readings assure us that our Faith in Jesus, who is *"the Resurrection and the Life,"* Promises our Participation in His Resurrection and New Life.

TAKEAWAYS

1): **"Roll away the stone, unbind him and let him go."** We often bind ourselves with chains of addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Sexual Deviations, Slander, Gossip, Envy, Prejudice, Hatred, and Uncontrollable Anger, and Bury Ourselves in the Tombs of Despair. Sometimes we are in the Tomb of Selfishness, Filled with Negative Feelings, like Worry, Fear, Resentment, Hatred, and Guilt. If we want Jesus to visit Our Dark Dungeons of Sin, Despair, and Unhappiness, we need to ask Him during this Holy Mass to bring the Light and the Power of the Holy Spirit into our Private Lives and Liberate us from Our Tombs. Are there times when we refuse to let God enter into our Wallets, Fearing that Faithful Tithing will Endanger Our Savings? When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus will call our name and command, *"Come out, N.....,"* and *"Come out, N.....!"* This is Good News for All of Us: *"Lazarus, come out!"* This can be the beginning of a New Life.

2) **We need to be ready to welcome death any moment.** "Probably more than ever": We live in a world that is filled with more smell of death. We Human beings kill each other in acts of Murder, Abortion, Euthanasia/Physician-Assisted Suicide, Execution, War, and Terrorism. We kill Ourselves Indirectly through Suicide, Substance Abuse, Overwork, Stress, Bad Eating Habits, and Physical Neglect. The most important question is: "Am I ready to face my death NOW?" All of us know that we will surely die, but each of us might be thinking that he or she will not die any time in the near future. Let us be wise, well-prepared and ever ready to meet our Lord with a clear conscience when the time comes, and to give Him a clean account of our lives.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS are each Friday of Lent at 5:15 PM in the church. A simple soup supper will follow in the Parish Hall.

CHURCH PREPARATION FOR EASTER. Plan to join us to help clean and prepare the church for our Easter celebration. Weather permitting, we will meet at 10am on Saturday, March 28th. Hope to see you there to help.

MOM'S GROUP: Our first gathering will be at the Parish Hall this Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm. Our first discussion will be about getting to know each other, and discussing ideas for how to make Holy Week and Easter special for our families. We will be using the book, "The All Year Catholic Compendium" by Kendra Tierney as a resource for liturgical living in the home. Please call or text Ellie at 971-804-2913 for more information.

WE NEED YOU! We are always looking for Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Sunday school teachers and choir members to volunteer and help at the weekend masses. Please consider sharing your time and talents with the parish. Contact Doris in the parish office if you are interested.

FAITH FORMATION, at the Saturday 5pm vigil mass this week we are celebrating the Scrutinies with our Catechumens & Candidates. Please pray for Erin Wilson, Alex Wilson, Joel Bohnke, Earnie Bohnke, Marcus Wilson & Jenny Rosenau, that they may grow ever closer to Christ's love during these final weeks of purification & enlightenment. Baptism & First Communion will be celebrated on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th at the 10:30 Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Thursday, March 26th, **no Mass or Adoration.** All the priests will be attending a day of recollection, and then celebrate the Chrism Mass at 5pm at the Cathedral in Portland.
- North Coast Vicariate Lenten Penance Services will be on these days:
 - Our Lady of Victory in Seaside at 6pm on March 24th.
 - St Mary by the Sea in Rockaway Beach at 5pm on March 31st.
- Holy Thursday Mass will be on April 2nd at 6pm.
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross and service will begin at 3pm
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:30pm which will also include the OCIA initiation of adults into the Church.

THE PARISH CENTENNIAL PLANNING has begun for our 100th anniversary in 2027. Copies of meeting minutes are available on the table in the vestibule. If you would like to help, please plan on attending the next meeting on March 30th at noon in the parish office.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY: Since the first weekend of the month is Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the April birthdays this month on Sunday, April 12th. Join us after both Sunday Masses to celebrate all those who have birthdays in April.

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