

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

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March 23, 2025

The Third Sunday of Lent



PASTOR:

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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 Mass on M, W, TH & F
 at 9:30am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish 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 Father John Henderson, Father Gerry Chapdelaine, Pope Francis, Lynn Stein and her 4 grandkids, Cynthia Sinn, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Fritz Stubenrauch, 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 Bob Scott, Britteny Stein-Stinett, 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 Rubalcara, 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 Gloria Lyons, Mike Davis, Jessica Gonzalez, Sofia Gonzalez, Don Vander Zanden, Gary Baker, and Judy Sours.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	March 22
Mass 5:00 pm	Gloria Lyons & Mike Davis
Sunday	March 23
Mass 8:30 am	Father Gerry Chapdelaine
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after the 10:30 Mass	
Monday	March 24
Mass 9:30 am	Nazare and Manuel Cota
Tuesday	March 25
NO Mass and the Office is Closed	
Wednesday	March 26
Mass 9:30 am	Father John Henderson
Celebrate Recovery at 5:30	
Thursday	March 27
Mass 9:30 am	For all those who are sick and near death

NO ADORATION TODAY
 Circle of Caring at 10 am

Friday	March 28
Mass 9:30 am	Judy Sours & Alice Magnano
Stations of the Cross 5:15 pm followed by a Soup Supper at 5:45 pm.	

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Every Friday in Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:15 pm followed by a Soup Supper around 5:45.

VICARIATE RETREAT: On Saturday, May 3rd from 9am until 3pm St. Mary's will be hosting a Retreat for all the Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors from all the churches in our Vicariate – Astoria, Seaside, Tillamook, and Rockaway Beach.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: On April 5th at 3pm at Our Lady of Victory in Seaside, there will be a required training for all current EMs and those who would like to become one. Parishioners must register with the Office of Divine Worship. To Register Email: amvandyke@archdpx.org or call: [503-233-8321](tel:503-233-8321)

PRAYERS: Please pray for Father Gerry Chapdelaine who is in hospice care and suffering from cancer. Many of you might remember him from the many summers he and his sister Liz spent here at St. Mary's while the Pastor was on vacation.

SEMINARIAN TEST FUND: Please consider going online to our website and donate to the Seminarian Test Fund. You may also write a check and drop it in the regular collection – just make sure you put "Seminarians Test" on the memo line. Last year there were 37 students to support. This year there are 73! We are grateful to those who have already donated. We are almost 1/2 of the way to reaching our goal of having enough to pay for all the student's tests. Please read the message below from Fr. Henry.

"Receive warm and cordial greetings from the Apostles of Jesus seminary, Moroto Uganda. This message comes with great joy and happiness of the outcome of the national results of our Lower secondary students. They were 37 in number and all of them scored result one. It means that all of them qualified to receive the certificates from the Uganda National examination Board. These wonderful results were possible because of your support to these candidates. The students were able to concentrate in the final term without much stress of tuitions and requirements. We have great hope that the Senior Six results will be even better. We still appreciate and thank you for your support to these students and request you, if possible, to support also the candidates of this year 2025. The candidates are: senior four 51 and Senior six 22." (Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kagwa Henry, AJ) See the test score summary below for 2024.

Grade	Achievement Level	No. per subject											TOTAL	PROJECT	
		ENG	CRE	HIST	GEOG	MATH	PHY	CHEM	BIO	AGRI	ICT	ENT			ART
A	Exceptional	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	-
B	Outstanding	4	4	12	12	3	4	4	7	6	-	3	1	60	9
C	Satisfactory	23	33	22	21	9	7	14	24	-	4	9	-	166	28
D	Basic	10	-	-	3	25	25	19	6	-	1	0	-	37	-
E	Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	-

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading tells us how God showed His mercy to His chosen people in Egyptian slavery by giving them Moses as their leader and liberator. God declared His intention to use Moses as the leader who would rescue His enslaved people. Then God revealed His name as Yahweh ("I AM Who AM") and renewed His promise to the patriarchs (v 8), to give them a "land flowing with milk and honey."

The second reading warns us that our merciful God is also a disciplining God. Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth that they must learn from the sad experience of the unfaithful Israelites in the desert who were punished for their sins by a merciful and just God. The merciful and gracious God is also just and demanding; hence, the Corinthians, and we, must be free from Moral sins and idolatry.

Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people and invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Citing two tragic events, Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. With the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus also warns them that the merciful God will not put up with them indefinitely. Although God patiently waits for sinners to repent, giving them grace to do so, He will not wait forever. Time may run out; therefore, timely repentance is necessary. Hence, one can say, "A Lent missed is a year lost from the spiritual life."

TAKEAWAYS

- 1) We need to live lives of repentance: (a) We never know when the unexpected will occur. Let us turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and failings, and receive from him mercy, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. b) There is no better way to take these words of Jesus to heart than to go to sacramental confession, and there is no better time to go to confession than during Lent. (c) Repentance helps us in life and in death. It helps us to live as forgiven people and helps us to face death without fear.
- 2) We need to be fruitful trees in God's Garden. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness, humble service, and sensitivity to the needs of others.
- 3) We need to make the best use of the "second chances" God gives us. Our merciful Father always gives us second chances. During Lent, too, we are given another chance to repent and return to our Heavenly Father's love through the sacrament of reconciliation, the "Sacrament of the second chance."

PARISH EXAMEN: We will have a Parish Meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 6pm in the Parish Hall to talk about and discuss our parish practices that help us witness to the Gospel and fulfill our mission. All parishioners should take home a copy of the Parish Examen document you will find on the table in the Vestibule. Please read, reflect, write notes and bring it with you to the meeting. We hope that all our Parishioners will participate.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$3470.00
Needy	\$51.00
Votive	\$9.35
Building/Maintenance	\$120.00
Seminarian Test Fund	\$1987.00