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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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March 26, 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

ACTIVITY	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday March 25 Confession Available at 4:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm + Daniel Leon Romero	
Sunday March 26 Mass 8:30 am The Cota and Evans Families Mass 10:30 am Gloria Lyons and Carol Cook Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass	
Monday March 27 Mass 9:30 am Steve and Patricia Lahtinen and Lorraine Grant and Harold Stern	
Tuesday March 28 No Mass - Office is Closed	
Wednesday March 29 Mass 9:30 am Fred and Sally Badgor and Larry and Mable Badgor Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday March 30 Mass 9:30 Laura Lane, Dustin Schenk, And Isabel Vanderstoep Adoration after Mass until Noon Circle of Caring 10 am RCIA Class 3:00 pm	
Friday March 31 Mass 9:30 am Gilbert Waitkus and Fr. Macdonald Akuti First Communion Class 5 pm Confessions Available at 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm No Greater Love video series & soup supper 6 pm	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for Dianne Bloom, Ethyl Pierzynski, Cathy McAllister, Gwen Medina, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Ron and Marie Patterson, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Dorence and Sharon Cote, Diane Gant, Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey, Harold Stern, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Julie Moore, Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI!, Art Pieretti, Marilou Bowman, and all those who have died recently and for those who have asked for our prayers.

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 Don Vander Zanden, Ronald Niece, Judy Sours, Luis Lovato Alejo, Finley Motsinger, and Sharon Cote.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL

I appreciate the level of faith and trust Mary and Martha had in Jesus. It is understood that Jesus had the ability to reach Lazarus while he was still alive because he was only few miles away.

Martha greets Jesus, and He tells her that Lazarus will rise, she confirms that she knows her brother will rise again- in the resurrection on the last day. And is that not a greater gift than living longer on earth! But, amidst the pain of loss, how difficult is it to recognize that fact? Mary certainly struggles to realize it. She does lament to Jesus that if he had just come sooner, Lazarus would still be with them.

Jesus responded: "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Wow... What if we applied this all over our lives? Our entire lives should be *for the greater glory of God* - and that includes our suffering! Now, it is not that God *wants* us to suffer, but rather we have a lot to gain from suffering. Strength, perseverance, faith, and perspective are a few that come to mind. Mary and Martha certainly gained all four. This experience gave them the ability to see that eternal life with Jesus in heaven is a greater gift than more time with their brother. They both gained faith in Christ as they watched Him perform the miracle of bringing their brother back to life.

Lazarus suffered an illness and death. The sisters suffered grief at the loss of their brother. They had frustration, sadness, hopelessness and so many other emotions. But what did this anguish allow for? A community came together to love and support them! Jesus performed a miracle that instilled faith in many bystanders.

My point here is: Suffering is what brings us together - it unites us. **We all have it.** The pain of others is what gives us the opportunity to be Christ to others. A life free of suffering is not possible, but we do have the unique ability to lessen the miseries of others. And remember, the greatest suffering of all was Jesus died on the cross to save us...

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: The schedule of Mass & Services for Holy Week are:

4/1 Saturday Reconciliation Service at 10am, Vigil Mass at 5pm

4/2 Palm Sunday: Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday Mass at 8:30am and 10:30am

4/6 Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

4/7 Good Friday: Stations of the Cross and Service at 3pm

4/8 Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Service at 8pm

4/9 Easter Sunday: Mass at 8:30am and 10:30am

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN CONFESSION AND PENANCE SERVICE: Saturday, April 1st at 10 AM we will have a Confession and Penance Service. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY AND OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: As we approach Holy Week, pray and reflect on the Seven Sorrows of Mary. (insert) They are all based on scripture and help us recall Mary's role in salvation history. Next Friday is your last opportunity to join us as we increase our faith through traditional prayer and reflection, and then join together for the video series **No Greater Love**. We begin with Stations of the Cross in the church at 5 PM, preceded by the opportunity to go to confession between 4:30 and 5pm. The Stations of the Cross will be followed by a soup supper and video presentation in the parish hall beginning at 6 PM. Join us for all or part of the evening.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 28th at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

THANK YOU! We would like to thank all the people of our parish who stepped up to help with the Memorial Mass for Nancy McGillis and all those who provided the food and helped serve at the reception. Steve and his children and grandchildren have also expressed their gratitude for making last Saturday a special day of remembrance.

PARISH HALL KITCHEN REMODEL: The Parish Hall remodel has actually started. The windows in the kitchen and refrigerator room in the back of the hall have been replaced. The major work will begin after Easter and will be completed by the end of May. During that time, the hall will not be rented out and will be available for limited use until the project is finished.