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**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  
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**CHURCH FLOWER DECOR:** Gloria Lyons  
**GARDENING: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP**  
**MAINTENANCE:** Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 9AM - 3PM  
Closed Monday and Tuesday.

**PARISH STAFF:**  
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**St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church**  
PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136  
**March 30-31, 2024**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**



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**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

**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**

<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>March 30</b>
Mass 7:30 pm	+ Andrew Staruch
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>March 31</b>
Mass 8:30 am	Laura Lane
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 1</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Toni DeFrancisco
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 2</b>
No Mass and the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 3</b>
Mass 9:30 am	+ Cindy Church and Doug Parker
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 4</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Dia Norris
Circle of Caring 10am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
Mass 9:30 am	
Grief Share 3pm	



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for Jordan Fullup and family, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mike Franciscone, Mary Alger, 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 Andrew Staruch, 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 Sharon Cote, Judith Curtis, Sandra Somarakis, Dia Norris, and Maureen Warren.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 30, 2024

Easter Greetings and updates:

We wanted to share an update about all of the exciting progress being made to address the numerous structural concerns for our church, that have been a challenge for years. Father Akuti, the Parish Council and the Finance Council have been meeting, taking into consideration the needs of St. Mary by the Sea, and developing a plan to prioritize and address these issues in a most expedient, cost effective and expert manner.

The priorities that have been identified include the leaks in the church bell tower and roof, the leaks in the hall, and the courtyard. While there are numerous other needs that have been identified, and will be addressed in the future, as well as efforts to access funding, these three areas presented the most immediate long-standing concerns.

Thankfully, St. Mary's has had a wonderful relationship with architect Jim Fanjoy, who many of you may have met when the church expansion was done. He has been hired to help walk us through the process, ensuring that the job is done right and guiding us through the myriad of codes and requirements as well as the right contractors to complete the work.

The initial contract was signed and work set in motion. Mr. Fanjoy will work in concert with contractors, roofers, the archdiocese and the church to be sure that the process respects the wishes of St. Mary's, meets all requirements to successfully address these long-standing concerns, and continue to work with us as we complete one project and move to the next. Funds are available for the initial contract, and future expenditures will be determined as information is gathered.

Thanks to Fr. Akuti and Phillip Curtis's research, we are part of an archdiocese grant program that will be a channel for St. Mary to request financial support from grantees that are identified as likely avenues of support for our particular needs. Guidelines for these applications will be available to St. Mary's by April 1. (I know, we have heard the April Fools jokes – ha).

As the efforts move along, we look forward to sharing the progress and hope that if you have questions, you will feel free to contact Fr. Akuti, Steve Bloom (parish council) or Phillip Curtis (finance council). I'm sure you are as excited as we are about addressing these long standing, serious needs and look forward to new ideas and efforts to make and maintain St. Mary by the Sea the beautiful, welcoming place we all have grown to love, and hope to see last and grow for the community and our children and grandchildren.

Regular updates will be shared, and if you like, there is also a suggestion box at the front of the church.

Peace and blessings – you are all greatly appreciated.



### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$1,759.70
Needy	\$53.00
Maintenance/Building	\$284.00
Votive	\$4.50
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$00.00
Gift Donation	\$200.00

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

### TAKEAWAYS

1) Life of Resurrection people: We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life.

2) The conviction of the Real Presence of the Risen Lord with us and within us and all around us, enables us to lead disciplined Christian lives. It will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words, behaviors, and actions.

3) This salutary awareness of the presence of the Risen Lord within us inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the loving presence of the Risen Lord dwells in our neighbors and in all those we encounter, should encourage us to respect them and to render them loving, humble, selfless service.

4) We need to become transparent Christians, radiating the Risen Lord around us in the form of selfless and sacrificial agape love, mercy, compassion, and a spirit of humble service.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**50 DAYS OF PRAYER:** Tillamook County Churches have done 30 to 50 days of prayer since 2006. So, in 2024, you are again invited to take the time, a few minutes each day, to bring healing to ourselves, family, neighbors, and to our community, state, nation and world. You probably already have the book from previous years but there is a brochure in the vestibule which contains the reading guide and schedule.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:** At St. Mary by the Sea, we treasure our children. We warmly welcome each and every one of them, and we are so grateful to the adults that brought them here. Please feel at home here, and be assured that we love to hear them rustling about and keeping busy during Mass. We have a Children's Corner in the back of the Church and in the Parish Hall. The children will help sing the Gloria at Mass today. We are also starting a Sunday School during the 10:30 mass using Children's Liturgy of the Word, which we hope to start in May.

**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:** The Grief Share support group is having weekly sessions every Friday. They will run through May 31<sup>st</sup> from 3pm until 5pm. They are being held in the Parish Hall. You may join at any time. Information cards and brochures are located in the Vestibule.

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

**THANK YOU:** We are grateful to everyone who helped make our Holy Week Services so special. Whether reading, serving, setting up, or being present to share in the Liturgy. We also want to thank the ladies who decorated for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Easter.

**LITTLE WHITE BOOKS** are available in the vestibule at the back of the Church. They are meant to help you spend some quiet time with the Lord each day over these next 50 days of the Easter season. On Monday, April 1, you will begin walking through Matthew's Resurrection narrative. The books are available in English and Spanish.