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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.  
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**CHURCH FLOWER DECOR:** Gloria Lyons  
**GARDENING: WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO HELP**  
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**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 2-3, 2024**  
**The Third Sunday of Lent**



**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

**PASTOR:**  
Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ  
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**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>Saturday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
Mass 8:30 am	Mathias Barita
Adoration – after Mass until 10 am	
Mass 5 pm	Jordan Fulop and his family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	Paul Bender
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 4</b>
Mass 9:30 am	+ Ron Sill
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 5</b>
No Mass and the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Fr. Terry Tompkins
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 7</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Nina Difrancisco and Izabel Wenzelburger
Adoration – after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 8</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Mary Alice Nendel and Glaucia Herdy Cota
Grief Share 3pm	
First Communion Class 5pm	
Stations of Cross 5:15 pm	Soup Supper 5:45 pm

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mike Franciscone, Mary Alger, Ethel Pierczynski, 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 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 Paul Erlebach, Lionel Leon, Manuel Cota, and Fernando Silveira.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ROZINA AGBUA**, Father Akuti's mother, who died last Sunday. In memory of Father's Mother, we are setting up a Scholarship Fund to support the Apostles of Jesus Seminarians at Moroto Seminary in Uganda. To donate please put "Seminarians" or "Apostles of Jesus" in the memo line of a check or on the envelope if donating cash. This will be an ongoing fundraiser and all donations can be put in the regular collection or sent to the office. You may also go to our website and donate online.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER** – Join us on Fridays during this Lenten season. The Stations of the Cross begin at 5:15 pm and soup is served beginning about 5:45 pm. As Catholics, we honor the seasons of our faith and Lent is a season of reflection, fasting, penance, and almsgiving. We encourage all families to attend together so that we all can encourage our children in the practice of the faith. Teenagers, junior high and grade school students - adults, seniors, and super seniors! Everyone is welcome. Let's make this season of Lent the best ever.

**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 Parish Hall with lots of toys and books for your children to play with while you enjoy cakes and coffee during the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month after each of the Masses. Please come over and be a part of our family community. We are also planning on starting a Sunday School during the 10:30 mass using Children's Liturgy of the Word. More details, including start date, to follow soon.

**GRIEF SHARE:** Once again Grief Share support group weekly sessions will begin on Friday March 8, and run through May 31<sup>st</sup> from 3pm until 5pm. They will be held in the Parish Hall while the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class is meeting in the office. You may join at any time. Information cards and brochures are located in the Vestibule. Please register online.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** If gardening is one of your pleasures in life, we are looking for someone who is willing to take over the maintenance and care of our church flowers and greenery. Let Doris in the office know if you are interested in helping.

**CAMP HOWARD:** Looking for a summer of great memories and outdoorsy fun? Come enjoy a week at Camp Howard this summer! Open for ages 6-14! Registration is now open. For more information go to [cyocamphoward.org](http://cyocamphoward.org). They are also looking lifeguards, cabin or relief counselors, program staff, and dishwashers and kitchen assistants. If you want to apply - go to [cyocamphoward.org/jobs](http://cyocamphoward.org/jobs)

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom, the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbors.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) depicts the Mosaic Law's life-enhancing attributes: it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart; it is pure and true, more precious than gold.

Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection.

Jesus cleansed the Temple which King Herod began to renovate in 20 BC. The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus were the conversion of God's Temple into a "*noisy marketplace*" by the animal merchants and into a "*hideout of thieves*" by the moneychangers with their grossly unjust business practices, – a sacrilegious practice in God's Holy Place. Jesus' reaction to this commercialized Faith was fierce. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus constructed his own, a whip of cords, and used it to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

### TAKAWAYS

**1) We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship:** Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We are not supposed to think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings.

**2) Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit:** St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**3) Let us love our parish Church as our "Heavenly Father's house"** and make it a holier place by our care for it, by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries, and by our financial support for its maintenance and development.

**PARISH RETREAT:** On Saturday morning, March 16, we are planning a parish retreat. Dr. Ryan Mainard will be joining us to lead a discussion, "God alone suffices." How do we trust in God in such a chaotic world? Where can we find the peace that lasts? Please mark your calendars now - beginning with Mass at 8:00 followed by the retreat at 8:30 in the parish hall. Please plan to bring your family to this enriching event for Lent.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

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