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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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April 16, 2023

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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 April 15	
Mass 5 pm	+ Bruce Leon Aguilar
Sunday April 16	
Mass 8:30 am	+ Nancy McGillis
Mass 10:30 am	Linda Clark & Brian Evans
Confirmation Class after the 10:30 Mass	
Monday April 17	
Mass 9:30 am	Mike and Lucy Davis
Tuesday April 18	
No Mass - Office is Closed	
Wednesday April 19	
Mass 9:30 am	Johnny & Jesse DeCoteau
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm
Thursday April 20	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Jason Anthony Aldo Leone
Adoration after Mass until noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
Friday April 21	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Art Pieretti
First Communion Class 5 pm	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Ed Seeger, 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 rosa Erlebach, Rhonda Silveira, Sugar Brosius, and Dan Carrol.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

“HELPED BY A DOUBTING APOSTLE”

Most ordinary mortals have moments of doubt during spiritual journey. Thomas's recovery from his doubts offers a valuable insight into God's mercy and kindness.

Are we sometimes like those disciples, indecisive, inactive, unwilling to promote the faith. The “slings and arrows of outrageous fortune” have dented our confidence. Are we tempted to abandon our faith journey, unable to see a way forward? Our past failures make us hesitant to try again. Today's gospel offers a solution. The Lord himself has power to revive our courage and our faith. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out.

At first, Thomas refused to believe that the others had seen him. He demanded definite and demonstrable, tangible proof. Jesus gave him the proof he needed. “Put your finger here,” he said, “and feel my wounds.” He forgives our fears and doubts too, and offers us a fresh start. We need to say in our turn, “My Lord and my God.

Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In praying the Eucharist together, we help each other's faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.

No-one else can do our believing for us. Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have received the gift of faith: ‘Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Our faith is a gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious heirloom. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say “My Lord and my God!”

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL: Next weekend we can Help grow HOPE, EDUCATION, and FAITH through a donation to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. More than 22 life-changing ministries answering the needs of our neighbors, friends, and family are supported through YOUR generosity. To make an immediate impact for your faith community, visit the Archdiocese website, by clicking [JesusChangesEverything](#) or call (503) 233-8336.

LIONS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE: This Tuesday you can save a life by donating blood. Go to [redcross.org](#) to setup an appointment or stop in between noon and 5pm at the Lions Club across Hwy 101 on Anchor Street. This drive was originally scheduled here at St. Mary's and we appreciate the Lions Club for helping us out.

MAINTENANCE DONATIONS: There are 3 vases in the vestibule so you can choose which of our maintenance projects you would like to support. We will be repairing the **Roof** that covers the rectory and office, replacing and fixing the **Plumbing** in the Parish Hall Kitchen, and doing some routine **Maintenance**. We appreciate your help and generosity as we deal with these necessary repairs and improvements. In the last three weeks we have received: \$713.45 for the Roof, \$803 for the Plumbing, and \$292 for Maintenance. Thank you so much for your generosity.

PARISH HALL KITCHEN REMODEL: The Parish Hall kitchen remodel will begin on Monday 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. Please pray for the workers and those who are helping make this project a success.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 11th at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: The retreat for the Confirmation candidates will be on May 7th from 1-5pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Astoria in the school building. Baptism and First Communion will be celebrated here at St. Mary by the Sea on April 30th at the 10:30 Mass. Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Seaside on Tuesday, May 30th at 5:30pm