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**PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

**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, 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  
**FAITH FORMATION:** Louise Rosas  
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**CIRCLE OF CARING:** Ethel Pierzynski, Marie Hennessy, Rhoda Degiovanni, Reta Girdner, and Mary Filker.  
**CHURCH FLOWER DECOR:** Gloria Lyons  
**GARDENING: WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP**  
**MAINTENANCE:** Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parish websites: stmarybythesea.com  
Facebook.com/stmarybythesea/rockawaybeach  
Parish email: stmarys1927@gmail.com  
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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  
**April 20-21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**PASTOR:**  
Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ  
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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)  
Monday 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>Saturday</b>	<b>April 20</b>
Mass 5:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 21</b>
Mass 8:30 am	+ Gwen Medina
Mass 10:30 am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Ruhland
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 22</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Hem & Judette Hemachandra
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 23</b>
No Mass and the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 24</b>
No Mass - the Office will be open	
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 25</b>
No Mass - the Office will be open	
No Adoration this week	
Circle of Caring 10am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 26</b>
No Mass - the Office will be open	
Grief Share 3pm	
First Communion Class 5pm	

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, 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 Barbara Boyle, Lloyd, 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 Dan Carrol and Zansaday Lobato.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:** Father Akuti will be gone from Monday until Friday this week. Father David Jaspers will be here to celebrate Mass on Monday at 9:30 but for the rest of the weekdays, Tuesday through Friday, there will be no Mass and on Thursday, no Adoration.

**BAPTISMS:** We Welcome and congratulate Cedar Dewayne Williams and OakLynne Rose Williams who were Baptized last week.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** At the 10:30 Mass on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, three of our Parish Children will make there First Communion. We thank Louise Rosas and Cynthia Sinn for getting Pedro Pozos, Finley Ida-Grace Motsinger, and Sheyla Marily Morales Gonzalez prepared and ready to receive the Eucharist.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND PROGRAM:** We are grateful and want to thank everyone who donated to help the Children's Ministry last weekend. \$583.75 was donated and it will be used for books, supplies, and to help train the volunteers who will be working with the children. 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. We are starting Sunday School in May during the 10:30 Mass.

**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.

**GARDENING PARTY:** Our rescheduled landscape cleanup party will be Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Bring your garden hand tools or just come and help make our parish yard look better. We have also had a few people step up to help with the gardening on a weekly basis but we could use one person to be the lead or coordinator. Catherine Embrie has done that job for almost 20 years but she will be stepping away, and so, if gardening is one of your recreational activities and you would be willing to take on the job of coordinating and working in our parish gardens, please call or let Doris in the office know.

**ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC APPEAL:** By now, you have received a mailing or picked up an envelope here at the parish for the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. The appeal is focused on supporting the vital programs and ministries that we all depend upon to sustain the Catholic Church in Western Oregon. If you have not had a chance to watch the video, I encourage you to do so on our Website; and, to prayerfully give. Your support makes a real difference. You can make a contribution by mail using a pew envelope or online at [JesusChangesEverything.church](http://JesusChangesEverything.church).

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

### SOME TAKEAWAYS

**1)- Let us become good shepherds:** Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence Bishops, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health, and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

**2)- Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd:**

**a)** By taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions;

**b)** By cooperating with our pastors, giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence, by offering them praise and thanks for all they are doing for us, and occasionally by making constructive suggestions for changes;

**c)** By cooperating as good stewards in the activities of various councils, ministries, and parish associations.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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 fixing 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. 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 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.

Peace and Blessings, you are all greatly appreciated.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$2,164.80
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Maintenance/Building	\$30.00
Votive	\$7.00
Flowers	\$50.00
Hospitality	\$7.00
Gift Donation	\$200.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$00.00
Archbishops Catholic Appeal	\$7,390.00