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## St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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April 24, 2021

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*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.*



## SCHEDULE

### ACTIVITY TIME INTENTION

#### Saturday April 23

Mass 5:00 pm T Brandon Ayala

#### Sunday April 24

Mass 8:30 am + Souls in Purgatory  
Mass 10:30 am Judette and Hem  
Hemachandra

#### Monday April 25

NO MASS and the Office is closed

#### Tuesday April 26

NO MASS and the Office is closed

#### Wednesday April 27

Mass 9:30 am Sinners of the World  
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

#### Thursday April 28

Mass 9:30 am Jonathan Duffy-Scott  
Circle of Caring 10:00 am

#### Friday April 29

Mass 9:30 am + Souls in Purgatory

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### A TIME FOR HEALING AND

**SORROW:** Please pray for Theresa Sarnelli, Ed Sherman, Missy Lyons and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Louise Kaiser, Howard Stacy, 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 special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Therese Southwick, Eileen Seeger, and Lawrence Watson



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANGELO

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Blessed Easter to all! Yes, we can still use this greeting for the next 50 days. The depth and significance of Easter could simply not be contained in one weekend, it is prolonged to emphasize its effect in our very lives; that Christ's resurrection, his victory over death, his gift of eternal life and redemption for us continue to give meaning and direction to our existence. He died for us so we may have the fullness of life.

This Sunday, we celebrate Divine Mercy. What is its connection to the Easter season? Pope John Paul II states that "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified". The paschal mystery is founded on God's divine mercy. Jesus says in scripture, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends". (John 15:13). The power of Jesus' preaching is seen in how His message is proclaimed loudly through His actions. The very heart of the Easter triduum, from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday, is focused on the sacrificial love of Christ. The perfection of this love is that, it is freely given without condition. He did not die only for a few deserving followers but for all of us. Thus, on the cross, the blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of Jesus is a fountain of Mercy for us. God's mercy has saved us.

Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to grow in devotion to the compassionate heart of our savior. Devotion is defined as love, loyalty or enthusiasm for a person or cause. To grow in devotion is to strive to conform our lives to Jesus Christ. As we are saved by God's mercy, we must grow in and share that mercy. Let us share the joy of the resurrection by dying to our old ways and living in the new creation with Christ.

**COUNTY WIDE PRAYER TEAM:** The 50 days of prayer started Easter Sunday. It is not too late to join us. There are books and the 2022 Reading Guides in the vestibule.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GREAT POTATO BAR:** Saturday, April 30th, at 6:00. (After mass)  
Hosted by the St. Aloysius Team as a thank you to the parish for all your support during these last two years of quilt fundraising. This Baked Potato Bar activity is not a fundraiser, but an opportunity to gather together socially. It will be a time to enjoy each other's company as a church family while munching on baked potatoes with many topping choices. We look forward to seeing you in the church hall after 5:00 mass. See you all next Saturday, The Team

**PRAY FOR UKRAINE:** Pray for the people of Ukraine, for increased and steadfast resilience, for justice to reign, and for lasting peace to return to the second-largest country in Europe. Pray for the Medical Teams to have Wisdom as they work in a very dynamic situation and for the staff and volunteers.

**IN MEMORY OF** Henry Gernert, the young high school student who died in a car crash, there will be a Henry Gernert Memorial Trades Scholarship. Donations can be given by mailing them to Neah-Kah-Nie Education Foundation, PO Box 28 Rockaway Beach OR 97136

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Are you looking to put Christ in your marriage? Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 27-29 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply for **YOUR** WWME Experience or search other dates go to [rediscoverthespark.org](https://www.rediscoverthespark.org). For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email at [reservations@rediscoverthespark.org](mailto:reservations@rediscoverthespark.org)

**THANK YOU** so much to all who participated in the Synod listening and sharing sessions. It was a wonderful start to a process of encountering, listening and planning for St. Mary by the Sea as well as our church as a whole. Your input, joys and concerns have been shared and we look forward to many more opportunities to put ideas into action and to continue to learn and grow together. Also, a heartfelt thank you from Helping Hands - Tillamook for the donation of towels, pillow cases, and toiletries. Gary, the manager, was very appreciative. They continue to need new pillows, and new/gently used towels, wash cloths, pillow cases, single bed sheets and personal sized (unopened) toiletries. Your generosity over the years for this program has made a huge difference in the lives of those on their way to recovery and stable housing.