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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 29	
Mass 5 pm	+ Leocadia Romero Lemus
Sunday April 30	
Mass 8:30 am	+ Jason Anthony Aldo Leone
Mass 10:30 am	Monica, Clare, & Molly Berghout
Baptism and First Holy Communion	
Monday May 1	
Mass 9:30 am	Dexter Massey
Tuesday May 2	
No Mass - Office is Closed	
Wednesday May 3	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Art Pieretti
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm
Thursday May 4	
Mass 9:30 am	Marty & Maria DeCoteau
Adoration after Mass until noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
Friday May 5	
Mass 9:30 am	John & Michelle Berghout
Saturday May 6	
First Saturday Mass 8:30 am	

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 Joao Pinto Jr. Julie Moore, Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Emeritus Benedict XV!, 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 Zansaday Lobato., Eileen Seeger, Therese Southwick, and Lawrence Watson.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

“TUNE OUR MINDS TO HIS VOICE, JESUS THE GOD SHEPHERD”

On this *Good Shepherd Sunday* and the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes, and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life.

Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with Christians.

In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus; the first, as a selfless, caring “shepherd” who provides for his sheep protection and life itself, and the second, as our unique gateway (“sheep gate”), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life.

SOME TAKE AWAYS

We need to become good shepherds and good leaders: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful in fulfilling their duties toward their children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles.

We need to become good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers, and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to:

- a) Hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling, and advice.
- b) Receive the spiritual food given by our pastors through our regular participation in the Holy Mass, our frequenting of the Sacraments, and our participation in the prayer services, renewal programs, and missions they offer.
- c) Cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their duties, offering them loving, constructive advice in executing their duties, and always by praying for them
- d) Actively participate in the activities of various councils, ministries, and parish associations.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SATURDAY: Beginning May 6th, we will be celebrating Mass at 8:30 am in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. Going forward we will continue this tradition and have Mass the first Saturday of each month.

ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). Your generous sacrifice will affirm your desire to make Jesus Christ known to others. Please visit JesusChangesEverything.church, or call (503) 233-8336 and give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are in the back of the church – you might consider making a pledge of \$10, \$25, or \$50 a month if that makes your donation easier on your budget. Just fill out the form and drop the envelope into the collection next weekend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We will be cleaning up around the Parish yard on May 13th from 10am until Noon; followed by a pizza lunch. This has always been an annual chore but because of Covid it hasn't been done for a few years and we could really use your help. Bring a pair of gloves and your enthusiasm!

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: \$912.45 for the Roof, \$984 for the Plumbing, and \$373 for Maintenance. Thank you so much for your generosity.

PARISH HALL KITCHEN REMODEL: The Parish Hall kitchen remodel is back on track and will begin May 15th and should be finished the week of June 19th. During that time, the hall will not be rented out and will be available for limited use. Please pray for the workers and those who are helping make this project a success.

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. Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Seaside on Tuesday, May 30th at 5:30pm

CONGRATULATIONS to those who are making their First Holy Communion:

Zarisaday Luz Nachely Lobato
Andrew Miguel Neto
Jiovani Eduardo Hernandez
Neymar Junyor Hernandez
Lionel Alexander Leon

Maite Perez Carmona
Yuliana Perez Carmona
Fiorella Perez Carmona
Alma Sarai Caty Pozos
Maxwell Marcos Leon