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**April 6, 2025**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**PASTOR:**

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Wednesday - Friday  
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)  
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30  
 Weekday Mass on M, W, TH & F  
 at 9:30am  
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for Father John Henderson, Father Gerry Chapdelaine, Pope Francis, Lynn Stein and her 4 grandkids, Cynthia Sinn, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Fritz Stubenrauch, Mary Reynolds, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop and his children, Ashley Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

**A TIME FOR SORROW:** Please pray for Bob Scott, Britteny Stein-Stinett, Jan Berghout, Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Art Pieretti, Rozina Agbua, 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 Maureen Warren, Clare Gonzalez, George Baker, and Guadalupe Robles Ventura.

**THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE**

**MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS**

<b>First Saturday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	John Terheggen & Tess
<b>Adoration for 1 hour after Mass</b>	
<b>Mass 5:00 pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 6</b>
<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	Lara Bender
<b>Mass 10:30 am</b>	Karen Yount
<b>Sunday School 10:30 am</b>	
<b>Confirmation Class</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Lara Bender
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 8</b>
<b>NO Mass and the Office is Closed</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 9</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	+ Roy & Dorothy Terheggen
<b>Celebrate Recovery at 5:30</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	+ Larry Matthews & Anne Lee
<b>Adoration after Mass until Noon</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Tammy Davis & Bob Webster
<b>Stations of the Cross 5:15 pm followed by a Soup Supper at 5:45 pm.</b>	

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY:** Every Friday in Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:15 pm followed by a Soup Supper around 5:45.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:** Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. On Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm we will have our Lenten Penance Service.

**VICARIATE RETREAT:** On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am until 3pm St. Mary's will be hosting a Retreat for all the Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors from all the churches in our Vicariate – Astoria, Seaside, Tillamook, and Rockaway Beach.

**SEMINARIAN TEST FUND:** Thank you to those who have donated to the Seminarian Test Fund. We are getting really close to reaching our goal of \$6920 to have enough to pay for all 72 student's tests. We have already raised \$4361 and just need \$2559 more to reach our goal. You may still donate by going online to our website or just writing a check and dropping it in the regular collection – just make sure you put "Seminarian Tests" on the memo line. Again, thank you to everyone for your support.

**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** to Robert Joseph Kocarnik, a long time supporter of our faith, family, and St. Mary by the Sea parish. The family thanks our parish for over 60 years of memories and for helping them in celebrating his love and life on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISM MASS:** You are all invited to attend the Chrism Mass on April 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland. It is a solemn celebration where the Archbishop together with his priests, consecrates and blesses the three holy oils used for sacraments and rites.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is April 27<sup>th</sup> the Week after Easter. Please pick up one of the Divine Mercy prayer sheets from the usher who will be handing them out in the back of the Church.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$1893.00
Needy	\$131.20
Votive	\$19.00
Building/Maintenance	\$282.00
Seminarian Test Fund	\$625.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$100.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$451.00

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the first reading reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness.

In the second reading, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "*Sin no more.*" Paul loves Christ so much he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection.

The sinful woman's story of sin committed and sin forgiven in today's Gospel, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

### TAKEAWAYS:

1)-We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We may be judgmental or skeptical about the Single Parents, the alcoholic, the drug addict, or a suspect, ignoring Jesus' command: "*Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we can help lead them to Jesus' ways.

2) -We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments, and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The apostle Paul reminds us: "*But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.*" (1 Cor 11:31).