

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
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 PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136  
**May 11-12, 2024**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**



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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)  
 Mon. Wed. Thur. & Fri. at 9:30 am  
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

**ST. MARY BY 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>May 4</b>
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Bruno Leon Agullar
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 5</b>
Mass 8:30 am	+ Margaret Isabel Mattox
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 6</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Terri Sarnelli
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 7</b>
No Mass and the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 8</b>
Mass 9:30 am	+ Donna Hillyer
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 9</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Amanda Bloom
<i>No Adoration this week</i>	
Circle of Caring 10am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 10</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Christina Bloom
Grief Share 3pm	

**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 Joaquin Fraile, Steve McGillis, Tatum Rice, and Juana Alcantar.

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THURSDAY** this week, there will be our regular Mass at 9:30 but no Adoration following the Mass. Father will be leaving to attend an Archdiocese meeting.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND PROGRAM:** 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. Sunday School during the 10:30 Mass will be starting soon.

**QUILT RAFFLE:** Our quilt raffle continues thru the month of May. Tickets are \$10 and all money goes towards providing scholarships for students at St. Aloysius. If you aren't interested in winning the quilt you are still very welcome to make a donation to help with these scholarships. \$450 provides room and board and an education for one year!

**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.

**ROSARY:** May is the month of the Holy Rosary: Ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother for our country, families and Peace in the world. May everyone not miss the opportunity to ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

**PENTECOST NOVENA:** began this Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. May we all ask by this Novena a return of peace at all our Universities, Colleges, and Cities. Peace for People of Israel, Gaza, and the entire middle east.

**ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL:** Please give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal! It is not too late to give. To make an immediate impact on our faith community, visit [JesusChangesEverything.church](http://JesusChangesEverything.church), or call (503) 233-8336.

**GARDEN HELP:** If you are interested in helping with our beautiful gardens and can commit to watering, weeding, and deadheading in the gardens for one week this summer, please sign up in the foyer. Choose a date that best suits your time constraints. Thank you so much!

**FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST:** don't forget to mark your calendar for the French Toast Breakfast on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am until Noon. This is sponsored by and will help raise funds for the Senior Meals Program.

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading gives an account of the event of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. First, Jesus instructed his apostles to *remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit* so that they might become his "*witnesses to the ends of the earth*" by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then *a cloud took Jesus from the sight* of the disciples and two Heavenly messengers in white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus' "*second coming*" in glory.

In the second reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly Glory, provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving his final blessing and missionary command to his disciples. The command was to "*proclaim the Good News to the whole creation,*" "*to be his witnesses,*" and "*to make disciples of all nations.*" (Mt 28:16-20, Mk 16:15-20, Lk 24:46-53, Acts 1:1-11).

### TAKEAWAYS

**1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers:** To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

**2) We have a teaching mission:** Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and preaching and gave as we have experienced our Lord and Savior.

**3) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement:** We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches — that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-mothers and Mother-like figures in our lives. May God bless them abundantly. Make sure to offer prayers, Mass intentions, cards, visitation and all kind gestures to the heart of the family – who never stops giving to all – that is our Mothers! Mass intention cards are in the back of the church.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$2,510.00
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