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CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church
 PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136
May 18-19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday – Feast of the Holy Spirit



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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 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

Day	Mass Time	Intention / Event
Saturday	May 18	
	Mass 5:00 pm	Ethel Pierzynski
Sunday	May 19	
	Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
	Mass 10:30 am	Tom Lockwood
Monday	May 20	
	Mass 9:30 am	Will Duncan
Tuesday	May 21	
	No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	May 22	
	Mass 9:30 am	Kate Hennessy
	Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	May 23	
	Mass 9:30 am	Shauna Adams
	Adoration following Mass until Noon	
	Circle of Caring 10am	
Friday	May 24	
	Mass 9:30 am	Kass Ripley and Gwen Medina
	Grief Share 3pm	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Lynn Marie Becker, 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 Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Melida Alvarado, Linda Guma Boaid, Colleen Willis, 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 Mary Springer, Cynthia Sinn, Ervin Todd Hadziosmanovic, Jack Springer, and Noe Garcia Contreras.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 31st 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.

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 next Saturday, May 25th from 8am until Noon. This is sponsored by and will help raise funds for the Senior Meals Program.

FAITH FORMATION: There are forms in the back of the church for our Faith Formation classes. If someone in your family, or a friend, is interested in becoming a Catholic, then have them sign-up for the RCIA class. If you have a child who needs to be Confirmed, please take and fill out the form for Confirmation.



REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

In the Gospel, where Jesus, on the evening of Easter, breathes upon the disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). He bestows the Spirit for a precise purpose: to forgive sins, to reconcile minds and to *harmonize hearts* wounded by evil, broken by hurts, led astray by feelings of pride. Only the Spirit restores harmony in the heart, for he is the one who creates "intimacy with God" (SAINT BASIL, *De Spiritu Sancto*, XIX, 49).

If we want harmony let us seek him, not worldly substitutes. Let us invoke the Holy Spirit each day. Let us begin our day by praying to him. Let us become docile to him!

And today, on his feast, let us ask ourselves:

- a) Am I docile to the harmony of the Spirit?
- b) Or do I pursue my projects, my own ideas, without letting myself be shaped and changed by him?
- c) Is my way of living the faith docile to the Spirit or is it obstinate?
- d) Am I stubbornly attached to texts or ungodly agendas that are only cold expressions of life?
- e) Am I quick to judge?
- f) Do I point fingers and slam doors in the face of others, considering myself a victim of everyone and everything?
- g) Or do I welcome the Spirit's harmonious and creative power, the "grace of wholeness" that he inspires, his forgiveness that brings us peace?
- h) And in turn, do I forgive?
- i) Forgiveness is making room for the Spirit to come. Do I foster reconciliation and build communion, or am I always on the lookout, poking my nose into problems and causing hurt, spite, division and breakdown?
- j) Do I forgive, promote reconciliation and build communion?
- k) If the world is divided, if the Church is polarized, if hearts are broken, let us not waste time in criticizing others and growing angry with one another; instead, let us invoke the Holy Spirit. He is able to resolve all of this.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$2,510.00
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Archbishops Catholic Appeal	\$215.00