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# St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

May 21, 2023

## The Ascension of the Lord

*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
<b>Saturday May 20</b>	
Vigil Mass 5 pm	+ Virginia Marquez Lopez
<b>Sunday May 21</b>	
Mass 8:30 am	+ Paul Osterman
Mass 10:30 am	+ Marie Pace and + Lori Leone
<b>Monday May 22</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Suely Pinto and + Ricardo Pinto
<b>Tuesday May 23</b>	
No Mass - Office is Closed	
<b>Wednesday May 24</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Karen Yount
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm
<b>Thursday May 25</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	Miranda Hayley, Lillian DeCoteau, and Patricia Lahtinen
Adoration after Mass until noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
<b>Friday May 26</b>	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Regina Artz

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW:** Please pray for Diane Reed, 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 Cythia Sinn, Mary Springer, Jack Springer, and Elizabeth Fernandez



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

### “YOU WILL NEVER WALK ALONE”

He had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission. In Matthew’s version he adds this promise, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it”. And Luke emphasizes that they will be “clothed with power from on high”, that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he says. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition worsen.

Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say. Others read what you write, be to it faithful or true.

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, *never less alone than when alone*. This applies especially to those who believe the promise, “I am with you always.” Talking with him doesn’t even need words. Be open to His presence in your heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that “Joy of the Gospel” so warmly described for us by our Pope Francis.

**CONFERENCE:** This fall the Archdiocese of Portland will host a Healing the Whole Person Conference. The conference is a three-day experience of God’s healing love through teaching, prayer, personal reflection, adoration, and the sacraments. It is open to everyone and can be attended in-person or virtually. It will be held at Our Lady of Lavang Catholic Church in Happy Valley from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration for the conference will be online, and although it doesn’t open until August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7am, they want you to know about the conference early, so you can mark your calendar to attend.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PARISH HALL KITCHEN REMODEL:** The Parish Hall kitchen remodel is in progress and should be finished the week of June 19<sup>th</sup>. 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:** Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Seaside this Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Because of the large number of candidates, extra family members and friends will not be able to attend in person. Please pray for all the candidates that the Lord will always surround them with His love, lead them by the light of His truth, and bless them with the power of His presence.

**FUNDRAISER:** We are having the second round of our Winter Survival Fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$9,500. We will be selling tickets in the back of the church. Tickets are \$20 each or a book for \$100. In the month of July, Cash prizes of \$100 will be given out each Sunday and Saturday, \$50 each Wednesday, \$75 each Friday, \$20 each Monday and Thursday, and on July 4<sup>th</sup> the prize will be \$250. A total of \$1986 will be given out in raffle prizes during July. The odds are Good! So, buy your tickets today and help us meet our fund-raising goal.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** There will be a meeting on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am following first Saturday Mass. We will be planning social functions for the remainder of the year. Bring your ideas for socials, such as dinners, family fun-times and picnics, and also fundraisers. All are welcome, we want to hear from **you!** If you are unable to attend, call Doris in the office or Barbara at 503-730-7149 to share your ideas.

**PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCILS:** We are in need of a few new people to be on our parish and finance councils, please talk to Father Akuti if you are interested in serving.

**MAINTENANCE FUND:** Thank you everyone for your generosity in donating your hard-earned money to support our maintenance projects. We have received a total of \$2866.05 with \$568 going toward general maintenance, \$1031.45 for the roofing project, and \$1266 toward the plumbing project.

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$2130.00
Needy	\$78.00
Maintenance/Building	\$170.00
Votive	\$5.00
Hospitality	\$21.58