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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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May 22, 2021

Sixth 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	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
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Saturday May 21

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass	5:00 pm	Miranda Hayley
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Sunday May 22

Mass	8:30 am	Ann Vanderstoep
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Mass	10:30 am	Lillian DeCoteau
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Monday May 23

Mass	9:30 am	Patricia Lahtinen
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Tuesday May 24

NO MASS and the Office is closed

Wednesday May 25

Mass	9:30 am	+ Diane Chase
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Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday May 26

Mass	9:30 am	+ Frank C. Guccione
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Adoration from 10am until Noon

Confessions Available from 10:30-11:45am

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday May 27

Mass	9:30 am	Tom Lockwood
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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for Theresa Sarnelli, Ed Sherman, Missy Lyons, Greg Molley, Virgie Davis, Shana Widmer, Emma Heathershaw, Danny Cusimano and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Diane Chase, Frank Guccione 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 special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Mary Springer, Jack Springer, Terry Bowman, Elizabeth Fernandez, and Deirdre Schneider.

COUNTY WIDE PRAYER TEAM:

We are on day 35 of 50 Days of Prayer. Guidebook is in vestibule.

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANGELO

In one of the trainings, I attended recently, as priests, we were asked the question: "What is your measure of success in your community"? When I reflect on the response, I believe ultimately that it's not about how much savings we have in the bank, nor the lack of problems or complaints in building community life. The measures of success for a thriving catholic community are growth in holiness; Members actively participating in the life of the parish and witnessing to the gospel in their lives; And authentic love for God and neighbor. Our daily lives should be closely linked and guided by our spiritual and sacramental lives.

One of the things that I have observed over the years is that, the challenging part in living out the faith we profess is that we fail to see the importance of building a relationship with God as a foundation. Thus, some of us approach the sacraments simply as an obligation or part of a checklist that needs to be fulfilled. We are not as invested in it as we do with our other earthly priorities. Why do I say this? Because if we truly understand the meaning of the Eucharist founded on an authentic relationship, the attendance in church on Holy days of obligation or special occasions would be the same as every Sunday mass.

Let us ask ourselves this question: "Do we go to church simply because we "have to" on a Sunday as an obligation? Or would we still be present regardless because we "love to" receive and encounter Christ? Growing in holiness and authentic love begin with a personal and intimate encounter with Christ especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist. I invite you to reflect on your own encounter with Christ and evaluate your relationship. Let us ask ourselves these questions:

- Does my encounter with Christ lead me to a deeper devotion to daily communion?
- What is stopping me from receiving the Eucharist daily?
- Have I grown in authentic love for Christ to the point where my day should begin and end with Him?
- Do I make God my number one priority in my daily life?
- Does my relationship with God affect my relationship with others?
- Am I willing to set aside 30 minutes each day to go to mass?
- Am I growing in holiness?

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIACONATE ORDINATION at St. Mary's Cathedral today is the last major step in a seminarian's journey to the priesthood. Please keep Anthony Hoangphan, Matthew Knight, and Efrain Razo in your prayers, on such an important day in their vocation journey!

NOVENA FOR LIFE: On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Join us in praying "A Novena for Life" from May 22-30. You can find the daily novena prayers on our website: stmarybythesea.com

QUILT RAFFLE: Between now and Fathers Day on June 19th we are selling tickets for the two beautiful quilts in the vestibule. The money raised will provide scholarships for St. Aloysius School in Uganda. Buy your tickets and put them in the jar for the one you want to win – one is Queen size and one is King size. Good Luck to all and thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' Thank you to those who contributed to the Oregon Catholic Charities Campaign. There are envelopes in the vestibule for those who would still like to contribute. You may mail them or put them in the regular collection basket.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE: Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God." In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.