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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

May 7, 2023

Fifth 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 MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 6

1st Saturday

Mass 8:30 am Loretta Schutten

Vigil Mass 5 pm + Beatriz Leon Romero

Sunday May 7

Mass 8:30 am Brian Clark & Terri Sarnelli

Mass 10:30 am + Judith Sievers

Baptism and First Holy Communion

Monday May 8

Mass 9:30 am Doris and Ken Hillyer

Tuesday May 9

No Mass - Office is Closed

Wednesday May 10

Mass 9:30 am Evelyn Gibbons

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday May 11

Mass 9:30 am Francis & Angie Stubenrauch

Adoration after Mass until noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday May 12

Mass 9:30 am Cora Ridgway

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for 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 Hannah Kinstedt, James Hickey, Tom Bristow, Joaquin Fraile, and Steve McGillis.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

The early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive by remaining a dynamic Christian community, bearing witness to Christ by their unity, fidelity in worship and spirit of loving, humble service. Today's Gospel introduces Jesus as the Way to God, the Truth to be accepted, and the Life to be shared and lived.

The first reading from Acts, shows us the early Church as a loving, serving, and worshipping community (Acts 6:1-7). Hence, it solved a problem of perceived discrimination by instituting the diaconate for the service of the community.

In the second reading, (1 Pt 2:4-5). St. Peter praises Christians, both Gentile and Jewish, as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God's own people."

In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his apostles by assuring them that he is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in his Father's House in Heaven. Then Thomas says, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus answers Thomas; "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

Jesus is the safest and surest way to God. Jesus is the Narrow Way because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus is the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God's relation to humanity. Jesus also teaches moral truths and demonstrates them in his life. Jesus is the Life because, as God, he possesses the eternal life of God and shares his Divine life with his disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

- 1) We accept Jesus as the Way by walking his narrow way of loving, humble, sacrificial service.
- 2) We accept Jesus as the Truth by learning and practicing what he has taught us, as given in the Bible and in the teachings of the Church.
- 3) We accept Jesus as the Life by sharing in the Divine Life of God in His Church, making use of the means Jesus has established.
 - a) By actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion; and the worthy reception of the other Sacraments;
 - b) By allowing the Holy Spirit living in the Church and within us to guide and strengthen us; and by communicating with God the Source of Life, in personal and family prayers.

Therefore; for an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling sinners back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church worships, and we renew our trust in

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who has made a donation or commitment to the appeal. If you have not make one yet, please consider joining TODAY the growing number of donors with the heart of a servant who are making a monthly recurring gift to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Visit JesusChangesEverything.church, or call (503) 233-8336.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We will be cleaning up around the Parish yard next Saturday May 13th from 10am until Noon; followed by a pizza lunch. This has always been an annual chore but because of Covid it hasn't been done for a few years and we could really use your help. Bring a pair of gloves and your enthusiasm and enjoy the camaraderie as we do this necessary task!

PARISH HALL KITCHEN REMODEL: The Parish Hall kitchen remodel is back on track and will begin May 15th and should be finished the week of June 19th. 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: The retreat for the Confirmation candidates will be today, May 7th from 1-5pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Astoria in the school building. Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Seaside on Tuesday, May 30th at 5:30pm

CONGRATULATIONS and blessings to all the young people who received their First Communion. We want to Thank the parents, the teachers, and all of you for your support and prayers as these young people prepared to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

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