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PASTORAL MINISTRIES

FINANCE COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Phillip Curtis, Alicia Ritter, Therese Southwick, David Conway, and Tony Vinciguerra

PARISH COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Steve Bloom, Chris Bloom, Gloria Lyons, Alicia Voss, Michelle Vinciguerra, Gladys Jacobsen, Loretta Schutten, and Paul Erlebach.

AMAZING PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM: Father Akuti, Lauri Conway, Loretta Schutten, Alicia Voss, and Bruce Broswick.

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CHOIR: Wayne Schultz, Dorence Cote, Anna Buchanan, Cynthia Sinn, Chris Gant, Diane Gant, and Israel Pozos' group.

LECTOR & EM COORDINATOR: Alicia Voss

FAITH FORMATION: Louise Rosas

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Steve Bloom, Wayne Schultz, and Mike Davis.

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CHURCH FLOWER DECOR: Gloria Lyons

GARDENING: Catherine Imbrie & Marie Hennessey

MAINTENANCE: Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 June 24	
Vigil Mass 5 pm	+ Sally and Ray Sanders
Sunday June 25	
Mass 8:30 am	+ Ruth Buchanan
Mass 10:30 am	Mary Benoit and David Nibler
Monday June 26	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Regina Artz and William F. Maitland
Tuesday June 27	
No Mass - Office is Closed	
Wednesday June 28	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Ann Pieretti and John F. Batka
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm
Thursday June 29	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Virgie Davis, + Sandra Camirand, & + Phyllis Wolffersdorff
Adoration – after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
Friday June 30	
Mass 9:30 am	+ Lily c. Olfen

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Gwen Medina, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Ron and Marie Patterson, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Bob Leighton, Joao Pinto Jr. Julie Moore, Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 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 Jill Mulvey, Dorothy Giacchero, and Michelle Vinciguerra



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. The psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69) trusts in *God* when he is misunderstood and ill-treated even by his brothers and relatives.

From the Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, *"Do not fear!"* Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly. Jesus presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world. Jesus assures us that we will be succeed despite the opposition we encounter.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE

We need not be afraid because our life is in the hands of a loving God. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring to our children. We are also afraid of growing old. Sometimes we are afraid of what declining health will bring us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, reputation, health, and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. Do not forget: whatever trouble or crisis affects us; remember that God understands it better than we ourselves do.

Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is with us; that our life is in the hands of a loving God! When fear grips us we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of loss or rejection by others. Let us remind ourselves that God cares – we are each a dear child of His, and He cares for each of us. *"Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Psalm 69:27- "Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair. Trust in the Lord."*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER AKUTI whose installation Mass and ceremony will be held on July 21st at 1pm. After the installation ceremony we will celebrate our new Pastor with a party in the Parish Hall.

1st SATURDAY MASS: Don't forget that we will have Mass at 8:30am next Saturday. All are encouraged and welcome to attend as we honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCILS: Interested in getting involved in the Parish? We are in need of a few new people to be on our parish or finance councils, please talk to Father Akuti if you are interested in serving.

PARISH HALL KITCHEN REMODEL: We are getting very close to completing the project. The Hall will be cleaned on Tuesday and the goal now is for Senior Meals to serve lunch in the Hall next Wednesday. Thank you to all the workers and those who have been volunteering to help complete this project. The kitchen looks wonderful. They are planning to have their French Toast Breakfast next Saturday, the 1st. Plan to be there to see the new kitchen and enjoy the breakfast.

FUNDRAISER: Next Saturday starts the drawings for our Winter Survival Fundraiser. This is your last chance to buy tickets, they are \$20 each or a book for \$100. Next Saturday we start our drawings, 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 4th 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.

PROJECT AURORA: This is a program to help mend lives affected by abortions. If you are interested in Rachel's Vineyard Retreats you can call them at 541-942-2861 or check out their website at project-aurora.org.

QUINCEAÑERA: Jammel Fraile will celebrate her Quinceañera next Saturday at 1pm.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$1,539.00
Needy	\$78.00
Maintenance/Building	\$350.00
Votive	\$5.50
Flowers	\$25.00
Survival Fund Raffle	\$865.00
Parish gift donation	\$100.00