

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

July 10, 2022

15th 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.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 9AM - 3PM
 Closed Monday and Tuesday.

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THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

| ACTIVITY | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS |
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| Saturday July 9 | | |
| Confession Available at 4:00 pm | | |
| Mass | 5:00 pm | + Dick Scott |
| Sunday July 10 | | |
| Mass | 8:30 am | + Bill and Pat Carmody |
| Mass | 10:30 am | + Bill and Pat Carmody |
| Monday July 11 | | |
| Mass | 9:30 am | Father Gary Zerr |
| Tuesday July 12 | | |
| NO MASS and the Office is closed | | |
| Wednesday July 13 | | |
| Mass | 9:30 am | Alicia Hubbard and Jeffery Souza |
| Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm | | |
| Thursday July 14 | | |
| Mass | 9:30 am | Bruce Broswick |
| Circle of Caring 10 am | | |
| Friday July 15 | | |
| Mass | 9:30 am | Maya Hemachandra |

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Pat Scott, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Dick Scott, Katherine Hunt-Crough, Ed Sherman, Virgie Davis, 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 Ethan Motsinger, Michael Rice, and Denise Steel..



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

“What should I do to inherit eternal life?” In answer to the question, Jesus directs the scribe’s attention to the Scriptural answer: “Love God, and express it by Loving your neighbour.” However, to the scribe the word “neighbour” means another scribe or Pharisee – never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the scribe insists on clarification of the word “neighbour.” So, Jesus tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable clearly indicates that a “neighbour” is anyone who needs help. Thus, the correct approach is not to ask, “Who is my neighbour?” but rather to ask, “Am I a good neighbour to others?” Jesus, the Heavenly Good Samaritan, gives us a final commandment during the Last Supper, “Love one another as I have loved you,” because the invisible God dwells in every human being. The Samaritan shows the virtues of humanity – even in people of whom little good was expected.

What does the parable mean for us here and now? It was his answer to this specific question: “Who is my neighbour?” The answer is that everyone without exception, must be treated with love and respect.

Or what did the Samaritan gain personally from doing this act of charity? The answer, in material terms, is precisely nothing. Love that is really and truly love, is disinterested. What merit is there in being good only to our friends, who will reward us in return, should the need arise? Christian love must be more inclusive than that. If we do not show love to the neighbour whom we see, then no matter what commandments we keep, what ritual sacrifices we join in, as did the priest and Levite in the parable, we become incapable of loving the God we cannot see. If we join in the Eucharistic meal and receive God’s Son into our hearts, we must first cleanse our heart of hatred, bitterness, and ill-will, because the God we receive in this sacrament is Love.

SOME TAKEAWAYS:

1) Let us remember that the road from “Jerusalem to Jericho” passes right through our home, parish, school and workplace. We may find our spouse, children or parents lying “wounded” by bitter words or scathing criticism or by other more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Hence, Jesus invites us to show our love to others, in our own home, in school, in the workplace, and in the neighbourhood, as the Good Samaritan did.

2) Let us check to see if we are good neighbours. We become good neighbours when we are people of Generosity, Kindness, and Mercy toward all who are suffering. Our Sincere Smile, a Cheery greeting, an encouraging word of appreciation, a Heartfelt “thank you” can all work wonders for a Suffering Soul.

3) Let us allow the “Good Samaritans” to touch our lives. Let us be willing to touch, or be touched by, persons we have once despised. For some of us, it may be persons of another color or race; for others, it may mean persons of a different political persuasion. Let us pray that the Spirit of the Living God may melt us, mold us and use us, so that there will no longer be even one person who is untouchable or outside the boundaries of compassion.

4) Let us accept the invitation to be loving and merciful to our enemies. This means people we hate, as well as those who hate us. It is an invitation for people of all times to love their enemies—to love those they have previously hated..... Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS: If you serve, or are interested in serving, as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector - Please plan to stay after Mass July 23rd or 24th. Father Akuti will be holding a short introduction and refresher after all the Masses that weekend. This training is required for everyone who serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. You will receive a certificate that you have been commissioned and it lasts for a period of three years.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH: If your flowers are blooming and you would like to share some of them – bring them to the office on Thursday or after Mass on Friday and Gloria will arrange them to use in the church. You may also donate to help pay for the flowers we have to purchase. Just put “for flowers” on the memo line of your check.

PARISH SOCIAL: We will be having a social after both of the Sunday Masses next weekend, July 17th, plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship. If you like to bake, bring a cake or cupcakes to share. Coffee will be provided.

THANK YOU to all those who came and enjoyed a French Toast breakfast last Saturday. Your participation helped support the important work of the Senior Meals program, which provides meals to seniors in the Parish Hall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in addition to taking meals to the homebound seniors.