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275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

July 13, 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR:

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ
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OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday - Friday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
Weekday Masses: 9:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
and Friday
Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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	
MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS	
Saturday	July 12
Mass 5:00 pm	Father Gerry Zerr and Michael and Jonnah Backman
Sunday	July 13
Mass 8:30 am	+ Carmen Rendon and + Adam Downer
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish and Jason DeCoteau & Jeffery Sousa
Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	July 14
Mass 9:30 am	Tannus Drakes & Alysia Hubbard
Tuesday	July 15
NO Mass and the Office is Closed	
Wednesday	July 16
Mass 9:30 am	Tori Smith
Celebrate Recovery at 5:30	
Thursday	July 17
Mass 9:30 am	+ Marie Ditter
Adoration after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring at 10 am	
Friday	July 18
Mass 9:30 am	Zandra Umholtz and + Helen Utter

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Peter Boggs, Frank Moran, Willarrene Helwig, Paul and Marie Miller, the Fulop family, Gloria Lyons, Carole Atchison, Asibedo Jorhes, Kathy Graves, Virgil Jacob, Ken Shipman, Doris Matthews, Mama Delia Abad, Rebecca and John Fulton, Father John Henderson, Lynn Stein and her 4 grandkids, Cynthia Sinn, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Fritz Stubenrauch, Michael Girdner, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Melissa Syfers, John Bender, Alan Pope, Ron Paterson, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Desiree Clark, Archbishop Vlazny, Roger Fulop Sr., Don Roberts, Tina Chick, Jeff Pugmire, Pope Francis, Father Gerry Chapdelaine, Bob Scott, Britteny Stein-Stinett, Jan Berghout, Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Art Pieretti, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

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 Bruce Broswick, Michael Rice, Denise Steel, Mikey Rice, and Giada Gonzalez.

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REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

In today's Gospel, a scribe asks Jesus a very basic religious question: "What should I do to inherit eternal life?" In answer to the question, Jesus directs the scribe's attention to the Sacred Scriptures, "love God, and express that love by loving your neighbor." However, to the scribe the word "neighbor" means another scribe or Pharisee – never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the scribe insists on clarification of the word "neighbor." So, Jesus tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable clearly indicates that a "neighbor" is anyone who needs help. Thus, the correct approach is not to ask, "Who is my neighbor?" but rather to ask, "Am I a good neighbor to others?"

TAKEAWAYS

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 our 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 neighborhood, as the Good Samaritan did.

Let us check to see if we are good neighbors. We become good neighbors when we are people of generosity, kindness, and mercy toward all who are suffering. Our sincere smile, a cheerful greeting, an encouraging word of appreciation, a heartfelt "thank you" can all work wonders for a suffering soul.

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 culture 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 our compassion.

Let us accept God's invitation to be loving and merciful to our enemies. These enemies include both the people we hate, and those who hate us, for our God, is extending to people of all times His invitation to love and serve Him in loving and serving everyone, including those from whom we are estranged.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUILT RAFFLE: A beautiful handmade quilt is being raffled off for the benefit of St. Mary by the Sea parish. Proceeds for this sale will be to support the parish courtyard project including required survey, design, and much needed repairs and restructuring to meet safety and mobility requirements. The quilt is hanging in the church entry way. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00 and will be available after each mass beginning July 5 with the drawing of the lucky winner on August 3 after the 10:30 mass. You need not be present to win. We greatly appreciate your support.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will begin in September. If you or someone in your family are interested in taking the RCIA class to become a Catholic, or in taking the class to be receive First Communion or to be Confirmed, please pick up a registration form and return it to the office. The forms are on the table in the vestibule.

CIRCLE OF CARING; If you like to sew, quilt, crochet, knit or create stuffed animals – these are just some of the things that the Circle of Caring ladies do on Thursdays beginning at 10am. If you are interested, have questions or just want to see what they do. Please join them on Thursday at 10am and once you meet these ladies you will want to join them as they work to make things for everybody.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm. They start with dinner and then have both whole and small group discussions. This program is for you. Not just those recovering from substance abuse, we all carry wounds, wounds from our own doings or those inflicted by others. No one should carry their pain alone. CR is for all of us. For more information call Steve Bloom 503-318-2370.

LOST AND FOUND: there is a box in the Parish Hall with a wide assortment of things that have been left in the Hall. Please check the box to see if there is anything that belongs to you. Anything left after this month will be donated. A set of keys that were found are in the office.

LAST WEEKS OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$3334.00
Needy	\$76.10
Building/Maintenance	\$ 500.00
Votive	\$20.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$915.00
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