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CHURCH FLOWER DECOR: Gloria Lyons

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MAINTENANCE: Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

July 16, 2023

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.



THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday July 15	
Vigil Mass 5 pm	+ Carmen Rendon
Sunday July 16	
Mass 8:30 am	Eric Artz
Mass 10:30 am	Leslie and Lynn Lewis
Monday July 17	
Mass 9:30 am	Anne Holland
Tuesday July 18	
No Mass and the Office is Closed	
Wednesday July 19	
Mass 9:30 am	Sally Romero
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm
Thursday July 20	
Mass 9:30 am	Ethel Pierczynski
Adoration – after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
Friday July 21	
Mass 9:30 am	Esperanza Sanchez Trujillo
Father Akuti's Installation Mass 1:00 pm	
Followed by a reception and celebration in Parish Hall	

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 Robert 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 Michael Rice, Denise Steel, Mikey Rice, Giada Gonzales, Rhoda DeGiovanni, Kathleen Hickey, Zachary Macias, and Juliana Perez Carmona.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

“The Power of the Word”

What’s true of the ordinary word is even more true of God’s. That’s what’s stressed in today’s readings. It’s put in the strongest of terms in the reading from Isaiah 55:10-11: “So it is with the word that goes from my mouth: it will not return before having carried out my good pleasure and having achieved what it was sent to do.” The only defense against God’s word is deliberate deafness. And being deliberately deaf is something today’s Gospel focuses on. It urges us to have our ears cocked. It urges us to let the Word fall into good soil, so that it can yield a rich harvest in our lives.

Even though we’re meant to have our ears cocked in church, and even though there’s no substitute for hearing God’s word as a worshipping community, the richest soil in any parish has to be in the home. The home, more than any place else, is a good place for growth. If space is made for God in the home, if parents pray with their children from an early age, if parents treat one another well, if the relationships within the home are basically sound, if Mass, as Christ’s memorial, is seen to matter to the older people, then there is a fair chance that in the hearts and minds of the children, the seed will take root and grow! It doesn’t always happen, but on balance, if we do the best we can, there’s a fair chance that it will! In a sense, education is what remains when you have forgotten the texts themselves. We forget so easily what was said in church or school. We never forget what happens in the home. The hate and the tension and the fighting, or the hope and the love and the peace. It’s the ordinary things that make the impact on most of us, the daily effort, the daily drudgery, the repeated efforts a father or mother make separately or together to think of us and to remind us about God. It’s only when somebody dies and people start looking back that the ordinary daily sacrifices take on a heroic pattern, and people say, “God, she was a great woman” or “he was a great man.” If we receive God’s word every day in our lives and try to live it, then we are scattering the seed ourselves for all the generations to come.

I wouldn’t like to give the impression that it’s only parents or older people who are expected to receive God’s word and live it! I think God’s call comes to us at its most personal and urgent way when we are young. That’s when most of us felt called to our particular vocations. That’s when I felt the call to be a priest! God’s word has fresh soil and a great future when it falls in a young heart. So, if you are young, be generous with God. Be truthful and just, caring and good-living. Be faithful to your Sunday Eucharist and give it continued life throughout the week in commandment of love. St Thérèse of Lisieux, had one great objective: At the heart of the Church, my mother,” she said, “I shall be love.” Make that your own. Make it your personal resolution, your life-long ambition! At the heart of the Church, my mother, I shall be love.”

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SISTER JANE FRANCIS: For over 8 years, many of you have supported scholarships to the St. Aloysius Secondary School in Uganda. We invite you to join us after Mass in the Parish Hall, where Sr. Jane Frances from Uganda will share with us the news about the current situation in Uganda and at St. Aloysius school.

FATHER AKUTI’S INSTALLATION: Our Vicariate Vicar, Reverend William Oruko, will Install Father Macdonald Akuti, as the Pastor of St. Mary by the Sea Parish, this Friday at 1pm. After the Installation Mass we will have a celebration in the Parish Hall. You are all invited to join us.

THANK YOU to Father Joseph Barita who will be celebrating Mass on Monday because Father Akuti has a meeting to attend.

PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCILS: We are still looking for a few more people to get involved in our parish by serving on either the parish or finance council. Please talk to Father Akuti if you are interested in volunteering.

RAFFLE DRAWINGS: Congratulations to this week’s winners in our July fundraising raffle. Good luck to those who haven’t won yet - you still have two weeks to get a phone call to let you know that you won. Check the chart in the vestibule if you want to see who the winners are.

CONFERENCE: This fall the Archdiocese of Portland will host a Healing the Whole Person Conference. It will be a three-day experience of God’s healing love through teaching, prayer, personal reflection, adoration, and the sacraments. It is open to everyone and can be attended in-person or virtually. It will be held at Our Lady of Lavang Catholic Church in Happy Valley from Nov. 30th to Dec. 2nd. Registration for the conference will be online, & will open on August 28th at 7am. So, mark your calendar to register and to attend.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$2,536.00
Needy	\$53.00
Maintenance/Building	\$294.00
Votive	\$8.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Amazing Parish	\$518.00