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July 20-21, 2024

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



OFFICE HOURS
 Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Wednesday at 9:30 am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

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ST. MARY BT THE SEA CHURCH 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 20
Mass 5:00 pm	Ethel Pierczynski
Sunday	July 21
Mass 8:30 am	Zandra Umholtz
Mass 10:30 am	+ Wayne Jacobsen
Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	July 22
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Tuesday	July 23
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	July 24
Mass 9:30 am	+ Bill Herzog and + Harold Stern
Office is open	
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	July 25
No Mass but the Office will be open	
NO Adoration	
Circle of Caring 10am	
Friday	July 26
No Mass but the Office is open	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Melida Alvarado, Linda Guma Boaid, Colleen Willis, Barbara Boyle, Lloyd, Andrew Staruch, Bill Josi, Rozina Agbua, Phyllis Scott, Marcia Simmons, Nicholas Pronesti, Gwen Medina, Lamar O'leary, John Ritter, Joao Pinto Jr., Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Benedict, Art Pieretti, Marilou Bowman, 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 Rhoda DeGiovanni, Chelsey Barragon Lara, Kathleen Hickey, Yuliana and Fiorella Perez Carmona, and Melanie Broswick,

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK: Father Akuti will be at a Conference next week. There will only be one weekday Mass on Wednesday with Father Joseph Barita as the celebrant. So, no Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday next week. Which also means no Adoration on Thursday.

CELEBRATION AUGUST 18th following the 10:30 mass plan to join us for our Church picnic and celebration of Father Akuti's 47th birthday and 14th year anniversary of priesthood. It will be a Potluck social so plan to bring your favorite dish. If you can help with set-up or take-down, or you want more information contact Loretta Schutten at 206-604-0230. See you there!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND PROGRAM Our Sunday School Program is every Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. The children are dismissed before the Readings, and return in time for the celebration of the Eucharist. We are using the Liturgy of the Word for Children curriculum. This will be a fun time for children to engage with the Mass at their developmental level. All Sunday School teachers have had background checks and have received training from the Archdiocese. Please plan on having your children join us!

FAITH FORMATION: There are forms in the back of the church for our Faith Formation classes. If someone in your family, or a friend, is interested in becoming a Catholic, then have them sign-up for, the RCIA class. If you have a child who needs to be Confirmed, please take and fill out the form for Confirmation.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DEACON? The Lord continues to bless Western Oregon with men who are ready to give everything to Him and serve His people. Are you called to the Diaconate or do you know men who could serve the Church as deacons? Come to the Diaconate Inquiry Session on August 24th and learn more about this sacred ministry! For more information call Deacon Brian Diehm at 503-233-8337 or 503-720-7416 (cell)

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS; If you have a question you would like to ask or a comment you would like to make about St. Mary by the Sea Parish, we have a box hanging on the wall in the vestibule with sheets for you to write your questions or thoughts. There is also a separate box for you to leave your completed questionnaire. We will respond to all questions and information provided. Thank you for being a part of our Parish family.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$2,482.50
Needy	\$110.00
Maintenance/Building	\$160.00
Votive	\$2.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$703.30

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REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first part of the gospel proclaims the value of coming away from our everyday cares, in order to be present to the Lord. The second part proclaims another value. The lonely place suddenly became a crowded place, even before Jesus and his disciples had reached the place. Jesus and his disciples stepped out of the boat not into quietness and peace but into human need and demand. We are all familiar with that kind of experience.

We plan something and it doesn't work out. We go somewhere expecting something and the opposite transpires. We want to be alone and we are inundated with people. Jesus and his disciples experienced a major interruption to what they were intending. Interruptions are part of all our lives, and as one writer put it, God is often to be found in the interruptions. Jesus responded to the interruption by become completely present to it. He did not try to avoid the crowd or to send them away; he became fully present to them. In the words of the gospel, 'he took pity on them', 'he had compassion for them.' That is very much at the heart of our own calling as the Lord's followers, to be present to others, even when they turn up unexpectedly and interrupt what we had carefully planned.

It is so easy to get worked up and irritated when something happens that is not part of the script we had in our head. We can be so fixed on that script that we can look on people as nuisances instead of being present to them with the compassion of Jesus. Jesus had the habit of spending time alone with God; it was those times of presence to God in prayer that enabled him to be present to others, no matter who they were or how they turned up. Our own coming away to be with the Lord will help us too to be present to those who come into our lives. Our contemplative moments, our desert times, help us to be contemplative, attentive, in our way of relating to those who cross our path in life.

TAKEAWAYS

1) We need God's grace to become good shepherds: The Christian life is a continuous passage from the presence of God to the presence of people and back to God again. Prayer is essentially listening to God and talking to Him. We should allow God the opportunity to speak to us and recharge us with spiritual energy and strength by setting aside enough time for Him to speak to us and for us to speak to Him. He speaks to us powerfully when we spend some time every day reading the Bible devoutly and meditating on the message God gives us in Scripture

2) The Church has the double responsibility of teaching and feeding: There can be no true Christianity without the proclamation of the Gospel. Teaching the Word of God is essential to a Christian community. Christians must also display the compassion of Jesus by meeting the social and material needs of others by our works of charity as individual Christians and as a parish community. A heartfelt compassion is like the superglue of life. It can mend just about anything.