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PASTORAL MINISTRIES

FINANCE COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Phillip Curtis, Therese Southwick, David Conway, Loretta Schutten, and Tony Vinciguerra

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

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

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: Loretta Schutten, Cynthia Sinn, Theresa Bruneau, Terri Southwick, Chris Bloom, Barbara Rodriguez and Michelle Vinciguerra.

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.

CIRCLE OF CARING: Ethel Pierzynski, Marie Hennessey, Rhoda Degiovanni, Rita Girdner, Yvonne Macrill, and Mary Filker.

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

July 23, 2023

16th 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 22

Vigil Mass 5 pm

Bob and Brenda Artz
and Ellen Goode

Sunday July 23

Mass 8:30 am

Paul and Elena Bresse

Mass 10:30 am

Delores Guccione

Monday July 24

Mass 9:30 am

Christiana Guccione

Tuesday July 25

No Mass and the Office is Closed

Wednesday July 26

Mass 9:30 am

Sister Mary Imelda
and Harold Stern

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday July 27

Mass 9:30 am

Barb Croman and
Anne Holland

Adoration – after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday July 28

Mass 9:30 am

James Backman
and Mark Arrizu

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 Fiorella Perez Carmona, Harold Stern, Barbara Croman, Tina Chick, and Gracia Erlebach.



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A REFLECTION FROM FATHER MACDONALD AKUTI

The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, reminds us that the Spirit of God constantly empowers us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others.

In the Gospel *parable of the wheat and the weeds*, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world until the harvest, and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that they may come to conversion before their time ends: *"Let the wheat and the weeds grow together till the harvest time."* In other words, God is "delaying" the end of the life for repentant sinners, giving them more time, and offering them the graces of strength and good will so that they may get reconciled with Him. God calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil is no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who seem to us to fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

TAKE- AWAYS

1) We need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most of us have been "weeds" in God's field more than once, and God has showed us mercy. God is so merciful that He permits evil to exist at limited level in order that what is good may grow. He permits evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace, God's favor, and to share His Word and love with others.

2) We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God's field, leaving the "weeds" for God to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a powerful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction, and selfless service can prompt the "weeds" in our society to reassess their lives, modify them, and grow into useful members of society.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PASTOR, FATHER MACDONALD AKUTI: We all congratulate and pray for Father as he begins his service as our Pastor. Yes, Father has been here at St. Mary's for four years but his titles were Parochial Vicar and Administrator. He is now, officially, our Pastor. We are proud to have him as our Pastor and look forward to continuing our journey of faith with him.

THANK YOU: Father would like to express his gratitude for all those who helped with the Installation Mass and for those who arranged, planned, cooked and decorated for the celebration party afterwards. I am blessed to have so many wonderful and caring people to work with here at St. Mary by the Sea.

FROM SISTER JANE FRANCIS: Filled with great appreciation and gratitude in my heart, I wish to thank you for allowing me to speak to you last weekend on behalf of the needy scholarship girls at St. Aloysius. I pray that the good Lord Jesus continues to bless you with grace and good health as you serve Him through serving each other, and in serving the poor and needy.

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 one more week 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	\$2,333.00
Needy	\$53.00
Maintenance/Building	\$646.00
Votive	\$5.00
Flowers	\$125.00