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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
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**St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church**

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**July 27-28, 2024**

**The 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**PASTOR:**  
 Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ  
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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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 27</b>
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Juan Pozos Marquez
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 28</b>
Mass 8:30 am	Mark Fiebig
Mass 10:30 am	+ Sylvia Williams & + John Ritter
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 29</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Keven Hennessy and Zack Levenick
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 30</b>
No Mass and the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 31</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Barb Croman, Bruce Ernst, and Nickie Davis
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 1</b>
Mass 9:30 am	+ Denny Hennessy
Adoration 10 am until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 2</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Anne and Jay Vanderstoep
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 3</b>
First Sat Mass 8:30 am	Cheryl & Brian Evans
Adoration for 1 hour after Mass	

**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 Rubalcaro, 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 Barb Croman, Tina Chick, Gracia Erlebach, Christine Hannegan, and Jammel Fraile,

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATION AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 mass plan to join us for our Church picnic and celebration of Father Akuti's 47<sup>th</sup> birthday and 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

**YOU'RE INVITED** to St. Mary Star of the Sea 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop Sample will celebrate Mass at 3 pm followed by socialization and then Dinner at 5:30 pm. Call or email your reservation before August 1<sup>st</sup>. 503-325-3671 or [office@stmaryastoria.com](mailto:office@stmaryastoria.com)

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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	\$2,394.05
Needy	\$25.00
Maintenance/Building	\$210.00
Votive	\$3.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$30.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$1199.25

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## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

*A Christian should be positive.* We all know some people who seem to have an unusual level of freedom and initiative, in deciding what to do with their energy and their time. They get things done, while others would still be anxiously fretting and wondering whether to do anything! Paul of Tarsus was a great "Doer," a man who believed in his mission in life, which was to share Christ with as many people as possible. Among the apostles, he was the supreme activist, spreading the Gospel "in season and out of season." While the Jewish-Christians in Jerusalem worried about what conditions would need to be imposed before letting Gentile converts into the Church, Paul was already out on his mission-field, winning those Gentiles for Christ. What made Paul so sure that his way was right? He was deeply convinced that it was God's way, that his vocation came to him direct from the living God.

*Each one of us has a personal vocation.* He wrote this letter not just to the leaders, nor even to the whole community in Ephesus, but to every one of his converts. It is meant as a guiding document, a final word for all his mission parishes. And his message holds good today, for each adult Christian who is willing to listen to God's call. The whole basis for our faith, says Paul, is that the good God has blessed us, and made us his children by grace: there is one God, the Father of us all. He is the God of mercy, who "opens wide his hand" to bless, and is "loving in all his deeds." Once we realize this, we also understand how much is asked of us in response. We need to love others as God loves them, "with unselfishness, gentleness and patience." This is the truly "good" life, the proper life-style for a Christian. Of course, such perfect love and unity with others is not an easy vocation, and indeed is never quite within our power to achieve. Still, it is there as a guiding ideal, calling us onward and upward. Any worth-while vocation is like that; it calls us beyond ourselves.

*Cooperating with Christ.* The Christian vocation to love others, whether it comes to us as married or as single, as lay-person, religious or priest, is always part of our personal relationship with Our Lord. It is only fulfilled in co-operation with him. Each of us can be like those disciples, who took the bread that Jesus blessed, and then distributed it to the crowds. Some of us, like Philip, may feel reluctant at first to get involved in a problem that looks too big to solve. Others, like Andrew, are a bit more optimistic, and begin to notice whatever glimmerings of hope are there in the situation. But if Jesus has the willing co-operation of all his friends, something great will be done for the people in need.

We just need to open our eyes, to see the needs around us. Problems to be faced; people to be loved, respected and listened to. To be involved in helping others, with our talents, our energy and our love, is the best and proper use of our freedom. And it will, please God, add up to "a life worthy of our vocation."