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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.

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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 30, 2023

17th 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 29

Vigil Mass 5 pm Tim Bachman

Sunday July 30

Mass 8:30 am Nickie Davis

Mass 10:30 am Fr. Terry Tompkins
and Jordon Fullop

Monday July 31

Mass 9:30 am Levi Hall

Tuesday August 1

No Mass and the Office is Closed

Wednesday August 2

Mass 9:30 am Ian Hall

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday August 3

Mass 9:30 am Felix Giaccherro and
Chuck Harper

Adoration – after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday August 4

Mass 9:30 am Jack Nendell

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for Andy Mahindru, Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Gwen Medina, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Ron and Marie Patterson, Al and Dorothy Giaccherro, Sharon Cote, Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Thomas Leith, 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 Christine Hannegan, Jammel Fraile, Marcos Leon, and Ryan Watson.



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A REFLECTION FROM FATHER MACDONALD AKUTI

The Priceless Pearl

The rural African Country sides are familiar with how fiercely an old farmer can cling on to his land. Even a miserable patch of grassy bog feels like an insurance against abandonment. But hanging on it only sows bitterness and frustration in Children whose best years are squandered in waiting. Children who in turn never learn themselves from the mistakes of their Parents. Love alone can guarantee security and care in one's declining years. Possessions provide only the illusion of security.

Elderly farmers are not the only ones who hold on to things for security. Others have their own holdings from which only death can separate them. It may be property and wealth, status and prestige or power and influence. It may even be an awful lot less, trivial comforts and an easy life. It may be a thankless responsibility of high office. Or a reputation we can no longer live up to. There is nothing more pathetic than an ageing beauty queen who refuses to accept the ravages of time.

"Ask what you would like me to give you," God said to Solomon. "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil," he replied. It is the kind of gift we all need. Possessions come in many forms. It is not so much these possessions that we should rid ourselves of, as the demon of possession itself that should be exorcised. Poverty has become a dirty word in the world we live in. It is no accident that Christ began his Sermon on the Mount with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Or that the only condition for his followers is that "they leave all things." Or that the pearl in today's parable could only be bought by "selling everything one owns." The trouble with most people is that they want it both ways. All this and the good life too. But they can't have it both ways.

There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. A price tailored to each individual circumstances. Detachment is that price. To be able to walk away from what we cherish most without so much as looking back with regret. Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we are unwilling to pay the price.

TAKEAWAYS

We should live every moment in view of our precious goal. Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, social status, or worldly pleasures. Thus, the really valuable "pearl" of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven, is never found. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments. Let us keep safe the treasure of our personal relationship with Jesus by allowing God to have total control over our lives through our loving obedience to His will, by getting reconciled to Him and others always, and by allowing Him to nourish our souls frequently through receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION: We are planning for our Faith Formation classes for the coming year. If your child is going to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, Communion, or Confirmation. Or, if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, you will find RCIA forms and Sacramental registration forms on the table in the vestibule.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: Archbishop Sample and over 40 Young Adult pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Portland are headed to the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. We invite you to pray for Archbishop Sample and our WYD Pilgrims by praying the official prayer of WYD. We pray for Archbishop Sample and our World Youth Day pilgrims, that while on their pilgrimage they may encounter Christ's merciful love for them and may share this burning love with all they encounter upon their return.

WYD PRAYER: Our Lady of the Visitation, you who arose and went with haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and wellbeing is the best wellbeing. Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace. Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit

RAFFLE DRAWINGS: Congratulations to this week's winners in our July fundraising raffle. The last drawing will be on Monday and you can check the chart in the vestibule if you want to see who the winners are. Thank you to everyone who supported and took part in this fundraiser.

CONFERENCE: This fall the Archdiocese of Portland will host a Healing the Whole Person Conference. 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.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$1,871.00
Parish Gift Donation	\$100.00
Needy	\$53.00
Maintenance/Building	\$1,130.00
Votive	\$1.00
Flowers	\$25.00