

# St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

**July 3, 2022**

## 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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### THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
<b>Saturday July 2</b>		
Confession Available at 4:00 pm		
Mass	5:00 pm	+ All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday July 3</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	+ Dick Scott
Mass	10:30 am	+ Tomas Palm
<b>Monday July 4</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	For our Country
<b>Tuesday July 5</b>		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
<b>Wednesday July 6</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	+ Dick Scott
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm		
<b>Thursday July 7</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	H Patricia Croman Scott
Circle of Caring 10 am		
<b>Friday July 8</b>		
Mass	9:30 am	H Andrea Sabaratz

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW:** Please pray for Pat Scott, Rhoda Degiovanni, Ethel Piercynski, Frank Imbrie, Lucy and Mike Davis and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Dick Scott, Katherine Hunt-Clough, Ed Sherman, Virgie Davis, Diane Chase, Frank Guccione 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 special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Jessica Rice.



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

### GOING IN PAIRS, BEARING TRUE WITNESS.

Jesus sent them out in pairs, although called individually, he never sent messengers out alone. There are just two episodes when an apostle went out alone: one was to betray him, the other ended up denying him. The support of others is essential to living the gospel. Even a hermit has to be commissioned by a community, and must stay in touch with that group.

Jesus sent them out like lambs among wolves. That wasn't very encouraging, but they had a choice. They could preach a message that made people comfortable in their complacency; or they could preach the message of Jesus, that called for fundamental change. He promised them the gift of healing, and they returned full of enthusiasm for the welcome they got at people's doorsteps. They had obeyed Jesus, and it worked. They experienced for themselves his healing power. And Jesus assured them that their names were registered in the heart of almighty God.

Our discipleship can be summed up in two phases: "Come and see" and "Go and tell." If we have personally felt the value of having Jesus in our lives, we will want to tell others about him. There is a difference between witnessing and preaching. We are all called to witness, but not all are called to preach. Many good Christians would melt rather than preach in public. But we can all bear witness to Christ, through the quality of our living. Let's ask ourselves "If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

Imagine there were only a hundred people alive on this earth. On today's statistics, about seventy of them would be poor, while thirty would be comparatively well off. Ninety-three of them would have to grumble that seven of them owned half the money, ate one third of the food, and had more doctors looking after them than the other ninety-three. The real problem is when the seven have the nerve to attempt to evangelize the ninety-three! How can they proclaim about the wonderful Savior they have, who talks about unity, forgiveness, sharing, feeding the hungry, while the seven throw out more food than would feed all of the ninety-three! A certain simplicity of lifestyle would be needed, if the good news is to be really credible from those who try to share it.

Christian peacemakers and servants of the Gospel must be prepared to be true witnesses. The total, self-emptying service shown by Christ shows us how to behave. We need a simple lifestyle, prepared for service and not tied to power, dominance and material things; ruling out all pride and arrogance. Even those who reject God should be loved and served in God's name. The generosity of God must remain our message.

### SOME TAKEAWAYS MESSAGES

**1) We need to continue the proclamation of the Gospel:** Just as Jesus gave instructions to the seventy-two missionaries; he also gives each one of us a mission to carry out. As faithful Christians, we should attract others to the Faith by leading exemplary lives, just as a rose silently attracts people by its beauty and fragrance. This is our Mission and our Responsibility. We must not miss the current opportunities to be apostles through our words and deeds in everyday life.

**2) We need to avoid giving the counter-witness** of practicing the "supermarket Catholicism" of some politicians who publicly proclaim their "Catholicism," and yet not supporting babies still in the wombs of their mothers, and encouraging experimentation with human embryos. Nor should we be "Armchair Catholics," "Cafeteria Catholics" or "Sunday Catholics" who bear counter-witness to Christ through our lives.

**3) Let us start proclaiming the Gospel in our families** by leading exemplary Christian lives, in which spouses love and respect each other, raise children in the spirit of obedience and service, discipline them with forgiving love and teach them through persistent example to pray, love, and help others by sharing their blessings...Amen.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE THANK GOD** as we embark on a new chapter here at St. Mary by the Sea. We trust that everyone will work together to support our mission of being a loving, supportive, and vibrant community, committed to being a parish family that spreads the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

**THANK YOU:** Sister Immaculate and the St. Aloysius committee would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming and generous last weekend. Over \$7000 was donated for scholarships and Sister and the girls are so grateful for your continued support.

**THANK YOU** from Dick Scott's family for all the prayers, help, and support. The funeral Mass and celebration of Dick's life afterwards were a blessing and part of our healing process. We couldn't have done it without the help of St. Mary's parish family.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all those who are celebrating a Birthday this month! Jessica Rice, Ethan Motsinger, Michael Rice, Denise Steel, Mikey Rice, Giada Gonzalez, Rhoda DeGiovanni, Kathleen Hickey, Zachary Macias, Mark Bowman, Harold Stern, Barbara Croman, Tina Chick, and Gracia Erlebach.

