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August 10-11, 2024
The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

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	August 10
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Loren Shipman and + Henry Russell
Sunday	August 11
Mass 8:30 am	Kristine Jacobson
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	August 12
Mass 9:30 am	Jacob Hilger
Tuesday	August 13
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	August 14
Mass 9:30 am	Robert Hilger
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	August 15
Mass 9:30 am	Nancy Ferry
Adoration 10 am until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
Friday	August 16
Mass 9:30 am	+ Vincent A. Rizza and + Loren Shipman

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 Kristine Jacobson, Osiel Garcia, and Asuncion Fraile.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be at 9:30am.

YOU'RE INVITED TO ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH IN ASTORIA. They are celebrating their 150th Parish Anniversary, October 12th. Archbishop Sample will celebrate Mass at 3 pm followed by socialization and then Dinner at 5:30 pm. It's not too late to make a reservation. Call or email. 503-325-3671 or 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. 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. The forms must be turning in by the 18th.

ST. ALOYSIUS: Please pickup an August Newsletter in the vestibule. St. Aloysius is a school in Uganda where our donors provide scholarships to needy girls to complete their High School Education. Their government doesn't provide free education after Elementary school.

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS: "It is my hope, then, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of himself and to spend time with him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that we have lost the sense of adoration in our day. We must rediscover the sense of adoration in silence. It is a form of prayer that we have lost."



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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$2,512.00
Needy	\$51.00
Maintenance/Building	\$130.00
Votive	\$9.00
Flowers	\$50.00
Hospitality	\$53.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$870.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

In today's first reading, we see Elijah the prophet as a man who has had too much of life's burdens. His mission to fight against the paganism promoted by Queen Jezebel had sapped his energies and hopefulness, and he wanted out. Unfortunately, there was no such thing as a vacation for the prophet, but he did seek rest and renewal by going to the mountain of God, searching for God who alone could give him the renewed faith and courage he needed. It was out there in the wasteland of his life that he found the bread of God which gave him the strength he needed.

The second reading allows us to share Paul's letter to his beloved brothers and sisters in Ephesus. Even though he was persecuted and often imprisoned, Paul provides us with an amazing exhortation to purge ourselves of all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling... along with malice. The sum of our core mission as Christians is also contained in Paul's letter: "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ." We certainly can make these words come alive in our daily actions. We can do this and remain God-loving agents of change in our modern world.

The gospel opens with the Jews complaining to each other about Jesus. As far as they were concerned, he was a problem, and they could not see beyond the problem. They knew his family and his mother. Yet, here he was claiming to be the bread that came down from heaven. They were scandalized that one of their own could make such claims for himself. Their response to Jesus was to complain about him. Complaining on its own is rarely an adequate response to anything or anyone; it is certainly not an adequate response to the person of Jesus.

Sometimes People can complain about all kinds of things. If we are not careful, we can find ourselves complaining about nothing in particular, just complaining. We can easily get ourselves into a very negative frame of mind. We see problems only, nothing else. We fail to see the bigger picture which will nearly always have brighter shades in it. Our vision can be restricted to what is wrong or missing or lacking.

TAKEAWAYS

1)- Let us accept the challenge to become bread and drink for others: "You are what you eat?" Let us recognize that Jesus whom we consume in the Holy Eucharist is actually God Who assimilates us into His being. Thus, every day, we will grow into Jesus as Jesus grows in us, our lives will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we will become more like Jesus. In this way, we shall share in the joyous and challenging life of being the Body of Christ for the world – Bread for a hungry world, and Drink for those who thirst for justice, peace, fullness of life, and even eternal life. In other words, the Eucharist challenges us to sacrifice ourselves for others as Christ has done for each of us.

2)- There are warning lights to show if our spiritual lives are running down or we are becoming dispirited — malice, bitterness, slander. These are forms of weakness which lead us to snap at our neighbor; they are destructive. We can usually rationalize them in terms of the difficulties we are facing, we have suffered disappointments, frustrations of our plans, emotional rejection by others, etc.