

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday -  
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## PASTORAL MINISTRIES

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

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**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.

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**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

### August 13, 2023

## 19<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.*



### THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

#### ACTIVITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday August 12

Vigil Mass 5 pm + Denny Hennessy

#### Sunday August 13

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Macdonald Akuti

Mass 10:30 am Lisa Gibbons

#### Monday August 14

Mass 9:30 am Kevin Hennessy

#### Tuesday August 15

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass 8:30 am + Art Pieretti and  
+ John Patrick Gilkey

#### Wednesday August 16

Mass 9:30 am Del Rassi

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

#### Thursday August 17

Mass 9:30 am Matthew Bloom

Adoration – after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

#### Friday August 18

Mass 9:30 am Fr. Macdonald Akuti

### 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 Patterson, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, 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 Daniel Contreras, Asuncion Fraile, and Randy Helwig



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## A REFLECTION FROM FATHER MACDONALD AKUTI

### IF THE WIND SHOULD DIE

1. Voyage: Life can be viewed as a journey, or still better as sojourners because it's driven by forces more powerful than ourselves. We sail upon a rippling surface of events, feeling the joy of movement, being alive and going somewhere. When things go well, we feel the contentment of those experienced sailors, the apostles on their way home across the quiet lake of Galilee.

2. Waves: A gale blew up, changing their mood. Danger and fear of drowning. Our own life-voyage has its share of storms too, anxieties, problems and pressures of various kinds. How often a sudden turn of events can rob us of inner peace. Are we on a charted course, or just drifting along without any determined direction? Many find it hard enough to stay afloat, pressurized by the bewilderingly changing times, ill-at-ease in their relationships with others, discontented and insecure in themselves. That's exactly what the frightened apostles in the storm mean for us today: we are those sailors, tossing about in the waves.

3. Remedies: Many prescriptions are suggested, to ease the upsets of our voyage. Like different brands of medication for sea-sickness! A long quiet rest, a change of occupation, psychiatric help or counselling, a course of Yoga or Contemplative or Charismatic Prayer. Doubtless, every remedy has its own advantages, but what better support can be found in times of stress than an understanding friend? Today's gospel suggests that our first and most constant recourse should be to none other than, Jesus Christ himself.

4. Presence: God is present where we least expect him, although it is a hidden, unseen presence, not always easy to discover. It takes faith nearer than the door." So, the apostles were amazed to see Christ coming to them in the middle of the storm, for they were men of little faith. Elijah, that lonely refugee, faithful to his God despite cruel persecution by Jezebel, discovered the mysterious presence of God in the still, small voice of his own soul. Standing at the entrance of a cave, on the slopes of the holy mountain, he got strength and comfort from the Living God. Where God is, there is peace. But his presence is everywhere, for those who learn to discern it.

5. Safe Harbor: We do not expect to be immune from the hardships and problems faced by all the other voyagers through this life. Indeed, Christ himself shared fully in all of these anxieties, being tested as we are. If the Church be seen as a boat in which there are no idle passengers, but all are needed to row! then we have as destination the safe harbor of eternal life. With the compass of faith, and Christ himself as unseen captain of the ship, that harbor will surely be reached. In the meantime, though tossed about by circumstances, he tells us: "Courage! Do not be afraid, men of little faith!"

### TAKEAWAYS

1) We all need to call Jesus in the storms facing us in the Church and in our lives. Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith in his ability and willing availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our own lives. We need to realize that it is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future we are suffering now in the aftermath of Covid-19 Pandemic, storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations, and storms in family relationships. But this peace flows only from a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative reading of Scripture and active participation in the Holy Mass and reception of the Sacraments when these are available to us.

2) We need to imitate the short prayer of sinking Peter: We are expected to pray to God every day with trusting Faith for strengthening our personal relationship with Him and for acknowledging our dependence on Him. But when we have no time or mental energy for formal prayers, let us use the short prayers in the Gospels like Peter's prayer: "Lord, save me!" or the prayer of the mother of the possessed girl: "Lord, help me!" or the blind man's prayer: "Son of David, have mercy on me!" or the repentant sinner's prayer: "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner!" We may begin every day offering all our day's activities to God and asking for His grace to do His will; then we may conclude every day before we go to sleep, by asking God's pardon and forgiveness for our sins.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** This Tuesday we will have Mass at 8:30 am. We usually do not have a Mass on Tuesdays and it is usually Father Akuti's day off, but because the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Tuesday this year, and it is a Holyday of Obligation, Father will be celebrating Mass. Please join him in the celebration of the Assumption, Tuesday morning..

**FAITH FORMATION:** Faith Formation classes will begin in October. 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.

**PARISH PICNIC:** Please plan on attending our Parish Potluck Picnic on Sunday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 mass. We will be celebrating Fr. Macdonald's 46<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination into priesthood. The parish will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side to share of salads, beans, chips or desserts. Everyone is welcome to share in fellowship, food and fun games.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Meals for Seniors is having a complimentary Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. It is a thank you from the Meals for Seniors program. All are welcome.

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS:** There are Mass books for children in the back of the church. We are also looking to fill the bookcase in the new Kid's Corner in the Parish Hall with good quality, Christian children's books. We'd love to offer the children in our parish a chance to enjoy a wide variety of books that cultivate and teach the values of our Christian faith. Please check out the corner in the Parish Hall and consider donating some books. Thank you to Ellie Hilger who helped create this space for all the young children to enjoy during our socials.

**GRIEF SHARE:** Have you experienced the deep Grief of losing a loved one to death?

Have you learned valuable lessons and experienced healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same? Then please call or email to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities with our Grief Share ministry. You may also contact Marie Hennessy if you Are interested in helping. The meetings are in the Parish office on Tuesdays, starting September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$3,174.00
Needy	\$53.00
Maintenance/Building	\$677.00
Votive	\$21.00
Flowers	\$25.00