

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

August 14, 2022

20th 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

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 9AM - 3PM
 Closed Monday and Tuesday.

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THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday August 13		
Confession Available at 4:00 pm		
Mass	5:00 pm	Father Macdonald Akuti
Sunday August 14		
Mass	8:30 am	Debbie Johnson
Mass	10:30 am	Mark Linford
Monday August 15		
Mass	9:30 am	Nancy Ferry
Tuesday August 16		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Wednesday August 17		
Mass	9:30 am	Father Macdonald Akuti
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm		
Thursday August 18		
Mass	9:30 am	Father Macdonald Akuti
Circle of Caring 10 am		
Friday August 19		
Mass	9:30 am	Vicki Vandermay

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Kurt Sours, Dick Scott, Katherine Hunt-Crough, 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 Randy Helwig, Reta Girdner, and Brian Seeger.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

“DIVISION OR PEACE”, A CHALLENGE OF TODAY’S GOSPEL

Each time Jesus decides to follow the Father’s will, that has two effects. It divides him off from those who won’t take the step with him, and it moves him deeper into the peace that comes from being true to who you are. The peace Jesus talks about has a shape to it. It is not the *wishy-washy, compromising, anything-for-a-quiet-life* kind of peace one may settle for. When he mentions “division” in the same breath, we begin to see division as almost the price of *authentic* peace.

We could spend time going through the decisions of Jesus. He reached out; he had compassion; he suffered along with people; he understood their pain; he broke bread with the hungry; he befriended the poor and sinners; he was at ease with the little, working poor people who lived in the shadow of the powerful elite.

Jesus parted company with the authorities, not because *he* wished to but because *they* did. His warm, open-handed approach to others provoked in the authorities an angry, clenched-fisted reaction. To preserve the *status quo*, they would have to be rid of this challenging presence. The crucifixion was meant to silence him for good. Instead, it gave him the last word. It not only capped his life of sacrifice but raised up an iconic sign to inspire us over the centuries. The sacrificed life of Jesus shows the price to be paid if we are to reach the peace, he calls us to. It completed his life of service and self-sacrifice — showing us the price to be paid if we are to reach the ultimate peace.

SOME TAKE AWAYS

1)- Let us learn to appreciate the contemporary prophets in the Church: Avery Dulles remarks: “Christianity is not healthy unless there is room in it for prophetic protest against abuses of authority.” God continues to send such prophets to every Parish Community, and it is the duty of the Bishops, Priests, and Parish Councils to listen to the well-intended, constructive criticisms of such Jeremiahs from the Parish Community.

2)- We should have fire in our hearts: On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at Confirmation to help set us on fire. “*One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair.*” So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith, Love, Peace, Hope and Compassion. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us... Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCILS: This Thursday, August 18th at 6pm, there will be a recollection service with Father Akuti and Deacon Kevin Welch from the Archdiocese. Following the service there will be an announcement of the members of our new Parish Councils. All are invited to attend and we ask that you pray as Father Akuti puts these advisory councils into place.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: All classes for RCIA, First Communion and Confirmation, will begin in September. The Registration Forms are available in the back of the church or in the office. Please pick one up and fill it out if you are interested in one of these classes. Once you have filled it out, you may turn it in at the office or put it in the collection basket.

NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS: All caregivers are welcome to attend the “Nourish for Caregivers” program thanks to the Health Ministry at Holy Trinity Parish in Beaverton. This Christ-centered program focuses on supporting and empowering caregivers by ministering to their practical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Gatherings will be held via Zoom on the third Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:00pm. Visit h-t.org/nourish to learn more and sign-up to participate.

AUGUST IS MAKE-A-WILL MONTH: this month we’re encouraging our entire community to consider how they can plan for the future in a way that honors their loved ones, community, and faith. *No matter what your “estate” includes, everyone needs a plan. But 2/3 of Americans don’t have one, and many in our community may not have a trusted place to start!* That’s why the Archdiocese has partnered with FreeWill to offer members of our community this free estate planning tool. Having a legal will in place is more than checking something off your to-do list — it also provides the opportunity to create intentional plans that have a lasting impact on what you love most. If you don’t have an up-to-date will in place, you can use this estate planning resource from FreeWill to get started. FreeWill is a trusted online platform that can help you write your legal will in 20 minutes or less at zero personal cost. Visit FreeWill.com/ArchDPDX to get started! There is also a link on our Church webpage.