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August 17-18, 2024

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

PASTOR:
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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 17
Mass 5:00 pm	Ethel Pierczynski
Sunday	August 18
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	Father Macdonald Akuti
Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	August 19
Mass 9:30 am	Vicki Vandermay
Tuesday	August 20
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	August 21
Mass 9:30 am	Maya & Scott Vanderstoep
	Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm
Thursday	August 22
Mass 9:30 am	+ Larry Matthews and + Loren Shipman
	Adoration 10 am until Noon
	Circle of Caring 10 am
Friday	August 23
Mass 9:30 am	Rudy & Carrie Munzel

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 Randy Helwig, Reta Girdner, Maria Silva, and Mayte Lobato.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION TODAY - 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after Mass from 10:00 am to Noon. You are encouraged to attend and pray with us. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule for you to choose a specific half hour for your visit with Jesus.

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!

BACK TO SCHOOL FUNDS: We are having a second collection Labor Day weekend, August 31st and September 1st, at all masses, to benefit Back to School shopping for all of our school children at St Mary by the Sea. We all remember how exciting it was for us when we were kids. Please make a generous donation for our children of St Mary by the Sea. If you would like to receive a donation for your child, please contact Doris. Distribution will take place the Wed, Thurs and Friday following Labor Day, September 2nd.

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.

BEACH BARBEQUE: The Tillamook Community Churches are sponsoring an old fashioned barbeque which will be held next Saturday from Noon to 3 pm right here at St. Mary's Parish Hall. There will be music and a silent auction with all proceeds going to the CARE Emergency Assistance program.

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



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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$4,109.00
Needy	\$51.00
Maintenance/Building	\$156.00
Votive	\$13.00
Flowers	\$.00
Hospitality	\$.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$756.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

In today's first reading, taken from the Book of Proverbs, Lady Wisdom, representing God, offers wisdom and understanding in the form of a rich banquet to all those who are willing to heed her invitation. The early Christians often identified Jesus as the Wisdom of God. They regarded the Eucharist as Wisdom's banquet, where they shared in the Divine Wisdom now Incarnate in Jesus.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34), thanks God for His providential care and His close association with His people, and invites all to *"taste and see the goodness of the Lord."*

In the second reading, Paul advises the Gentile Christians to show their gratitude to God for calling them, along with the Jews, to Christianity, and for giving them a share in Christ's life. They will be able to receive this life by avoiding their former foolish ways, like *getting drunk on wine*. Instead, they are to be Spirit-filled with their talk edifying, always trying to discern and do the will of God.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus asserts that eating the Living Bread, himself, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. Jesus emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating his Body and drinking his Blood – that those who have faith in Jesus and do so have already taken steps toward Heaven in this life, sharing in God's own life and therefore in eternal life. Our participation in the Eucharist also concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

1: We need to allow our body to be broken and our blood to be shed for others as Jesus did. That is why, at the end of the Mass, we are sent out to *announce the Gospel of the Lord* by our humble service and exemplary lives, radiating Jesus' love, mercy, forgiveness and spirit of service all around us.

2: We need to keep the hunger and thirst for God alive in our hearts: Every human being is blessed at creation with an insatiable longing for God. We want God as our Father to hold us gently in His arms, keeping us safe throughout the dangers we face. But often we use substitutes such as fast living, fast food, fast cars, needless luxuries, unrestricted selfish pleasures, etc. as an escape from that need for God. We demand the right to do whatever we want to do whenever we want. But let us remember the truth that unless we keep the hunger for God strong in our hearts, we will eventually realize the emptiness of our lives without Him.