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FAITH FORMATION: Louise Rosas

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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

August 20, 2023

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.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, 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 Reta Girdner, Maria Silva, Mayte Lobato, and Bella Dougherty. Happy 53rd Anniversary to Ron & Maria Patterson.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 19

Vigil Mass 5 pm David Bloom

Sunday August 20

Mass 8:30 am Dale Bender Family

Mass 10:30 am Justin Stubenrauch

Monday August 21

Mass 9:30 am Dexter Massey

Tuesday August 22

No Mass and the Office is closed

Wednesday August 23

Mass 9:30 am Rob and Laura Bender

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday August 24

Mass 9:30 am Paul Bender

Adoration – after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday August 25

Mass 9:30 am Stubenrauch Families



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A REFLECTION FROM FATHER MACDONALD AKUTI

Today's readings provide us some examples on how to remain faithful.

In the first reading, we are cautioned against dishonoring the sabbath and encouraged to keep the sabbath in addition to worshiping the Lord. These can be hard things to do because they are often contrary to what we may see in society. Disregarding the Sabbath maybe commonplace, and it can be so easy to skip church for a myriad of reasons. Such activities might be earthly. They may have nothing to do with the glorification of God. So too, did the Canaanite woman go against societal norms to accomplish her task. The Canaanites were shunned for their sinful customs that had enough of an impact on their neighbors.

We can assume it would have been frowned upon for her to interact with Jesus. Yet, she did so anyway, and her faithfulness was rewarded. We must exhibit the same commitment to Jesus and his teachings. The second reading drives home how important it is for us to focus on such heavenly pursuits, instead of earthly ones. It reads, "For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?" It reminds us that we are not on this earth to do what society may encourage. It may be easier to go with the flow. But if, instead, we have strength to go against the sinful aspects of society and follow Christ, we will get the heavenly reward.

Today most importantly remember, Christianity is not a religion for one kind of people. Jesus died for the sins of every person on earth. This included the Canaanites! If Jesus could learn to minister to them, I hope we can learn to cater to all people in our world today. The readings show us this as well, most prominently here: "all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain."

TAKEAWAYS

1) We need to persist in prayer with trustful confidence. Although the essential parts of prayer are adoration and thanksgiving, the prayer of petition, like the prayer of contrition, plays a big part in our daily lives. Christ himself has told us to ask him for these needs: "*Ask and you shall receive.*" Asking with confidence and perseverance proves that we have the "great Faith" we need to receive what Christ wants to grant us in response to our requests. We must realize, and remember, that we do not always get exactly what we ask for. Rather, God gives us what He knows we really need, what He wants us to have, and what is really best for us. As Christians, we also know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we are praying. But if the prayer is sincere and persevering, we will always get an answer — one which is better than what we asked for.

2) We need to pull down our walls of separation and share in the universality of God's love: Very often we set up walls which separate us from God and from one another. Today's Gospel reminds us that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on Him in Faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God's care extends beyond the bounds of race and nation to the hearts of all who live, and God's House should become a House of Prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and work sincerely so that the walls which our pride, intolerance, fear, and prejudice have raised in us may crumble.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 next Sunday Aug. 27th following the 10:30 mass. We will be celebrating Fr. Macdonald's 46th birthday as well as the 13th 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 this Sunday August 20th 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 and thank you to those who have already donated books.

GRIEF SHARE: A new group will start and meet every Tuesday between September 5th and November 28th from 10am-12pm in St. Mary by the Sea parish office. Information is available in the vestibule. Please Register at griefshare.org. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Marie Hennessy - mariehennessy@msn.com.

PAT SCHACHNER: Pat was a longtime member of our parish, she moved to Beaverton in 2019 after the death of her husband but made trips to Garibaldi many times since then. She recently turned 90 years old, her family celebrated her birthday in Hawaii where she had a wonderful time. Pat passed on August 11th. Pat's memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 26th at 11AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 13715 SW Walker Rd, Beaverton OR 97005.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$7,603.75
Needy in Maui	\$2,502.00
Maintenance/Building	\$1504.00
Votive	\$10.00
Flowers	\$0.00
Hospitality	\$21.00