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August 24-25, 2024

The 21st 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

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ST. MARY BY 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 24
Mass 5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	August 25
Mass 8:30 am	+John Ritter and + Loren Shipman
Mass 10:30 am	+ Ralph Rendon
Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	August 26
Mass 9:30 am	+Maynard Levenick Sr.
Tuesday	August 27
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	August 28
Mass 9:30 am	Geoffre Dennie
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	August 29
Mass 9:30 am	Nazare Cota and Andrew
Adoration 10 am until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
Friday	August 30
Mass 9:30 am	Jack Bloom

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Ashlee Fulop, 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 Rubalcara, 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 Mavte I nhato

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

THE ROOTS OF CARE: Rabbi Michael Cahana, Senior Rabbi for Portland's oldest synagogue, will give a **free talk on Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.** at Catholic Charities of Oregon, 2740 SE Powell Boulevard in Portland. His timely topic will be care for the marginalized as found in Hebrew Scripture and tradition. Rabbi Cahana, is the son of a Hungarian artist who survived the Holocaust. In 2009, Rabbi Cahana accompanied his mother to Rome where one of her large-scale paintings became the first piece of Holocaust art on permanent display in the Vatican Museum. There is no admission charge. A free will collection will be taken up and shared between the programs of Catholic Charities and the work of Congregation Beth Israel. To join in online, register at <https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/events/upcoming/the-roots-of-care/>



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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$1,821.00
Needy	\$25.00
Maintenance/Building	\$20.00
Votive	\$22.00
Flowers	\$50.00
Hospitality	\$.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$845.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The main theme of today's readings is that Christian life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament and through His Son Jesus in the New Testament. The fundamental choice we make determines how we live our lives, deciding whom we will serve.

In the first reading, Joshua challenges the Israelites to decide whether they will serve the idols of their fathers, the idols of the Amorites in whose country they are presently dwelling, or the God of the Israelites, Who has done so much for them. The Renewal of Covenant ceremony in Joshua chapter 24 reminds us that the Eucharist is a Covenant meal that calls for our decision of Faith.

The second reading emphasizes the unity that must exist in the Body of Christ and the intimate relationship between Jesus and His followers. It also challenges the Ephesian Christians to make the right choice in life and build Christian marriages on mutual respect and love, accepting each other's rights and dignity. Paul reminds us that Jesus nourishes us, the members of His Church, through the Eucharist, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Concluding his long Eucharistic discourse, Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges his Jewish audience, and later His apostles, to make their choice: to accept Him as the true Bread from Heaven Who gives them His Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food, or to join those who have lost their Faith in Jesus and left Him, expressing their confusion and doubts about His claims. Many of the disciples left, but the apostles freely choose to stay with Jesus. In this Eucharistic celebration, we, too, are called to make a decision, profess our Faith in God's Son and renew the Covenant ratified in his Life, death and Resurrection.

TAKEAWAYS

1) Let us make our choice for Christ and live it: We Christians have accepted the challenge of following the way of Christ and making choices for Christ, fortified by the Bread He gives and relying on the power of His Holy Spirit. The Heavenly Bread and the Holy Spirit will give us the courage of our Christian convictions to take a stand for Jesus, accepting the Church's teachings and will enable us to face ridicule, criticisms, and even social isolation for our adherence to sound Christian principles in our lives.

2) The our "Amen" while receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, expresses without any conditions or reservations our total commitment to Jesus in the community to which we belong. Christ's thoughts, attitudes, values, and life-view must become totally ours. We are to identify with Jesus in the offering of His Flesh and the pouring out of his Blood on the cross by spending our lives for others.