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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.

CIRCLE OF CARING: Ethel Pierzynski, Marie Hennessy, Rhoda Degiovanni, Rita Girdner, Yvonne Macrill, and Mary Filker.

CHURCH FLOWER DECOR: Gloria Lyons

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MAINTENANCE: Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

August 27, 2023

21st 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 26

Vigil Mass 5 pm

Ed and Sharon Sweo

Sunday August 27

Mass 8:30 am

Joel Bender Family

Mass 10:30 am

+ John and Kathleen Ritter

Monday August 28

No Mass this week

Tuesday August 29

No Mass this week

Wednesday August 30

No Mass this week

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday August 31

No Mass or Adoration this week

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday September 1

No Mass this week

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Andy Mahindru, Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Gwen Medina, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for John Ritter, Joseph Douherty, 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 Martin Neyman, Ramon Fernandez, Nazare Cota, Jaretzi Fraile, Mike Scott, Liz Carrol, Kathleen Baker, and Leon Bruneau.



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A REFLECTION FROM FATHER MACDONALD AKUTI

He asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ...
"But who do you say that I am?" ...
"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

Who do you say I am? As we are asked this question today, our responses are much more complicated than that of the disciples who were first asked it. We have a lot to say.

Lord, I believe in you, in your love for me. I have been baptized into you, into the pattern of your death and resurrection. I live my life, turning to you in times of trouble and giving you thanks in times of joy. I try to love as you love me, to forgive as I have been forgiven.

I realize, Lord, that your question asks me not only who my words say you are, but who my actions say you are. There are times when my actions speak of my independence from you. I do what I want. I do what I need to do. I do what gives me pleasure, what helps me avoid conflict, what makes me look good. At times, I refuse to forgive, and at times I retaliate.

Lord, I know you have told me that the way I treat the "least" of my sisters and brothers is the way I treat you. Lord, I have ignored you, hungry and thirsty. I've avoided you, a stranger and in need of clothes. I have had so little care about you, sick with all kinds of illnesses, or imprisoned for all kinds of terrible things. I've paid more attention to the cries in my own heart, than to the cries of the needy and marginal around me and throughout the world.

I can say that you are the Lord of us all. Yet, I resist really acting like that is who you are. I can say that when any part of your Body on earth suffers, the whole Body suffers. Yet, I don't really suffer with those who suffer - in my own family, among my friends, in my city, in the poorest parts of my country, in the most desperate parts of the community.

I'm not sure if I know if my choices witness who I say you are. Would others say I witness to who I say you are? What does my leadership say? Do my lifestyle choices say who you are? Do children around me know who I say you are? Do I get involved in politics of division and promote unforgiveness?

Lord, today, let me give you praise for your love and mercy. I thank you for the power of your question, to awaken the depths of my heart. Give me the graces I need to trust you more completely. Fill me with your peace, that I might be more courageous in loving more consistently and acting more justly.

It resonates to me that you called Peter, the Rock, shortly after he sank in the sea. That humbling experience must have grounded him in a profound sense of who you really are. May we, your church today, be so rooted in who you are for us, and who you commission us to be, that we can hold the keys to the kingdom of heaven for your people, in your Spirit.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER AKUTI'S VACATION: Since Father Akuti will be in Uganda to visit his mother and his siblings for the next few weeks, there will be no weekday Masses until he returns. Father Augustine Manyama and Father Todd Molinari will be here to celebrate the Saturday vigil Mass and the two Masses on Sunday. Reconciliation will be available on Saturday at 4pm. There will be no First Saturday of the Month Mass on September 2nd. We pray that Father has a safe journey and a wonderful time with his family.

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.

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.

HAWAII DONATIONS: Please pray for the victims of the devastating fires in Hawaii. If you wish to assist the Honolulu Diocese, you can donate online by going to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic> Contributions can also be sent to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation at 1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Thank you for your kindness and please keep the people in Hawaii in your prayers.

SISTERS OF SAINT MARY OF OREGON: Next weekend, Sister Charlene Herinckx will be here at our Parish to share with us some information about the Sisters of Saint Mary of Oregon. They live as women of prayer called to be compassionate, joyful servants of God. There are some flyers in the vestibule if you are interested in learning more.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$1,911.00
Maintenance/Building	\$186.00
Needy	\$78.00
Votive	\$16.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$9.00