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**St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church**  
 PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136  
**August 3-4, 2024**  
**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**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

**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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 3</b>
First Sat Mass 8:30 am	Cheryl & Brian Evans
Adoration for 1 hour after Mass	
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Daniel Leon Romero
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 4</b>
Mass 8:30 am	Paul Buchanan
Mass 10:30 am	Mark Arvizu
Sunday School 10:30 am	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 5</b>
Mass 9:30 am	+ Ray Buchanan and + Loren Shipman
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 6</b>
No Mass and the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 7</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Doris Matthews and Greg Molley
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 8</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Steve Bloom
Adoration 10 am until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 9</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Tim Croman, Vicki Croman and Heather Olson

**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 Marcos Leon, Ryan Watson, Christopher Gant, Gregory Molley, Doris Matthews, Atlas Todd Hadzioamanovic, and Tim Croman.

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATION AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 mass plan to join us for our Church picnic and celebration of Father Akuti's 47<sup>th</sup> birthday and 14<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of priesthood. It will be a Potluck social so plan to bring your favorite dish. If you can help with set-up or take-down, or you want more information contact Loretta Schutten at 206-604-0230. See you there!

**RETREAT:** Next weekend, August 7-10, All Catholics are invited to gather in a spirit of fraternity to recharge and form our consciences as faithful citizens. Led by Yohan Garcia from the USCCB, to be held at St Anthony Catholic Church 12520 SW Grant Ave Tigard, OR. To register go to the events Calendar at [archdpdx.org](http://archdpdx.org) and click on the link.

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION:** August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be at 9:30am.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH IN ASTORIA.** They are celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary, October 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:office@stmaryastoria.com)

**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!

**FAITH FORMATION:** There are forms in the back of the church for our Faith Formation classes. If someone in your family, or a friend, is interested in becoming a Catholic, then have them sign-up for, the RCIA class. If you have a child who needs to be Confirmed, please take and fill out the form for Confirmation. The forms will be available until the 11<sup>th</sup> and must be turning in by the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DEACON?** The Lord continues to bless Western Oregon with men who are ready to give everything to Him and serve His people. Are you called to the Diaconate or do you know men who could serve the Church as deacons? Come to the Diaconate Inquiry Session on August 24<sup>th</sup> and learn more about this sacred ministry! For more information call Deason Brian Diehm at 503-233-8337 or 503-720-7416 (cell)

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS;** If you have a question you would like to ask or a comment you would like to make about St. Mary by the Sea Parish, we have a box hanging on the wall in the vestibule with sheets for you to write your questions or thoughts. There is also a separate box for you to leave your completed questionnaire. We will respond to all questions and information provided. Thank you for being a part of our Parish family.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Rockaway Beach Lion's Club is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5pm. Please consider donating, the need is great - every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood.

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

### **'NOT AN AIMLESS LIFE'**

St Paul declares that aimless living will lead us exactly nowhere. "I urge you in the name of the Lord," he says, "not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live." In paganism, according to Paul, lack of direction led to deep moral lapses and indecency of every kind, or spiritual collapse. But he says. "If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways into Christ, who is the head by whom the whole body is fitted and joined together, until it has built itself up, in love" (4:15f). In other words, Christ must be felt as a living influence in the lives of all his true followers.

The help of divine grace is always there for those asking. "Work for your salvation in fear and trembling," the New Testament urges us, and then goes on, "It is God who gives you both the will and the ability to act, and so achieve his own purpose" (Phil 2:12f).

On the other hand, if people are wrapped up only with trivial things and selfish pleasure-seeking, their understanding will be darkened, and, worse still, their hearts become insensitive to real values. This lapsing from Moral Values and God's ideals will be gradual and barely noticeable, and nobody becomes decadent all at once. When people first become aware in their conscience that they are falling into bad habits, they may regard it with some regret. But if they ignore conscience and continue their way, inevitably the unused conscience falls asleep, and they can sin without any feeling of guilt. At that stage they are incapable of discerning right from wrong.

In the gospel, the people who followed Jesus along the shore of the lake were concerned solely with satisfying their hunger. They were so enthusiastic about this sudden abundance of food he provided, that they decided to ensure its continuation and so set out to make Jesus their king. They were blind to the spiritual meaning of the miracle, and the message Jesus drew from it. "Do not work for food that cannot last," he warned, "but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you."

What about ourselves? If we are willing to follow Jesus, but only on our own terms, we can be like the careless crowd. If we feel he has let us down, we may turn away from him. This is not the response that draws grace into our lives. We must seek our Lord for himself, and not for what we can get from him. The bread from heaven for us is the Eucharist, and the proper way to receive its blessing is to open up to God's love, given to us in Jesus. Unlike those who abandoned Jesus when no more bread was forthcoming, we must persevere as his faithful followers.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$1,594.00
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