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LECTOR & EM COORDINATOR: Alicia Voss

FAITH FORMATION: Louise Rosas

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Steve Bloom, Wayne Schultz, and Mike Davis.

CIRCLE OF CARING: Ethel Pierzynski, Marie Hennessey, 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

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August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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 5

First Saturday Mass 8:30 + Robert5 King

Vigil Mass 5 pm Bob Hilger

Sunday August 6

Mass 8:30 am Robert Leighton

Mass 10:30 am Ken Hillyer and
Andrew Staruch

Monday August 7

Mass 9:30 am + Roy Terheggen and
+ Larry Matthews

Tuesday August 8

No Mass and the Office is Closed

Wednesday August 9

Mass 9:30 am Tim Croman and
Senor Tompkins

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday August 10

Mass 9:30 am + Art Pieretti and
+ John Patrick Gilkey

Adoration – after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday August 11

Mass 9:30 am + Harvey Herman
and + Francis Flannery

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Andy Mahindru, Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Gwen Medina, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Ron and Marie 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 Chris Gant, Greg Molley, Doris Matthews, Tim Croman, Kristine Jacobsen, and Barbara Niece.



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A REFLECTION FROM FATHER MACDONALD AKUTI

The first reading, from the Book of Daniel, spreads out before us Daniel's vision of God's glorious Heavenly Court. The Transfiguration is a prefiguring of Christ's glorification by God the Father in the Court of Heaven after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. In the second reading, St. Peter argues, in his Second Letter to the Church, that the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, and the testimony of the Old Testament prophets, are the guarantee of the doctrine of Christ's Second Coming. In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. By Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

SOME TAKEAWAYS:

(1) -The changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation in the Holy Mass, is the source of our strength. Just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and our chief source for the renewal of our lives. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and especially in the Eucharist should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to love and serve Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day.

(2)- The Transfiguration offers us a message of hope and encouragement. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences that we may reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "*This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased.*"

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.

WORLD YOUTH PRAYER: Archbishop Sample and over 40 Young Adult pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Portland are attending the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. We invite you to pray for them:

"Our Lady of the Visitation, you who arose and went with haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and well-doing is the best wellbeing. Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace. Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit."

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.

CONFERENCE: This fall the Archdiocese of Portland will host a Healing the Whole Person Conference. It will be held at Our Lady of Lavang Catholic Church in Happy Valley from Nov. 30th to Dec. 2nd. Registration for the conference will be online, & will open on August 28th at 7am. So, mark your calendar to register and to attend.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$2,775.63
Parish Gift Donation	\$110.00
Needy	\$178.00
Maintenance/Building	\$5,115.50
Votive	\$8.00
Flowers	\$25.00