

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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August 7, 2022

19th 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.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 9AM - 3PM
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THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday August 6		
Confession Available at 4:00 pm		
Mass	5:00 pm	Gregory Molley
Sunday August 7		
Mass	8:30 am	Doris Matthews
Mass	10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday August 8		
NO MASS		
Tuesday August 9		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Wednesday August 10		
Mass	9:30 am	Tim Croman, Vicki Croman, and Heather Olson
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm		
Thursday August 11		
Mass	9:30 am	Kristine Jacobsen
Circle of Caring 10 am		
Friday August 12		
Mass	9:30 am	Breahna Schenk

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Kurt Sours, Dick Scott, Katherine Hunt-Clough, Ed Sherman, Virgie Davis, Diane Chase, Frank Guccione 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 special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Christopher Gant, Greg Molley, Doris Matthews, Kristine Jacobsen and Barbara Niece.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

The central themes of the readings are the necessity for trusting Faith in God's promises and vigilant preparedness among Christ's followers to meet their God as their Judge and Rewarder, at the time of their death. Fidelity in doing God's will is the best preparation for our final day.

The first reading cites the Faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting Faith in their God's promises gave them hope. Their Faith and Hope resulted in their liberation. With expectant Hope, they sacrificed the first Passover lamb and ate the first ritual meal, as prescribed by their God through Moses. They awaited their imminent release and were prepared for it. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33) invites us to express our own confidence in God and to declare our trust in His Providence.

In the Second Reading, the author defines Faith as "*the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen*" (Heb 11:1). The Hebrews, and their ancestors like Abraham have many things accomplished by Faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be prepared at all times, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. Using the master-thief parable, Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil), may not steal our treasure of Divine grace or our relationship with God by his temptations. By this parable, Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying the commandment of love and offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

SOME TAKEAWAYS:

We always need to be prepared to meet Our Lord as our savior:

1) Let us always remember the words of the Book of Revelation: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me*" (3:20). Since nobody is sure about the time and circumstances of his or her final moment, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Savior as our Judge at the moment of our departure to give an account of our lives. He wants to see that we have kept our personal relationship with him by growing in holiness.

2) Such a growth is assisted by daily talking to him and listening to him in Bible reading; by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day; by recharging our spiritual batteries through offering our lives on the Altar and getting spiritual nourishment in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass; by getting reconciled with God every day, asking for His pardon and forgiveness with a repentant heart, and seeking His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for serious sins; and by obeying Jesus' commandment of love by serving all the people around us, sacrificially sharing our blessings with them, seeing the face of Jesus in everyone...Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING WITH FATHER AKUTI: Join us for a potluck after the 10:30 Mass next weekend to celebrate Father Akuti's Birthday and the eleventh Anniversary of his Ordination. The committee planning the event are making sure that we have many ways to show our appreciation and gratitude for everything that Father Akuti does for our parish. Plan to attend and join in the celebration.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH in Cloverdale is celebrating 100 years from the date of dedication of their Church on August 13th, 1922. Next Saturday August 13th, They will begin with a mass at 10:30 am and then have an open house from 2:00-4:00 pm which will include Church tours, a history display, and refreshments.

PARISH COUNCILS: On Thursday, August 18th at 6pm, there will be a recollection service with Father Akuti and Deacon Kevin Welch from the Archdiocese. Following the service there will be an announcement of the members of our new Parish Councils. All are invited to attend and we ask that you pray as Father Akuti puts these advisory councils into place.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: All classes for RCIA, First Communion and Confirmation, will begin the 3rd or 4th week of September. We will have more information and registration forms available next week.

NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS: All caregivers are welcome to attend the "Nourish for Caregivers" program thanks to the Health Ministry at Holy Trinity Parish in Beaverton. This Christ-centered program focuses on supporting and empowering caregivers by ministering to their practical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Gatherings will be held via Zoom on the third Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:00pm. Visit h-t.org/nourish to learn more and sign-up to participate.

MAKE A WILL: Today we're encouraging our community to consider how we can intentionally steward the resources God has blessed us with. Having a legal will in place is a powerful way to steward your resources, protect your loved ones, and establish a legacy that supports the ministries you care about. Thanks to the Archdiocese of Portland's partnership with FreeWill, members of our community can take part in Make-A-Will Sunday with a free will-writing tool. Visit FreeWill.com/ArchDPDX to get started!