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September 21-22, 2024

The 25TH 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)
 Mon. Wed. Thur. & Fri. at 9:30 am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

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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

Day	Date	Mass Times / Intentions / Events
Saturday	September 21	Mass 5:00 pm Ethel Pierczynski
Sunday	September 22	Mass 8:30 am People of the Parish Mass 10:30 am Dena Lock Sunday School 10:30 am Confirmation Class after Mass
Monday	September 23	Mass 9:30 am Martin DeCoteau
Tuesday	September 24	No Mass and the Office is closed
Wednesday	September 25	Mass 9:30 am + Judy Souza Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm
Thursday	September 26	Mass 9:30 am + Art Pieretti Adoration after Mass until Noon Circle of Caring 10 am
Friday	September 27	Mass 9:30 am Jim and Rose Motsinger

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Gerald Fingly, David Nibler, 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 Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, 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, 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 Ed Schultz.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEMINARIAN APPEAL: Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Archdiocese Annual Seminarian Appeal. This raises money for seminarians of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. A gift to this campaign is an investment in the future of the priesthood and their work in spreading the Gospel and ministering to the faithful. By the end of this year, the Archdiocese will have 4 new priests and 30 seminarians in formation. Your support is vital so please consider donating next week. If you received a letter in the mail you may bring your envelope and donate next week or mail it to the Archdiocese.

FALL STUDY GROUP: Plan to join us for the fall Catholic theology study (adults and teenagers are welcome) entitled, "Salvation, What Every Catholic Needs to Know." We shall be meeting once a week for five weeks beginning in early October and studying a program developed by the Augustine Institute on the Catholic theology of salvation. Signups will begin this weekend in the church vestibule or by calling the office. Books will be provided by the parish but donations are welcome.

WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Plan to join us at our next Grief Share meeting. This is a way for you to find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. The group will meet every Tuesday from 12:30 – 2pm beginning October 1st. You may register at griefshare.org/findingagroup or if you have questions, call Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Celebrate Recovery is a National Christ centered ministry offered here at St. Mary by the Sea. It is for all of us with hurts, habits, and hangups that can prevent us from living full Christ centered lives. Only one 1 in 3 who attend suffer from drugs or alcohol. Next week we will share further details during the announcements at the end of each Mass. You can call for information-- Chris Bloom 503-319-3507 or Steve Bloom 503-318-2370.

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!

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES: We are excited to share with all of you that the Eucharistic Miracles display will be here at St. Mary's on October 26th and 27th in our Parish Hall. Viewing will take place before and after all weekend Masses. Please plan to attend this wonderful exhibit.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$4,051.00
Needy	\$75.00
Maintenance/Building	\$40.00
Votive	\$10.00
Vestments & Flowers	\$586.00
Hospitality	\$.00
Winter Survival	\$624.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The passage from the Book of Wisdom sounds like a messianic prophecy similar to the "Suffering Servant" prophecy in Isaiah referring to Christ's passion. It urges us to choose the path of righteousness in spite of painful consequences.

In the second reading, James warns the church, and us, that selfish ambitions destroy peace and cause conflicts and war. So, James advises us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service which leads to lasting peace.

In today's Gospel, while the apostles were disputing and competing among themselves to discover who would be the greatest in the coming Messianic Kingdom; Jesus took this opportunity to give us a glimpse of what walking that path of righteousness, mentioned in the first and second readings, looks like in action — welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst, especially defenseless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill, and the marginalized. Jesus also teaches his apostles that child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God.

TAKEAWAYS

1) We must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome, and serve those who are considered unacceptable by reason of class, color, religion, language, wealth, or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before he is taught discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges:

- a) to put ourselves last,*
- b) to be the servant of all,*
- c) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and*
- d) to expect nothing in return.*

During the Holy Mass let us pray for the true spirit of service and for an attitude of love for those around us. May the Holy Spirit help us to become truly great through humble, selfless service.

2) We need to practice humility in thoughts, words, and actions: "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart," Jesus invites us. St. Augustine asks, "What is the essential thing in the religion and discipline of Jesus Christ?" then responds, "I shall reply: first humility, second humility, and third humility." We should not seek recognition and recompense for the services we do for Christ and the Church as parents, teachers, pastors, etc. Trusting Faith, both causes and results from, true humility, for these two synergize, deepen in each other, and both are essential for all corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since children reflect the innocence, purity, simplicity, and tenderness of our Lord, and since they are given the protection of a guardian angel, we are to love them, train them, and take care not to give scandal to them. We need to try to treat everyone with love and respect because, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life" (St. Basil), CCC # 336.