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September 28-29, 2024

The 26TH 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)
 Mon. Wed. Thur. & Fri. at 9:30 am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

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THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	September 28
Mass 5:00 pm	Jamie Simpson
Sunday	September 29
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	Karen Sousa & Demi Dignan
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after Mass	
Monday	September 30
Mass 9:30 am	+ Nancy McGillis
Tuesday	October 1
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	October 2
Mass 9:30 am	+ Mary Lou Dove
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	October 3
Mass 9:30 am	Bryn Hunter
Adoration after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
Friday	October 4
Mass 9:30 am	Carrie, Ruby, & Sophie Munzel
First Saturday	October 5
Mass 8:30 am	Darren Bender Family
Adoration for one hour following the Mass	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Shirley Tarnesky, 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 Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, 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 Lexie Barragon Lara and Tino Rodriguez..

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEMINARIAN APPEAL: The Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source and summit of our Catholic Faith. Our seminarians await the day they can bring the Eucharist to you and your family. As we celebrate the gift of priesthood this Priesthood Sunday, prayerfully consider supporting the Seminarian Appeal. One hundred percent of your donation will go to the formation of priests serving in western Oregon. To learn more, call 503-233-8336 or visit supportourseminarians.church

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 this weekend in the church vestibule or by calling the office. Books will be provided by the parish.

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 meets every Tuesday from 12:30 – 2pm beginning this week, 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. This week we are sharing 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.

APPLE CIDER PARTY: Don't forget to attend our Apple Cider making party on October 12th at 2pm. Though not required to participate, you can Sign up to bring a bag of apples and watch them become cider. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Also bring an empty jug so you can take some cider home with you.

WAYSIDE ROSARY: America needs Our Lady of Fatima. Please join us at the wayside here in Rockaway Beach on Saturday, October 12th at 11am. We will pray the Rosary together. Our Lady continues to invite us to have renewed hope, to deeper conversion of our hearts to Christ, and to remind us of her loving intercession before her Son for all our needs and prayers.

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	\$5,521.00
Needy	\$126.00
Maintenance/Building	\$.00
Votive	\$9.00
Vestments & Flowers	\$526.00
Hospitality	\$7.00
Gift Donation	\$200.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

In the first reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Moses and seventy future helpers were called by the Lord God to the Tent of Meeting for the Spirit-giving Ordination ceremony.

But two of the invitees were absent, and Joshua could not tolerate these absent men prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the Tent of Meeting. Moses had to instruct Joshua to be tolerant. This selection is intended to provide a Biblical background for Jesus' response to the same kind of jealousy apparent in the apostles.

In the second reading, James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers in refusing to give them a living wage, by ignoring the needs of others, and by condemning and murdering the innocent, and the righteous. Withholding a day-laborer's wage was a terrible act of injustice, tantamount to murder in the agricultural economy of the ancient Middle East.

Baptism commits every Christian to work for social justice through peaceable, rather than violent, means.

In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, despite their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the Apostles lessons in his own kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they have done for the apostles because they are the disciples of Jesus.

We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, to vulnerable members of the community, and to beginners in the Faith. Jesus instructs the Apostles, and us, that, just as a doctor might remove by surgery a limb or some part of the body to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us, or others, to sin and so leads to spiritual death.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

1)-**Let us avoid conduct that can lead to giving scandal.** We give scandal and become stumbling blocks to others:

- a) when we are unkind or unjust in our treatment of them;
- b) when we humiliate them by hurting their pride and damaging their self-image;
- c) when we discourage, ignore, or refuse to accept them; and
- d) when we become judgmental about those who are still struggling to reach a level of commitment that we feel is too low to be useful.

2)-**Let us learn the Christian virtue of tolerance:** Christian tolerance asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others (without condoning the evil they do), by:

- a) remaining true to our conscience and beliefs;
- b) respecting the differences we encounter;
- c) working together on projects of common interest;
- d) affirming what is good in the other person's position, even when we disagree on certain things; and
- e) allowing the light of Christ to shine through our loving words and deeds.