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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136

September 3, 2023

22nd 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.



THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 2

Reconciliation 4 pm

Vigil Mass 5 pm Jack Bloom

Sunday September 3

Mass 8:30 am Paul Buchanan

Mass 10:30 am + Ray Buchanan and + Henry Russell

Monday September 4

Rosary and Litany 9am

Tuesday September 5

No services

Wednesday September 6

Rosary and Litany 9am

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday September 7

No services

Circle of Caring 10 am

Friday September 8

Rosary and Litany 9am

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Andy Mahindru, Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Gwen Medina, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Pat Schachner, John Ritter, Joseph Doherty, 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 Richard Schell, Maxwell Leon, and Joe Rocha.



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A REFLECTION FROM FATHER MACDONALD AKUTI

The Cost of Discipleship

If invited to pick and choose within the Gospels, and form our religion only with what appeals to us, what a cozy, comfortable church we would have!

We would include our favorite parables, like the Prodigal son, the Pharisee and the Publican, and of course, the Good Samaritan. But would we leave out that Gospel for today, that hard teaching about renouncing self, taking up the cross, losing our lives for the sake of Jesus? And even if we have not removed those words from our Gospels, do we remain deaf to them in practice, in our lives?

In a way, isn't following Christ like accepting a friend whom we must accept in full or not at all; welcoming the demands as well as the benefits of friendship? Just as we need to take people as they are, without trying to change them to suit ourselves, so with the Gospel: we accept the whole of Christ's recorded words, because we trust him and know that his ways are truth.

So what does the Lord want from us? What does he mean by "renounce yourself," "lose your life for my sake," "carry your cross," or (in the epistle) "present your bodies as a holy sacrifice?" Surely these words don't refer to anything suicidal, to devaluing of this present life, its joys and its achievements? And yet, are these not something more than a pious way of saying: Put up with what cannot be changed? These are questions to revolve in the mind, without expecting any quick or simple solution. If we will allow, God's Word challenges us out of any complacency with a comfortable, conforming religion. It unmask our many evasions, our double standards, our desire for "cheap grace" — wanting salvation at cut price, unwilling to involve ourselves in sacrifice.

Perhaps a clue to this demand is in the first reading, in Jeremiah's extraordinary accusation that he was *seduced* by God. Letting his prophetic vocation overpower him, Jeremiah was involved in many a thankless task. He had *fallen in love with God*, so that nothing held him back from doing God's will, no matter where this might lead. Have we fallen in love with Christ? Are we seduced by him, so as to give to his service all that is ours to give? Wouldn't that be *becoming a living sacrifice*?

We might overly focus on the "renunciation" in today's Gospel so as to miss its positive aspect. All growth, all lasting achievement demands effort and sacrifice. Yet the sacrifice can be a satisfying part of experience, when orientated towards a high and valued goal. (Examples: athletic training; mountain-climbing; studying a language; practicing any skill.) So, the self-discipline involved in Christian life, and accepting the circumstances in which God places us, contribute to our personal destiny. And we look forward in hope to the great reward of loyal service — when the Son of man, coming in glory, will reward all according to their behavior.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SISTERS OF SAINT MARY OF OREGON: This weekend, we welcome Sister Charlene Herinckx to our Parish. Sister is here to share with us some information about the Sisters of Saint Mary of Oregon. They live as women of prayer called to be compassionate, joyful servants of God.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU to Father Augustine Manyama who is celebrating the Mass and filling in while Father Akuti is away. We are grateful for his willingness to share his time with us here at St. Mary by the Sea.

ROSARY AND LITANY: Although we are not having any weekday Masses while Father Akuti is on vacation, we are meeting every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9am in the Church, for the reciting of the Rosary and Litany

HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON: November 30 - December 2 Do you ever feel broken? Are you hurting physically or spiritually? Do you ever feel like you're wearing a mask, trying to be what everyone else wants? God is calling you to be whole and be healed! Join Archbishop Sample on this journey to wholeness as we welcome Christ's divine love that brings the healing we ardently desire. [Register Now!](#)

THANK YOU to everyone who planned, helped or just participated in our Parish Party, celebrating Father Akuti's Birthday and the anniversary of his ordination. It was a wonderful gathering and we really appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness and the joy you all shared.

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. Many of you have asked, "What is it?" and "What does it mean?" Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven.. and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John:6:51 Jesus said what he meant and meant what he said. But what do we really understand about the Eucharist? Would you like to know more about what the Eucharist meant to the first Christians? Would you be interested in learning about the Jewish roots of the real presence and unlocking the secrets of the Last Supper? Join us in October as we explore "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist," a scripture study written by Catholic scholar, Dr. Brant Pitre. We shall be distributing books after weekend Masses in early September and inviting you to join us in a weekly study group beginning in October. The group will meet for four weeks and the books are free! It's time for revival! Join the Eucharistic Revival at St. Mary by the Sea!

SPIRITUAL EMERGENCY: With Father on vacation and only having a priest here on weekends we are not scheduling any Baptisms, Weddings, or personal Reconciliation services. If, however you need anointing of the sick or last rights, please contact Father Joseph Barita at Our Lady of Victory in Seaside. You can reach him at 503-738-6161

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT:

Offertory Collection	\$3,177.85
Maintenance/Building	\$58.00
Needy	\$53.00
Votive	\$5.00
Flowers	\$100.00