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September 7-8, 2024

The 23rd 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.

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, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcala, Melida Alvarado, Linda Guma Boaid, Colleen Willis, Barbara Boyle, Lloyd, Andrew Staruch, Bill Josi, Rozina Agbua, Phyllis Scott, Marcia Simmons, Nicholas Pronesti, Gwen Medina, Lamar O'leary, John Ritter, Joao Pinto Jr., Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Benedict, Art Pieretti, Marilou Bowman, 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 Randy Helwig, Reta Girdner, Maria Silva, and Mayte Lobato.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Day	Mass Time	Intention
First Saturday	September 7	
Mass 8:30 am		Mark Arvizu
Adoration for 1 hour after Mass		
Mass 5:00 pm		+ Gilbert & J. Waitkus
Sunday	September 8	
Mass 8:30 am		People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am		Joe Kirk and + Dick Kirk
Sunday School	10:30 am	
Monday	September 9	
Mass 9:30 am		+ Patricia Mott
Tuesday	September 10	
No Mass and the Office is closed		
Wednesday	September 11	
Mass 9:30 am		Lucy Davis
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm		
Thursday	September 12	
Mass 9:30 am		Micah Broswick
Adoration 10 am until Noon		
Circle of Caring 10 am		
Friday	September 13	
Mass 9:30 am		Hannah and Eli Jones

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the School Supply second collection last weekend. We will be supporting at least 15 children who will each get \$100 to help buy things they need for school. We raised over \$2800 and will be able to help a few others who need it. God Bless the children and all the teachers as they start school. *Lord, send your spirit upon all students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after Mass from 10:00 am to Noon. You are encouraged to attend and pray with us.

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!

YOU'RE INVITED TO ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH IN ASTORIA. They are celebrating their 150th Parish Anniversary, October 12th. Archbishop Sample will celebrate Mass at 3 pm followed by socialization and then Dinner at 5:30 pm. It's not too late to make a reservation. Call or email. 503-325-3671 or office@stmaryastoria.com

THE ROOTS OF CARE: Rabbi Michael Cahana, Senior Rabbi for Portland's oldest synagogue, will give a **free talk on Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.** at Catholic Charities of Oregon, 2740 SE Powell Boulevard in Portland. His timely topic will be care for the marginalized as found in Hebrew Scripture and tradition. Rabbi Cahana, is the son of a Hungarian artist who survived the Holocaust. In 2009, Rabbi Cahana accompanied his mother to Rome where one of her large-scale paintings became the first piece of Holocaust art on permanent display in the Vatican Museum. There is no admission charge. A free will collection will be taken up and shared between the programs of Catholic Charities and the work of Congregation Beth Israel. To join in online, register at <https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/events/upcoming/the-roots-of-care/>



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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$3,328.35
Needy	\$.00
Maintenance/Building	\$50.00
Votive	\$5.00
Flowers	\$.00
Hospitality	\$154.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading explains that religion is a Covenant relationship with a caring, providing, and protecting God, fostered by keeping His Commandments given through Moses. God gave Israel the Law so that the Israelites might keep their Covenant with Yahweh and thank Him for His love and fidelity to His Chosen People. The Law was also intended to keep them a united, holy, and intelligent nation, proud of their powerful, protective, single God.

In the second reading, St. James defines true religion as keeping the word of God and doing His will by helping the needy, the poor, and the weak in the community. He challenges Christians to become doers of the word, not merely hearers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes true religion as serving God and all His children with a pure and holy heart.

It was in the fifth century BC that the scribes started adding *oral traditions* as interpretations and practical applications of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees observed them and insisted that all the Jews should do so. The original noble purpose was to sanctify the daily lives of the people, making them "*holy as God is holy*", and lived a different lifestyle from their pagan neighbors.

Jesus uses the occasion as a teachable moment to give the following lessons:

- Don't teach human "rules" as doctrine of Faith.
- Sincerity of heart, internal disposition, purity, and holiness are more important than mere external ritual observances.
- Keep your heart holy as it is the source of sins, vices and evil habits. The observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people.
- External piety without internal holiness is hypocrisy.

TAKEAWAYS

1) We need to learn and keep the spirit of the Church's laws and ritual practices. For example, our Sunday obligation is intended to allow us to worship God in the parish community, to offer our lives to God, and to receive Divine Life and strength from Him in Holy Communion.

Our daily family prayers are meant to thank God for His blessings, to present the family's needs before God, to ask pardon for our sins, to maintain the spirit of unity and love in the family, and to keep a close relationship with God.

2) Let us avoid the tendency to become "cafeteria Catholics" — that is, to choose certain Commandments and Church laws to follow, while ignoring the others as we choose certain food items and ignore others in a cafeteria.