



Welcome to St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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.

**St. Mary by the Sea – Rockaway Beach
February 20, 2022
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday – February 19		
Mass	5:00 pm	H Josephine Linville
Sunday February 20		
Mass	8:30 am	Jonathan Beeman
Mass	10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday February 21		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Tuesday February 22		
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Wednesday February 23		
Mass	9:30 am	Steve & Patricia Lahtinen
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	
Thursday February 24		
Mass	9:30 am	Dave Rodeback
Adoration	10:00 am	
Circle of Caring	10:00 am	
Friday February 25		
Mass	9:30 am	People of the Parish

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

Today's Scripture readings challenge us to make three types of correct choices in life. First, we are advised to choose the love in the "golden rule" instead of selfishness and insensitivity to the feelings and needs of others. Second, we need to choose unconditional, agape love instead of jealousy and hatred in our relationships with others. Third, we must choose graceful forgiveness instead of harboring revenge and planning retaliation.

SOME PRACAL TAKE AWAYS

1) We need to practice the Golden Rule: The Golden Rule asks us to do to others what we would like them do to us. If we obey, loving others and expressing that love by loving words and actions, we will start receiving the same love from others in higher intensity. Further, if we want others to forgive our offenses, our words of criticism, and our evil judgments against them, then we should start forgiving their offenses against us and start appreciating their good qualities while encouraging them and supporting them in their needs.

2) We need to pray for the strength to forgive. At every Mass we pray the "Our Father", asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to revenge against others who hurt us, including; family members, co-workers, neighbors and all who offend us. To meet that challenge, we need to ask God for the strength to forgive each other. We must forgive, because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and bearing patiently the irritating behavior of a neighbor.

Remember: To err is human, to forgive is divine. We would aim to be big-hearted, tolerant and patient. But the ideal Jesus sets for us is, "Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful.....Amen.

THIS WEEK: There will be no Mass on Monday or Tuesday because Fr. Angelo is still on vacation. Helping this weekend, Father Hackenmueller, will be celebrating the Sunday Masses and telling us about the work of the Unbound Ministry, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL: Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. During Mass we will watch a video from Archbishop Sample about the Appeal. If you received a personalized commitment card in the mail please bring it to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church in western Oregon. If you did not receive a commitment card in the mail, pledge envelopes will be available during Mass. When we stop to count our abundant blessings, we are aware of how truly blessed we are. The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is an invitation to share your blessings and support for the Gospel mission here in western Oregon. Your pledge is also a sign of your gratitude for God's generous abundance. While we can never out-do God in generosity, we are called to join in the mission of the Gospel as we put forth the gifts of life, goodness, and grace through the sharing of our own blessings from God.

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Margaret Anderson 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 Lorraine Grant, Rylee Rice, and Peggy Watson.

QUILT RAFFLE FOR ST. ALOYSIUS: The Sisters of the Daughters of Mary in Uganda are committed to educating the women of their country, please help us to help them! As Fr Larry told us 6 years ago after hearing the need of educating young women in Uganda, "How can we not help?" Please take a newsletter in the vestibule if you have not heard about our mission to raise money for scholarships for high school girls at St. Aloysius. Head Mistress Sr. Maria Theresa reports that enrollment has increased at St. Aloysius since many other high schools were not able to reopen. She has run out of scholarships to give but has many more girls applying who qualify, but she has been forced to turn girls away who want a high school education but do not have enough money for tuition fees. So we will once again be raffling off beautiful quilts beginning this weekend 2/19 & 2/20th before and after ALL masses. Tickets are \$10 each, 100 tickets will be sold. How can we not help?



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